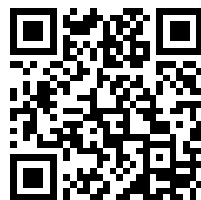

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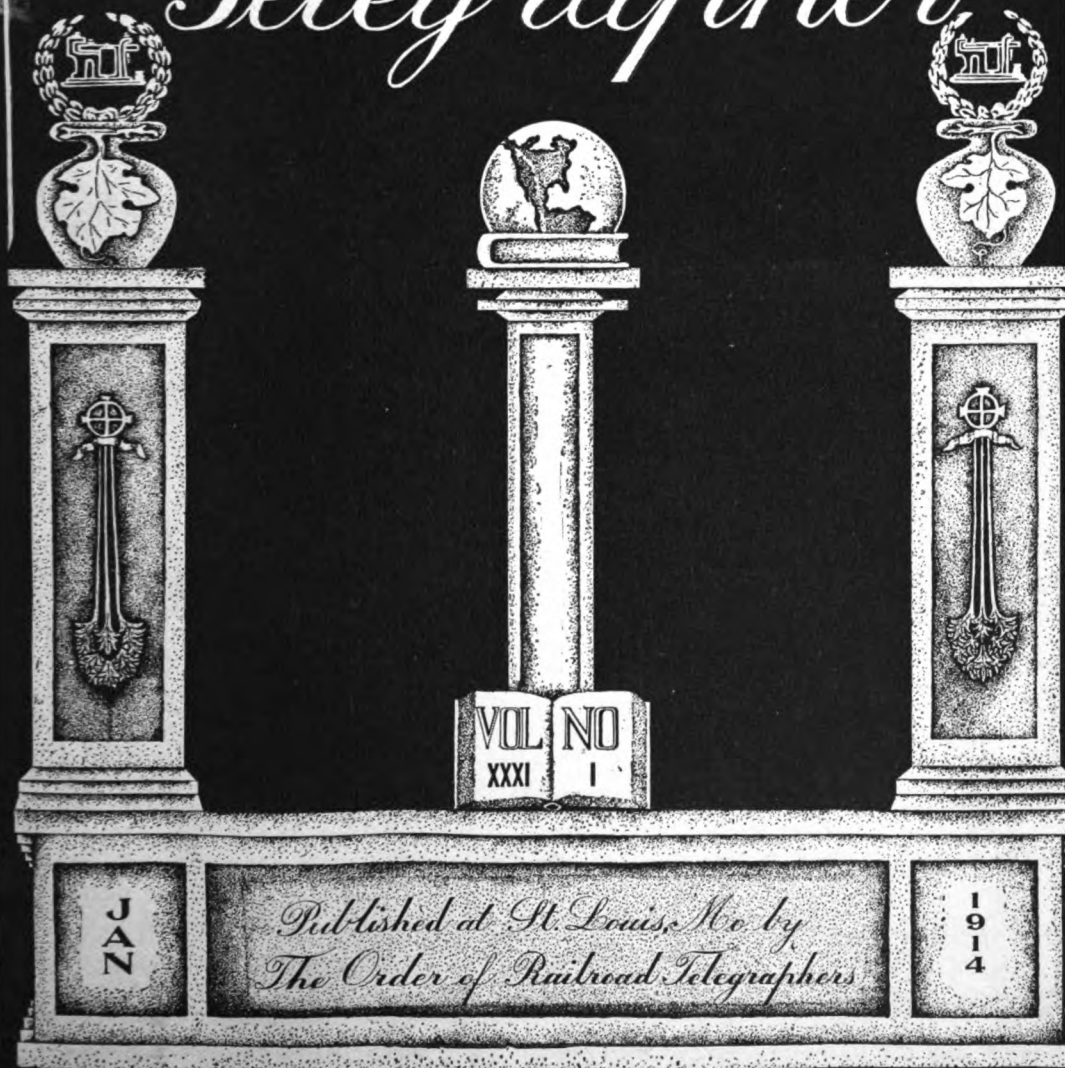


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NOW IS THE TIME FOR EVERY UNION MAN TO DO HIS DUTY

IN THE December number of THE TELEGRAPHER, under the caption "Get Busy," was published a strong appeal from the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor to all union men to urge their senators and representatives in Congress to support the Bartlett-Bacon Bill (H. R. 1873) and (S. 927), which are designed to amend the Sherman Anti-trust Law, so that no court can construe that law as applying to labor organizations. Since that article was written, the United States Court of Appeals has rendered its decision in the famous Hatters' case, and that decision makes it imperative for every union man to bestir himself immediately and insist upon his representatives in the United States Senate and the House of Representatives not only supporting these

two bills, but also to use every endeavor to secure their immediate passage.

President Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, in an editorial in the January number of the *Federationist*, the official organ of the Federation, sets forth the situation very clearly and shows conclusively the necessity of immediate action on the part of every union man. His article follows:

Without further delay, the citizens of the United States must decide whether they wish to outlaw organized labor. Only a few months ago the officials of the United Mine Workers were indicted under the Sherman Anti-trust law because they helped the miners of West Virginia to break the shackles by which the mining companies

held them helpless objects of exploitation. The mine operators forced the constituted authorities of the State to do their bidding. The miners could appeal to no one for justice. Their only defense lay in their ability to enforce their rights through their united organized power. To strip them of that defense is the purpose of the litigation begun by the indictment charging that organization with restraint of trade. These same officers of the United Mine Workers have again been indicted under the same "anti-trust" law because they are helping the miners of Colorado to resist the tyranny of the Standard Oil Company, which seeks to evade compliance with the labor laws of the State. The "indicted" officers of the miners are (call it "conspiring" if you please) engaged in an effort to rid the State of Colorado of government by mine guards in order to re-establish civil government, government by law.

The federal grand jury's indictment charges the officers of the miners' organization with establishing a monopoly of mine labor in the United States and Canada and with organizing a conspiracy to restrain interstate commerce.

The law of the land assures to workers the right to organize. All who have any knowledge of the world of industry concede that without organization the wage-workers are helpless victims of the industrial forces that are seeking their own self-interest. Practical men of business refuse to deal with a weak union, for its agreements would have neither advantage nor force; but as a matter of course they recognize and deal with strong unions, and adjust their business to conform to the new situation. It follows, then, that control of all the workers in a trade increases the success and the efficiency of the organization in securing better terms for a greater number of workers and in turn protects the fair employer from competition with producers who care not how they grind their employees so long as they also grind out profits.

The right to organize is a sham, a trick, a deceit, unless it carries with it the right to organize effectively and the right to use

that organized power to further the interests of the workers. This implied right must be assured. If it is alleged that acts in themselves criminal or unlawful are committed in endeavors to effect organization or to secure the benefits of organization, let those acts be dealt with under due process of law. But in the name of free labor, in the name of free government and free society, let the right to organize never for one instant be menaced or withheld. That right is the foundation upon which all else is built.

The indictments by the federal grand jury were accompanied by a report, a portion of which criticised the miners—this was given wide publicity by the daily press; another portion criticised in more moderate terms the mine operators—this was not given equal publicity. This criticism was in part as follows:

"The operators appear to have been somewhat remiss in endeavoring to secure and hold the good will of their employes, and the grand jury deduced from testimony that there existed reasonable grounds for many of the grievances complained of by the miners. We believe that many of these complaints are substantial and have merit.

"The grand jury found that the State laws have not been so enforced as to give all persons concerned the benefits which are derived therefrom. Many camp marshals, whose appointments and salaries are controlled by coal companies, have exercised a system of espionage and have resorted to arbitrary powers of police control, acting in capacity of judge and jury and passing sentence upon miners who had incurred the enmity of the superintendent or pit boss for having complained of real grievances or for other causes.

"Many of the coal companies maintain camp saloons and collect from the keepers of such saloons a per capita sum of 25 to 40 cents per month for each person whose name appears upon the company pay roll. Many camp saloons are open after midnight and on Sunday contrary to the State law.

"Over one saloon there has floated for years the red flag of anarchy with an

open knife fastened to the flag. This saloon is a rendezvous for anarchists, and many crimes are chargeable to its influence."

Despite these statements of law-breaking no indictments were returned against the coal operators. Why?

Why is it that our laws may be perverted and interpreted to prevent those who toil from doing things necessary for their protection and betterment?

Why is it that men of wealth may with impunity break laws whose meaning is plain and unmistakable?

Can it be the influences that emanate from 26 Broadway have murdered justice, have usurped functions of the courts, have taken control of the police functions and have ordered the affairs of the people that dividends may be assured to the favored ones of the Standard Oil clan?

The workers of Colorado are making a fight for the right to organize, for wages that will permit of decent standards of living, for the right to order their own lives and to spend their earnings for their own betterment. They are fighting for the right to fair trial, for the right of protection by the laws of State and nation, and for government free and untrammelled by organized selfish interests.

The menace which threatens the mine workers is the common danger of the whole labor movement. Those workers happen to be the chosen victims. Others have already experienced the same injustice. Many others may be made victims at the whim or desire of any employer.

Union men of America, do you realize that at any time your home, your savings, may be levied upon if your organization has attained any degree of success? Do you realize that you and the officers of your organization may be imprisoned for daring to defend and to promote your welfare and for the exercise of normal activities to increase the power and efficiency of your union? Have you compared your condition with that of the unorganized so that you realize what will be the effect of depriving you of the right to organize?

When you have seriously considered these questions you will realize the impera-

tive necessity that devolves upon all men and women who labor—the necessity of securing amendment to the Sherman Antitrust law that clearly and specifically prevents the application of that law to the voluntary organization of the workers—the unions.

That law, as now interpreted and applied, constitutes the most serious menace to the labor movement. That law, which was intended to benefit human beings, to prevent or check monopoly and absolute control over the products of labor and of the soil, to assure to the people the necessities of life at reasonable prices, has proved useless in establishing control or regulation over the trusts and monopolies. In a spirit of ironic glee these same monopolies, trusts, and corporations, unharmed by the law which was to have regulated them, now turn this law against the human beings who were to have been protected.

Is the conscience of the American people so dead, is their sense of justice so dormant, that they will tolerate that horses, wheat, hay, sugar, hogs, shall be placed on equality before the law with human beings?

It has been announced by the administration that trust legislation is the next matter that will receive consideration. Plans, policies, methods are being considered. Now is the time for those who place human interests above all else to press their claims and demands upon the attention of those who shall shape and determine the nature of trust legislation. On December 16th we made before the House Judiciary Committee a presentation of the right to existence which must be accorded organizations of toilers. Every union man in the country owes to himself, his family, his conscience to use his influence to secure concerted action of his fellow-workers to arouse public demand and sentiment in behalf of human rights and recognition of these right in the trust legislation.

The party now in control of legislation has twice pledged itself to enact legislation granting to Labor the right of free organization and of all activity in furtherance of organization not in itself unlawful. Twice that party has made a presidential campaign upon a platform containing that

pledge. The candidates who accepted places upon the Democratic ticket did not repudiate that pledge. As was the custom under the Taft régime, the present administration has permitted, under the provisions of the Sherman Anti-trust law, indictments against men helping their fellow-workers to secure higher wages, a shorter workday, conditions that will assure them a more just compensation for toil and freedom to order their own lives outside of working hours. Those of that party whom the people elected to office are in honor bound to redeem that pledge they gave to those who elected them. Labor of America expects such action. If the party in power is not in favor of outlawing organized labor, it must give substance to that conviction.

Organized labor must live to give tone, character, and purpose to the needs and demands for justice, rights, and a better life to the toilers.

The workers everywhere are urged not only to make their own views clear, but to persuade all friends of Labor and human justice to communicate at once with their respective senators and representatives in Congress.

Demand the early enactment of the Bartlett Bacon bills, S. 927 and H. R. 1873. In all justice the Sherman Anti-trust law must be amended.

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Just as we are going to press comes another proof of the imperative necessity for the effective amendment of the Sherman Anti-trust law, which Labor demands. Three judges of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals on December 18th rendered a decision affirming the decision of the Connecticut Federal District Court that the United Hatters of North America shall pay D. E. Loewe and Company \$252,130. And on what grounds? Because the hatters succeeded in establishing fair wages and conditions of work in nearly all hat shops of the country and were using their collective power to secure the same conditions from D. E. Loewe and Company. The degree of success which their organization had achieved in securing for working men and women a little shorter

workday and a little more time for home, rest, and self-improvement, a few more dollars for the necessities and some of the pleasures of life, and less harmful conditions of work, was held by the court as evidence of "conspiracy and restraint of trade"—was made the grounds upon which their homes and their little earnings were attached and held for years, and again is made the grounds upon which these hatters are to pay three-fold damages and costs to D. E. Loewe and Company.

Have these unions the right to exist, or shall they be outlawed under the Sherman Anti-trust law at the will of any enemy of organized labor? That is the question.

This last decision, written by Judge Coxe and concurred in by Judges Ward and Rogers of the Federal Court of Appeals, contains the following:

"That the Anti-trust Act is applicable to such combinations as are alleged in the complaint is no longer debatable. The law makes no distinction between the classes, employers and employes, corporations or individuals. Rich and poor alike are included under its terms. The Supreme Court particularly points out that, although Congress was frequently importuned to exempt farmers' organizations and labor unions from its provisions, these efforts all failed and the act still remains.

"No one disputes the proposition that labor unions are lawful. All must admit that they are not only lawful but highly beneficial when legally and fairly conducted, but, like all other combinations, irrespective of their objects and purposes, they must obey the law."

Note the fact that the decision was unanimous. Note this statement: "That the Anti-trust Act is applicable to such combinations as are alleged in the complaint is no longer debatable."

Note this fact, too: The court declares that no one disputes that labor unions are not only "lawful but highly beneficial." Will the court or anyone else point out any instance, even in the record in this case, in which the aim and the purpose of the hatters were anything but tending to benefit the large mass of the hatters directly and all workers as a result? The court declares

further that labor unions like all other combinations, irrespective of their objects and purposes, must obey the law. Law, as its essence is best understood, is justice, and when it is not justice it is not law.

Let us apply the same set of circumstances in this case to the activities of another form of voluntary organization. Take, for instance, the Consumers' League, composed of a number of men and women of our country who aim to secure improved conditions for women and men clerks in our department stores and who aim to secure better sanitary conditions for the workers in the sweated trades. Suppose, then, such an organization had decided that it would not patronize any store which had on sale the products of sweatshops or which refused fair conditions to the store clerks. Suppose that the leaders communicated with a kindred organization in California or elsewhere, where sweatshop products were on sale, and, as a result, that voluntary association in California declared that it would not patronize the store which kept on sale the products of sweatshops. Would the court hold that the Consumers' League was a beneficial organization and yet that it had violated the provisions of the Sherman Anti-trust law? Suppose, further, that the churches engaged in the movement for the prohibition of the liquor traffic, in order to carry on a systematic boycott throughout the country, should injure the business of a brewery, a distillery, or a saloon-keeper. Would the court hold that the churches were lawful and highly beneficial organizations, that they were guilty of a conspiracy and restraint of trade and therefore subject to three-fold damages which any of these injured parties might claim? Would the court deem that the churches in this respect be admonished to "obey the law?"

The fact of the matter is that under the perversion rather than the interpretation of the Sherman Anti-trust law by the federal courts, that which is held to be law is founded upon neither justice nor common sense. The federal courts have fallen into the common error which places the voluntary associations of the working peo-

ple, organized not for profit but for humanitarian purposes, in the same category with the greedy, conscienceless trusts, corporations, and monopolies which control the products of labor and which speculate in the necessities of the people; it is equal to placing human conscience, human endeavor, human souls in the same scale with pork or bushels of coal.

Under these decisions the very right of existence of the labor unions is not only questioned or threatened, but is imperiled. It might be interesting to know what the court had in mind when it said that the labor unions were not only lawful but highly beneficial when legally and fairly conducted. What, indeed, is the court's conception of what a lawful labor union highly beneficial in its objects and purposes is and how it should carry out its beneficial objects and purposes legally and fairly? In a word, what is the court's conception of the lawful union "legally and fairly conducted?"

There never was any intention on the part of the Congress of the United States to include the voluntary organizations of workers—that is, the labor unions—in the Sherman Anti-trust law. Then, again, though not in the same Congress, the United States Senate and the House of Representatives at different times have adopted amendments to the Sherman Anti-trust law specifically excluding these organizations from the provisions of that law. And now all that has transpired more clearly demonstrates the necessity for the enactment of the Bartlett-Bacon bill as a remedy for the wrongful position in which organized labor has been placed, not only by judicial interpretation but by judicial legislation.

And let those who value the liberty and the welfare of America's toilers lose no time in demanding justice for them and in pressing these demands upon their representatives in Congress.

The need is great. The existence of organized labor is in jeopardy. The right to organize is necessary for the freedom of the workers. The freedom of the workers is necessary for the freedom of all the people, the perpetuation of our Republic itself.

GOOD NEWS.

AS THE readers of this journal are aware, it has been the custom of the Post Office Department to send this journal, as well as other publications, by "fast freight" instead of by passenger-train mail service from all of the large cities, and as a consequence it has been greatly delayed in being delivered to its readers.

The Second Assistant Postmaster General recently gave publications an opportunity to furnish any reason which they might have for the restoration of such publications to the mail service on passenger trains, and the Editor of *THE TELEGRAPHER* lost no time in furnishing that department with what he believed to be the valid reason why this journal should be restored to the mail service carried on passenger trains, and in due time was informed by the department that the request to have this journal placed in the excepted class and hereafter transported on passenger trains had been granted, and that such restoration would commence on January 26th, which means that *THE TELEGRAPHER* will, commencing with the February number, be carried in the mails on passenger trains, thereby insuring a much earlier delivery to its readers.

THE A. F. OF L. CONVENTION.

THE Thirty-third Annual Convention of the American Federation of Labor convened in Seattle, Wash., on November 10th and continued in session up to and including the 22d, with the usual large attendance.

On the opening day, addresses of welcome were delivered by Hon. Ernest Lister, Governor of the State of Washington; Hon. Geo. F. Cotterill, Mayor of Seattle, and E. P. Marsh, President of the Washington State Federation of Labor, to which response was made by President Gompers in his usual eloquent and happy manner. The reports of the various officers to the convention, showed that the federation was in a most prosperous condition, with a larger membership than ever before in its history. Summarized, the reports show that there are

111 national and international unions, 42 State federations, 621 city central bodies and 659 local trade and federal labor unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor; that these bodies comprise 20,046 local unions with a membership of 2,054,526.

The report of the Executive Council, which is composed of the officers of the federation, is a very voluminous as well as interesting document, in which the more important matters of the past year are carefully and thoroughly reviewed.

Of the organized labor movement in general and the American Federation of Labor in particular, the report says:

A third of a century ago a little group of men, thoroughly convinced that the trade union movement was the hope of the American workers, met in Pittsburg and effected the organization that has grown into its present splendid development. The trade union movement has justified the faith of those who founded it and devoted their lives to building it up. It has been the great power that has placed humanity above all else—it has forced humanity upon industry, into legislation, into social concepts and ideals. It has ever made protest against wrong, injustice, waste of human energy and life. It has been the greatest force for the uplift of the workers and all those that are weary and heavy laden—it has permeated their lives and made them freer, better, happier, more worth living.

The trade union movement has become the greatest factor in the lives of the masses of the American people because of its practical idealism. Those who have made the organization what it is have recognized that they were confronted with conditions rather than theories. They have recognized that in counseling those in need of more and better food, clothing and the necessities of life, they were dealing with the raw stuff of life, with human beings who live in the present and whose destinies depend upon present aid. Any organization that has in its keeping the welfare of human beings has assumed a tremendous responsibility. The welfare of the hosts of toilers is entrusted to the American trade union movement.

Industrial managements have been cruel and heartless in their self-interests; between the American working people and such cruelty and heartlessness there has stood but one unfailing defense—the labor movement. This labor movement has laid hold of the hearts of men and women; it is to them a symbol of those things which are the best of life. It is a real living thing which the toilers love and cherish. And the soul of the movement is the hearts and lives of those who have built themselves into it, by sacrifice and toil.

The delegates to this convention, you who are to transact the affairs of this movement, be fully conscious of the dignity and responsibility devolving upon you—the welfare of the human beings whom you represent. Where so much is at stake, fads, idealistic, but impracticable fancy, personal interests, must give way to the larger aspects of all problems. Differences of opinions there must be, for they are inseparable from a growing movement that must adjust to the changing conditions of industry and society. For the success of the cause does not depend upon the elimination of disputes, but upon the spirit in which they are treated. A practical, resourceful spirit has been characteristic of all former deliberations and is indispensable that the propositions and the issues coming before this convention shall be disposed of with discretion.

The matters which are to be considered by this convention are not only working class problems, but they concern and have a bearing upon the whole of society, in America and the whole world. The trade unionists have their group interests and work and their organizations by which these are promoted, yet they are an integral component of society and their welfare is not always in conflict with that of other members of society. Since the delegates to this convention will deal with problems affecting the welfare of those they represent and that of many others, the discussions and decisions will be studied by the earnest men and women, the thinkers of this country and of the whole world. The men in the labor movement are students of the world of

men and affairs, who know conditions through personal experience and observation. The labor movement has produced and educated its economists, its statesmen, and its philosophers. Upon such, representing their fellow-workers at this Seattle convention, will rest the grave responsibility of earnestly striving to solve wisely and surely the many problems that will come before this body. Not one issue will be unimportant, for each will affect the development of the movement for better or for worse.

It is of the greatest importance that you, the delegates to this 1913 convention, come to its sessions fully aware of the great responsibility and duty which rests upon you, that you come ready to consider and decide all matters purely and wholly from the standpoint of human welfare. Let all things be done in the spirit that will make this a gathering that will inspire new courage and love for humanity and prepare for still more glorious success for the trade union movement.

The past year has been one of most gratifying progress and steady growth for the trade union movement of America. During the year the affiliated membership of the American Federation of Labor reached the two-million mark, passed beyond, and is surely and steadily advancing toward the new goal—the three-million mark. Not only has there been progress made in numbers, but for the increasing numbers there have been increase in wages, shortening of the workday, improvement in sanitary and general conditions under which the work is done, better protection for the life and health of the workers. These are fundamental factors in determining the standard of living prevailing among working people—the greater proportion of all the people. The test of the degree of civilization of any nation is the standard of living generally prevailing. There can be no question of the statement that the general standard of living among Americans has been raised year after year. The things which today are held to be necessities were deemed luxuries a decade ago. Furthermore, there can be no question of the statement that the organized labor movement of America

has been the most potent force in bringing about this higher standard of living now prevailing among the American workingmen and women and those dependent upon them. It is the only effective defense that stands between the organized workers and oppression and injustice, the common lot of the burden-bearers of the world.

The trade union movement of America is a very real part of the lives of the workers, a living thing whose spirit has quickened the instincts of free manhood and womanhood and has been the persistent protestant against condition which oppressed the underpaid and undernourished, stunted souls and scarred bodies. In addition, it has been the means of freeing the minds and the souls of men—this is its greatest service to humanity. The spirit of the trade union movement has made straight the bent back; it has made of the one formerly a mere suppliant for favors, a free individual, unafraid, calmly and insistently demanding justice; it has freed the wills of men.

After all, it is not always the things that can be seen and touched that give life its deepest and highest purpose and value, but it is the determining, actuating spirit. The trade union movement has made men strong and able in their collective might, but has left them free to live their individual lives without let or hindrance. It is of the progress of this great movement that we, in our official capacity as members of the Executive Council, submit to you our report of the substance of what has been undertaken and accomplished during the past year.

The following excerpts, covering matters of interest to the railroad telegraphers, are taken from that report:

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION.

In the report to the Toronto Convention of the American Federation of Labor we directed attention to the movement—then in its conception—to secure legislation providing compensation to workmen for injuries sustained in the course of their employment. The convention recommended “a continuation of the agitation set forth in the Executive Council’s report on com-

pensation and liability, to the end that necessary legislation may be enacted.”

Pursuant to these instructions, your Executive Council has devoted much time and effort to the furtherance of this important and necessary work. From time to time we have collected and collated information for the use of the working people and have distributed throughout the land literature dealing with the subject. We have also associated ourselves with and have sought the co-operation of other organizations of men and women interested in securing the enactment of workmen’s compensation laws and legislation for the prevention of industrial accidents.

During the midsummer session of your Executive Council we appointed Vice-Presidents Duncan and Mitchell to co-operate with other associations and persons interested in the subject of workmen’s compensation and instructed them to institute an investigation as to the character and operation of the laws enacted on this subject in the various States. This investigation is progressing as expeditiously as circumstances and the importance of the subject will permit. The information which the investigating commission is securing should prove of great value to our movement and to all others interested in the enactment of compensation laws sufficiently comprehensive to protect and provide for the victims of the hazards of industrial pursuits. When this work is completed the Executive Council will be in possession of sufficient information to enable it to make a comprehensive report to the next convention.

At this time and in this preliminary report, however, we are able to announce that the movement inaugurated only a few years ago to secure the enactment of compensation laws has progressed to an extent that justifies the hope and the prediction that if the organized wage-earners take proper interest in the subject, compensation laws will be enacted in all the States within the not-distant future. In fact, largely as a result of the agitation carried on by the organized wage-earners of our country, all enlightened and humane citizens are coming to recognize the justice

of Labor's claim that industry shall bear the burden of the losses caused to workmen by industrial accidents, and that the dependents of workmen who have been killed in the course of their employment should in some measure be compensated for the irreparable loss they have sustained.

Up to this time the following States, twenty-one in number, have enacted compensation laws: Arizona, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Ohio, Oregon, Rhode Island, Texas, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin.

The laws of some of these States provide rates of compensation wholly inadequate, and in other instances the payment of compensation is not guaranteed in such a manner as to justify the workmen in having confidence in the law. Some States, notably California, Illinois and Ohio, recognizing the defects and the inadequacy of the laws first enacted, have revised and remodeled their compensation acts in such a manner as to strengthen and improve them. Other States are considering amendments that will remove the defects in their compensation laws which experience has shown to exist.

However, notwithstanding the defects of the compensation laws of many of our States—which can and should be remedied—we have no hesitancy in saying that injured workmen and their dependent families are immeasurably better protected and provided for under compensation laws than they were under the antiquated, cruel and unjust common law as it related to an employer's liability.

While it is impossible, for constitutional reasons, to secure absolute uniformity in legislation among all the States, yet there are important features in respect to rates of compensation and to the creation of machinery for the administration of the law against which there are no constitutional inhibitions. In regard to these, effort should be made to secure uniformity. In our judgment, the laws in all States should provide that an injured workman shall receive during his incapacity 66⅔ per

cent of the wages he was earning at the time the accident occurred; furthermore, we believe that a workman who sustains an accident causing permanent partial disability should receive, in addition to the usual weekly compensation, a specific indemnity. We believe that every law should provide guarantees under which an injured workman or his dependents shall be certain of securing the compensation provided for in the law. In addition, we regard it of vital importance that our movement should insist that an industrial board be created in every State, with full power to direct and administer the law. To this board every accident should be reported and by it all settlements of claims should be approved. On such board the organized wage-earners should be represented by one or more of their best and most faithful members.

A large number of workmen's compensation bills have been introduced in Congress. The bills—S. 959, by Senator Sutherland, of Utah, and H. R. 6534, by Representative Davis, of West Virginia—are companion bills and similar in character to the one which passed both Houses in the last (Sixty-second) Congress, but which died in the closing hours of the Senate because of a filibuster by its opponents. The Sutherland-Davis bill is designed to cover the interests of employes engaged in interstate commerce by railroads. The bill, H. R. 2944, by Representative Sabbath, of Illinois, is for a similar purpose.

Bills introduced for the purpose of extending the Federal Compensation Act to all employes of the Government and for the further purpose of increasing the benefits are: S. 412, by Senator Sutherland, of Utah; S. 738, by Senator Kern, of Indiana; S. 1296, by Senator Penrose, of Pennsylvania; H. R. 1679, by Representative Steenerson, of Minnesota; H. R. 1729, by Representative Griest, of Pennsylvania; H. R. 3335, by Representative Gillett, of Massachusetts; H. R. 5899, by Representative McGillicuddy, of Maine; H. R. 6145, by Representative Dupree, of Louisiana.

The Kern and McGillicuddy bills are the most comprehensive; they make provision for beneficial payments to Federal employes

suffering from occupational diseases, and for the appointment of a Federal Commission to administer the act when passed. All of the above measures have been referred to the respective committees on labor, judiciary, and post office.

IMMIGRATION.

In the report submitted to the Rochester Convention (pages 39-40 printed proceedings) on the subject of immigration, the attention of the convention was called to the bill pending before Congress having for its object the better regulation and limitation of immigration to the United States. Attention was called to the bill then pending in the Sixty-second Congress which was the result of the combined work of the American Federation of Labor's declarations as well as those features recommended by the Federal Immigration Commission. The bill provided for an illiteracy test and an increase of the head tax, with many administrative features to render its enforcement effective.

The convention directed your officers and Legislative Committee to be insistent upon the enactment of that bill before the expiration of the Sixty-second Congress. The instructions were carried out, with the result that the bill passed the Senate and House of Representatives by overwhelming majorities, and reached President Taft, who gave hearings thereon. Owing to President Gompers' important engagement elsewhere, Secretary Morrison and our Legislative Committee appeared at the conference with the President and strongly presented the cause of immigration limitation and regulation. A few days later another conference was held with President Taft, in which President Gompers, former Representative Bennett, of New York (the representative of the shipping interests), and Commissioner of Immigration at the Port of New York, Mr. Williams, participated. The entire subject-matter was gone over thoroughly. Commissioner Williams strongly urged the President to sign the bill. He supported all the contentions which Mr. Gompers made, and insisted that if for no other reason than the advantageous administrative features contained in

the bill, it ought to become a law. During the conference a heated colloquy occurred between Mr. Bennett and President Gompers, President Taft interjecting a remark to Mr. Bennett that he was "treed" by the statement. When the conference adjourned the impression was firmly made that the President would sign the bill. He, however, vetoed it. The bill having originated in the Senate, it was returned there by President Taft with his veto. The Senate passed the bill over the President's veto by a more than two-thirds vote. The bill then came to the House, and by four votes failed of passage by a two-thirds vote over the President's veto. Some of those upon whom we most confidently relied to vote for the bill in the House at all stages of its progress voted contrary to the interests of Labor and the American people, and thus the immigration bill failed of enactment in the last Congress.

In the special session of this (the Sixty-third) Congress, a large number of bills for the purpose of restricting immigration have been introduced, among them being the following: S. 50, by Senator Overman, of North Carolina; S. 2406, by Senator Dillingham, of Vermont; S. 2453, by Senator Smith, of South Carolina; H. R. 1958, by Representative Roddenbery, of Georgia; H. R. 102, by Representative Raker, of California; H. R. 2869, 2870, 2883, 2886, 2888, 2923, by Representative Hayes, of California; H. R. 2934, by Representative Gardner, of Massachusetts; H. R. 6060, by Representative Burnett, of Alabama; H. R. 5973, by Representative Sabath, of Illinois. The bills of Representatives Hayes and Raker deal principally with Asiatic exclusion, and the bills by Representative Gardner and Burnett and Senator Smith contain the literacy test as approved by the American Federation of Labor, which was passed by the last (Sixty-second) Congress and vetoed by President Taft. Mr. Burnett, chairman of the House Committee on Immigration, has made strenuous endeavors to secure a favorable report from the committee on H. R. 6060, and it is probable that it will be reported before this session of Congress closes.

In addition to the causes which prompt the American people, and particularly the American working people, to insist upon better regulation and greater limitation of immigration to the United States are the social, economic and labor problems which will develop and grow larger after the Panama Canal is completed and open to commerce. Transportation will be made easier and less expensive. Workers from foreign countries will be able to obtain quicker and cheaper access to the Pacific Coast States, and as a consequence will add to the immigration problems of that section of our country. The duty of the organized workers on the Pacific Coast to meet this new problem will be more imperative. In behalf of self-preservation these problems will require the utmost vigilance, not only by the general labor movement, but also by the people of the whole country. Steamships plying between foreign countries and the United States have laid their plans for the construction of more ships for the transportation of immigrant workers to the Far West, and undoubtedly the large employers will avail themselves to the utmost to take advantage of such an opportunity for their own immediate interests and against the interests of America's workers.

AUTOMATIC STOP SYSTEMS FOR RAILROADS.

Resolution No. 101 of the Rochester Convention, by Delegates McNulty, Glynn, and Ford, of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, instructing the Legislative Committee to use every effort within its power to obtain the enactment of a bill requiring railroad companies to equip their roads with automatic stop systems, was given all of the attention that was possible to give it during the closing session of the last (Sixty-second) Congress. During the first session of the present Congress (the Sixty-third), several bills requiring railroads to install "automatic stop systems" have been introduced. All such bills have been referred to the appropriate Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, where is evidently a growing sentiment in Congress in favor of the installation of some

practical automatic stop system. As soon as such a system can be proven serviceable there is no doubt but that Congress will order "automatic stops" on all interstate railroads. The Interstate Commerce Commission has very diligently examined most of the projects of this character that are worth the time and attention of practical railroad men.

THE CONTEMPT CASE.

Again the American Federation of Labor has succeeded in bringing its contempt proceedings test before the Supreme Court of the United States for decision. The long duration and the many vicissitudes of this case most forcefully illustrates how extremely difficult it is to obtain a judicial enunciation of principle or application of law under our present legalism.

In our report to the Rochester Convention we told of the initiation of the new contempt proceedings, Equity 30,180, in the court of Judge Wright, the hearing of the testimony, and that opinion and judgment of the court reaffirming the first decision handed down in 1908. We stated that an appeal had been taken to the District Court of Appeals. The case was argued before that court February 25-26, 1913. Judge Alton B. Parker and Jackson H. Ralston made the arguments for the representatives of the American Federation of Labor, President Gompers, Vice-President Mitchell, and Secretary Morrison. J. J. Darlington, Clarence R. Wilson, and Daniel Davenport, committeemen appointed by Judge Wright after the Supreme Court decision of 1911 to investigate whether or not there were just grounds for contempt proceedings, constituted the counsel for the prosecution.

The briefs and memoranda filed by the counsel for the American Federation of Labor, as well as in their arguments before the court, dealt with the technical issues necessarily involved in asking for an appeal and the tremendous human interests not only of organized labor but of all advocates of liberty. It was contended that the charges constituted criminal contempt and would accordingly be governed by the rules of criminal procedure and barred by the Statute of Limitations. It

was affirmed that the opinion and mental attitude of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia indicated that the men were found guilty of want of respect for judicial authority rather than contempt of court. The argument dealing with the human interests involved, adduced the fact that the injunction and contempt proceedings were not isolated litigation, but were part of a carefully prepared nation-wide attempt to disrupt and destroy labor organizations, in this instance by harassing workmen with judicial orders restricting normal activities and absorbing their funds in expensive litigation. It was furthermore shown that the evidence produced to prove violation of the injunction included political speeches and writings indispensable to the pursuance of the avowed legislative purposes of the American Federation of Labor—the enactment of remedial legislation relieving workmen of the abuses of the injunctive writ which hampered them in the exercise of rights guaranteed them by custom law, and Constitution.

The District Court of Appeals gave its decision May 5, 1913. The opinion of the court, written by Justice Van Orsdel and concurred in by Justice Robb, sustained the lower court in finding Messrs. Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison guilty of contempt of court, but declared the sentence imposed by Justice Wright a violation of judicial discretion. The court changed the sentences imposed from imprisonment for twelve, nine, and six months to imprisonment for thirty days for President Gompers, and \$500 fines for Vice-President Mitchell and Secretary Morrison. In justifying this modification of sentences the court said:

"The differences which necessitated the injunction have been settled. The sole purposes of punishment, therefore, is to give reasonable assurance that respondents will in the future respect the authority of the courts. While the injunction was issued to restrain the most subtle and far-reaching conspiracy to boycott that has come to our attention the boycott has ceased and the necessity for the injunction no longer existed at the time this case was tried below. A penalty, therefore,

which would have been justifiable to prevent further defiance of the order of the court but for the settlement, would now be needless and excessive. Had the court below imposed penalties not greatly in excess of those which we now deem adequate, we would not feel justified in holding that there had been an abuse of discretion. Since, however, the penalties imposed are so unreasonably excessive, and we are called upon to modify the judgment, we prefer to err, if at all, on the side of moderation. No one, however, can read this record without being convinced that respondent Gompers had been chief factor in this contempt; hence, a severer punishment is merited in his case than in the cases of the other respondents."

In this, as in the first contempt case, Chief Justice Shepard wrote a dissenting opinion. He held that the Statute of Limitations did apply to the particular offenses charged and would bar all specifications of the charges against John Mitchell and all except one against Frank Morrison. This was the one charging Mr. Morrison with the circulation of the *American Federationist* for September, 1908. The Chief Justice added: "As to this the charge is too general to put the party under notice." As to the charges specified against President Gompers, within the three-year period Chief Justice Shepard did not consider that any of the evidence produced constituted a violation of the injunction. This opinion concludes with a consideration of the failure of the defendants to apologize, as was suggested by the report of the committee appointed by Justice Wright. The Chief Justice states:

"The failure or refusal to accept the suggestion has been considered as important in measuring the intent and temper of the defendants. I am unable to see how the refusal to apologize for an act, the commission of which had been expressly denied, shows a reprehensible intent or temper. On the contrary, it seems to me the natural conduct of a self-respecting man. Having sworn that he had neither disobeyed nor intended to disobey the mandate of the court, a confession that he had done so would be solemn admission

of willful perjury. Moreover, the demand that the court be acquainted 'before these proceedings close with your conviction whether you ought and whether you hereafter expect to lend adherence to the decrees of judicial tribunals of the land in matters committed by law to their jurisdiction and power,' was entirely outside of the offense charged and beyond the power of any court."

The opinion by the District Court of Appeals did not give a decision to the fundamental issues upon which organized labor had been so long asking a judicial ruling. Labor wished to know what position the highest court of the land would take upon the matter involved—namely, when a court transcends the power delegated to it by law, and issues an order forbidding persons to do that which they have a lawful right to do, rights which are specifically guaranteed and protected by the written Constitution, is that order null and void? Organized labor had been prohibited the right of free speech and of free press—the rights essential to the presentation and discussion of grievances and abuses. Therefore, the counsel for the American Federation of Labor were instructed to file a petition in the Supreme Court of the United States for a writ of *certiorari* to obtain a review of the case by the highest tribunal of the land.

The modification of sentences made by the District Appeal Court was displeasing to Judge Wright, who filed a petition asking the Supreme Court to reverse that part of the decision which reduced the sentence. The petition, charging the appeal court with transgressing the bounds of its authority, is an incident unique in the history of jurisprudence.

The Supreme Court of the United States, to cover any possible technical question, has granted a writ of error and an appeal. It has reserved the question of the granting of a writ of *certiorari* and in all probability will not pass upon that question until the case comes on to be heard.

UNEMPLOYED.

The unemployed men and women of our country are always a matter of concern to the organized labor movement. So

long as there is a man or woman willing to work for whom there is no employment, society as a whole is failing to do justice.

The changing seasons of the year decrease or increase the number of unemployed, and while the organized labor movement is battling for a greater degree of economic justice for those who are directly affiliated, its attention must be directed to that portion of our population who are idle through no fault of their own.

The tremendous responsibility resting upon our organized movement, first, to educate the non-union workers so that they may comprehend the rights to which they are entitled, and then to organize them into labor unions, does not constitute our full duty. Every question which has to do with the general welfare of the people comes within the scope of the organized labor movement. It is the only organized force that operates with directness and method. So long as there are unemployed who are willing to work it should be the aim of our movement to extend to them whatever assistance may be possible and to endeavor to implant in their hearts and minds the fact that the organized men and women of Labor are anxious to be of service to those who are less fortunately situated. The labor movement should be ever mindful of the fact that the future will demand that some specific plan be devised for meeting this duty to those without a chance to earn a living.

There are many ways in which organized labor and the general public could mitigate the evils of unemployment without devising any elaborate program of social justice or economic reform. This labor might be utilized in the construction of public works—in road building—which new methods of travel are making of increasing importance—and by shortening the hours of those already employed so that no one shall be employed more than eight hours per day.

Not only should there be the humanitarian impulse to share with our less fortunate fellow-workers, the unemployed, but there must be an appreciation of the real menace which a body of unemployed

workers constitutes to the standards of wages, working conditions, and living of those who are employed. Those who are unemployed, those who are perforce almost compelled to underbid fair rates, those who undermine standards of living, constitute an almost insurmountable obstacle to greater material progress and advancement. It is a problem that demands constructive treatment. Every method by which unemployment can be eliminated should be most carefully utilized by the organized labor movement.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Samuel Gompers; First Vice-President, James Duncan; Second Vice-President, James O'Connell; Third Vice-President, D. A. Hayes; Fourth Vice-President, Joseph F. Valentine; Fifth Vice-President, John R. Alpine; Sixth Vice-President, H. B. Perham; Seventh Vice-President, John P. White; Eighth Vice-President, Frank Duffy; Treasurer, John B. Lennon; Secretary, Frank Morrison.

Philadelphia, Pa., was chosen as the next meeting place.

NEW YORK'S COMPENSATION LAW.

STARTING with the first of this year the New York Workmen's Compensation Act took effect, and this State is now in line with almost half the States of the country who are endeavoring to compel employers to insure in some manner the payment of moneys to workers injured in the course of their employment. The law provides three ways in which employers may insure themselves—either in a State-authorized casualty company, or in a mutual company composed of not less than forty employers having not less than 2,500 employes, or by payment of certain designated premiums into the State fund. Another method will affect only large corporations, such as railroads, telegraph and telephone concerns. It provides that these corporations, if they so elect, may deposit in banks an amount, to be decided upon by the commission, necessary to pay claims against it. The various industries are

divided into groups, and each group will pay a rate decided upon by the commission. Payments start the first of July next. Failure to make payments after this date invokes a penalty of \$1 a day for every employe for such neglect or refusal. To further make it possible for all workers to be compensated, the law provides that in case of a suit against an employer who has not complied with the law, all previous defenses are taken from him, and his only defenses are that the injury was caused by the willful intention of the injured employe or where the injury results solely from intoxication—both of which are questions for jury decision.

INTERESTING DOCUMENT.

THE Vice-President of the United States, Hon. Thomas R. Marshall, and also President of the United States Senate, recently presented to the Senate a letter from Hon. Henry W. Blair, former United States Senator from New Hampshire, and asked that this letter, together with an accompanying communication, be printed as a Senate document. The subject of the letter was school statistics. The document is No. 224, and can be secured by addressing any senator. The document contains a letter addressed to Mr. Blair by Alex. Summers, statistician of the Bureau of Education, and contains a table of actual expenses of all the States in the Union for primary mental training, this not including the high schools. It is stated that the educators of the country agree that \$28 per capita is the least annual expenditure which will give the American child a good—not the best—common-school education. It is shown in the table of expenditures that the average amount of money expended by the States totals \$446,726,929, while if \$28 per capita had been expended, the least amount which the educators say will provide a common-school education, there should have been expended \$692,875,664. It is a valuable document and should be in the possession of those who are interested in the expenditures made for education.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The organized workers of Three Rivers, Quebec, have formed a Trade and Labor Congress.

The House Labor Committee of Congress has favorably reported the Bureau of Safety Bill.

Eleven hundred and nine new members were initiated into the Order during the month of December, 1913.

A compulsory workmen's compensation law has been enacted in New York State, which became effective on January 1st.

The government of the Dominion of Canada has declared in favor of the union rate of wages for all work on the Toronto harbor.

A dispatch from St. Paul says that the Minnesota Wage Commission will probably fix the minimum wage for girls at not less than \$8.50 per week.

The new Workmen's Compensation Act of California, which went into effect January 1st, requires every employer of labor to insure his employees.

The Master Builders of Fargo, N. D., and vicinity gave their employees a Christmas gift in the form of an "open shop" decoration and the struggle is now on.

The defeat of Mayor White, of Holyoke, Mass., is credited to organized labor, who opposed him on account of his hostility during his incumbency in office.

Nearly one thousand hosiery workers, mostly girls, are on strike at the Four Mills controlled by Wm. H. Taubel, of Philadelphia, because of a reduction in wages.

The Editor gracefully acknowledges the receipt of a large number of Christmas and New Year's cards from members throughout the United States and Canada.

The contract for building the new State Capitol of Missouri has been let, and it is asserted that the firm securing the contract will use only union labor in its construction.

Members should carefully study the new secret work sent out with the June 30th, 1914, cards, especially that part in regard to the wire test, which has been entirely changed.

The city of San Francisco has acquired its second street railway when it took over the Union Street Line. The voters sanctioned the purchasing of this line at a recent election.

The differences between the General Electric Company, whose general offices are located at Schenectady, N. Y., and its employees, have been adjusted to the satisfaction of all concerned.

E. G. Hall, President of the Minnesota State Federation of Labor, has been appointed a member of the Efficiency and Economy Commission of that State by Governor Eberhart.

The Judiciary Committee of the United States Senate voted just prior to the Christmas recess, to take up the Workmen's Compensation Bill, shortly after the reconvening of that body.

The Order closed the year 1913 with more members in good standing than ever before in its history. A full review of the accomplishments of the last year will appear in the February number.

The Colorado Springs and Interurban Street Railway Companies made its 225 employes each a Christmas gift of a one thousand-dollar insurance policy, the premiums on which will be paid annually by the company.

A cablegram from Rome to the Press Associations of this country, states that the Italian government is discouraging emigration of Italian workers to the United States. A warning has been issued that there is no demand in America for unskilled labor.

The Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America charges the Western Union Telegraph Company with maintaining a spy system, and has called upon the Federal Industrial Relations Commission to investigate the charge.

The Oregon State Supreme Court has just handed down a decision in which it declines to exempt State institutions from the law which governs private concerns, providing for eight hours' work in a twenty-four-hour day.

Reports from 1,059 labor organizations in Massachusetts for the quarter ending September 30, 1913, which comprise an aggregate membership of 177,267, show that 6.8 per cent were reported as unemployed.

Have you paid your dues in the Order and assessments in the Mutual Benefit Department for the new term? If not, why not? It doesn't cost any more to pay them one time than another and it is advantageous to be in good standing at all times.

United States Senator Owen, of Oklahoma, has introduced in the Senate a bill providing for an old age pension fund, which, if adopted, will put the national savings banks in competition with the mutual savings insurance companies, as it authorizes the postals savings bank to receive and administer savings paid in by citizens, the dues or premiums on

which are to entitle depositors to participate in the co-operative system of life annuities.

Congressman Lewis, of Maryland, one of the few union men in Congress, who is recognized as an authority on the subject, states that American telephone and telegraph rates are far in excess of those of any other nation. His remedy is government ownership of the telephone lines, which could then be used for telegraphic purposes.

Workers in the Province of Ontario are urging the passage of the proposed Workmen's Compensation for Injuries Act. Throughout the province trades union meetings are being held for the purpose of creating sentiment in favor of the act.

Congressman Sabath, of Illinois, has introduced a joint resolution in the House, proposing that a committee of three Senators be appointed by the President and three members to be selected by the House to investigate and report on the subject of old age pensions and annuities on or before December 1, 1915.

A testimonial dinner is to be given to President Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, in Washington, on the night of January 27th, by the Central Labor Union of that city, which is the occasion of Mr. Gompers' sixty-fourth birthday anniversary.

The Iowa State Board of Prison Control has notified the officers of the State Federation of Labor that the board is in sympathy with the stand of the Federation on the convict labor question and will endeavor, so far as it can consistently, to comply with the request of the State labor body in this matter.

The appeal of President Gompers, Secretary Morrison and Vice-President Mitchell, of the American Federation of Labor, in their contempt cases, was argued before the United States Supreme

Court on the 7th and 8th. After the close of the argument, the court took the case under its advisement, and is expected to render a decision in about four weeks.

James Fry, of Worden, Ill., a coal miner, has been given the full amount asked for in his proceedings against the employing coal company by a board of arbitration under the new Illinois Workmen's Compensation Act, the award being \$3,500.

The year 1913 broke all records for immigrants landing at Philadelphia, with a total of 76,000 as against 61,163 for the year 1912, which was a record up to that time. Most of the immigrants came from Russia and the southern countries of Europe.

The House Committee on Immigration on December 15th, by an overwhelming vote, voted to report favorably the Burnett Immigration Bill in practically the same form as the similarly named measure which passed the Sixty-second Congress, and which was vetoed by President Taft.

The city of San Francisco took over the Presidio and Ferries Street Railway Lines at midnight on December 10th. Up to that time the motormen, conductors and other employes were receiving \$2.70 a day for ten hours. When the lines passed into the hands of the city the wages were immediately raised to \$3.00 per day of eight hours.

The House Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads of Congress has voted to recommend an appropriation of \$100,000 to enable the Postmaster General to experiment with government-owned railway mail cars. If the experiment is found to be economical, for the government, the committee has expressed a willingness to recommend an appropriation for the purpose of supplying sufficient railway mail cars to conduct the business of the government.

The labor commissioners of several States have formed the American Association of Public Employment Officers, which will interest itself in placing unskilled unemployed in sections where this labor is in demand, and the federal government will also be urged to establish agencies.

The Department of Justice at Washington has instructed Edward J. Bowman, Acting Federal District Attorney at Grand Rapids, Mich., to make a thorough investigation of the deportation of President Moyer, of the Western Federation of Miners, from the copper region of Michigan.

President Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, appeared before the House Judiciary Committee of Congress on December 16th, for the purpose of urging the committee to take early action on the Bartlett Bill, which prohibits the issuance of injunctions in labor disputes and also amends the Sherman anti-trust law, by excluding labor organizations and farmers' associations from the provisions of that law.

The merchants of Indianapolis, Ind., who lent their influence to form the "Merchants' Association," the object of which was to antagonize organized labor, are now said to be regretting their action. These merchants are said to at least realize that the organized laboring people of that city are large purchasers of goods and that they have the inalienable right to bestow their patronage wherever they see fit.

A London dispatch says that the Committee on Life Saving Appliances, appointed by the International Congress on Safety at Sea, has agreed on its recommendation to be submitted to Congress. The principle of "Boats for All" has been accepted subject to the proviso that where the fullest use is made of the space available for the fitting of davits pontoon rafts may be provided for 25 per cent of those on board and life boats of a recognized type for the remainder.

PERSONAL MENTION

The following births have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

To Bro. and Mrs. Burens, a boy.
 To Bro. and Mrs. Tom Hurst, a girl.
 To Bro. and Mrs. H. J. Lund, a girl.
 To Bro. and Mrs. L. C. Wyse, a boy.
 To Bro. and Mrs. R. N. Scott, a girl.
 To Bro. and Mrs. Frank Allen, a boy.
 To Bro. and Mrs. V. P. Upton, a girl.
 To Bro. and Mrs. A. S. Carver, a boy.
 To Bro. and Mrs. D. B. Frost, a girl.
 To Bro. and Mrs. J. W. Frost, a girl.
 To Bro. and Mrs. M. P. Kyser, a girl.
 To Bro. and Mrs. R. A. Caller, a girl.
 To Bro. and Mrs. J. D. Minsel, a girl.
 To Bro. and Mrs. Jim Williams, a boy.
 To Bro. and Mrs. W. R. Wilder, a girl.
 To Bro. and Mrs. W. G. Lacey, a girl.
 To Bro. and Mrs. W. L. Nolan, a boy.
 To Bro. and Mrs. R. E. Crawler, a boy.
 To Bro. and Mrs. C. P. Taylor, a boy.
 To Bro. and Mrs. T. N. Holland, a girl.
 To Bro. and Mrs. H. B. Young, a girl.
 To Bro. and Mrs. S. R. Walton, a boy.
 To Bro. and Mrs. H. W. Smith, a boy.
 To Bro. and Mrs. Harry Hendrickson, a boy.
 To Bro. and Mrs. H. S. Parkman, a boy.
 To Bro. and Mrs. Martin J. Carey, a girl.
 To Bro. and Mrs. F. W. Pennock, a girl.
 To Bro. and Mrs. R. O. Dornblaser, a girl.
 To Bro. and Mrs. C. H. Darwood, a girl.

The following marriages have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

Bro. C. E. Gillespie, of Div. No. 54, to Miss Walker.
 Bro. M. B. Stead, of Div. No. 2, to Miss Anna Na Pier.

Bro. W. T. McIver, of Div. No. 119, to Miss Susie Gryte.

Bro. H. A. Long, of Div. No. 54, to Miss Freda Elder.

Bro. E. S. Krom, of Div. No. 113, to Miss Bessie Jones.

Bro. H. E. Stayner, of Div. No. 130, to Miss Ruth Kibben.

Bro. John Traver, of Div. No. 59, to Miss Lula Elliott.

Bro. Tom Gaffney, of Div. No. 44, to Sister Edith Barke.

Sister Anna O. Stewart, of Div. No. 23, to Mr. L. M. Kight.

Bro. Floyd L. Main, of Div. No. 76, to Miss Vivian McCart.

Sister Florence Barton, of Div. No. 93, to Mr. F. B. Kawkes.

Bro. John G. Daird, of Div. No. 97, to Miss Fannie L. King.

Bro. A. R. Snyder, of Div. No. 153, to Miss Edna A. Haley.

Bro. E. E. Blair, of Div. No. 119, to Miss Susan Heinzen.

Bro. M. W. Buck, of Div. No. 35, to Miss Bertha Brigham.

Bro. Jay Crannell, of Div. No. 93, to Miss Edna Hartbank.

Bro. E. E. Ottinger, of Div. No. 130, to Miss Ruth Hammond.

Bro. K. F. Little, of Div. No. 126, to Miss Frate F. Ferrell.

Bro. Tommy Moran, of Div. No. 159, to Miss Mary E. Ryan.

Sister E. J. Yarbrough, of Div. No. 46, to Bro. B. L. Gay.

Sister Martha Roach, of Div. No. 32, to Mr. H. L. Hendrick.

Bro. W. H. Kebach, of Div. No. 17, to Miss Leotta Broschious.

Bro. W. A. Pitre, of Div. No. 137, to Miss Birdie L. Jackson.

Bro. J. A. Fredrickson, of Div. No. 6, to Miss Muriel Whitney.

Bro. J. E. Breckinridge, of Div. No. 126, to Miss Edna Coffin.

Bro. John W. Sackett, of Div. No. 129, to Miss Marie M. Manore.

THE TELEGRAPHER extends congratulations to the happy couples.

The following deaths have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

Father of Bro. W. F. Glaspy.

Bro. C. J. King, of Div. No. 94.

Bro. F. L. Lary, of Div. No. 42.

Bro. I. H. Lutz, of Div. No. 42.

Bro. D. C. Bailey, of Div. No. 59.

Bro. E. C. Phelps, of Div. No. 93.

Bro. P. H. Curran, of Div. No. 23.

Bro. H. L. Jewel, of Div. No. 132.

Bro. H. M. Stevens, of Div. No. 17.

Bro. O. M. Coomes, of Div. No. 29.

Brother of Bro. Bauer, of Div. No. 8.

Bro. Sidney L. Owen, of Div. No. 93.

Son of Bro. H. W. Hix, of Div. No. 154.

Wife of Bro. C. J. Clifford, of Div. No. 130.

Mother of Bro. S. E. Briggs, of Div. No. 8.

Mother of Bro. E. G. Smith, of Div. No. 8.

Mother of Bro. S. E. Briggs, of Div. No. 8.

Brother of Bro. D. E. Greene, of Div. No. 21.

Wife of Bro. A. I. Lathrop, of Div. No. 23.

Wife of Bro. W. J. Maloney, of Div. No. 23.

Father of J. H. Thornton, of Div. No. 32.

Bro. James E. Bowerman, of Div. No. 39.

Wife of Bro. O. E. Monts, of Div. No. 59.

Wife of Bro. E. J. Wilson, of Div. No. 71.

Father of Bro. W. H. Coburn, of Div. No. 76.

Wife of Bro. H. S. Noble, of Div. No. 93.

Brother of Bro. T. F. McNeill, of Div. No. 93.

Mother of Bro. B. D. Burke, of Div. No. 94.

Father of Bro. Robt. A. Riffey, of Div. No. 126.

Mother of Bro. R. A. Fulmer, of Div. No. 130.

Sister of Sister Annie G. Algeo, of Div. No. 8.

Daughter of Bro. J. W. Barnhart, of Div. No. 53.

Brother of Bro. A. H. Robinson, of Div. No. 140.

Father of Sister Genevieve M. Brown, of Div. No. 126.

Brother of Bros. J. M. and J. W. Boose, of Div. No. 126.

The bereaved relatives have the sympathy of all.

WANTED.

Mr. W. G. Shields. Pop, write No. 40 St. Marys St. Everything O. K. Don't worry about us. DAVE.

Present address of U. S. Sandusky, operator; last heard of in Atlanta, Ga., in 1910. "US," if you see this, let me hear from you. C. A. MCCREA.

Present address of W. T. or Charlie Shelton. Boys, if either of you see this, write me, care of W. & L. E. R. R. at Williston, Ohio. J. H. WOODRUFF.

Present address of J. G. Olsen; last heard of at Ft. Logan, Colo. "JO," write me, care C. M. Ry., Leadville, Colo. S. F. O'BRIEN.

Present address of Operator Charles H. Underwood. Sister very anxious about him. Write F. K. SIMS, 213 Hoover St., Newark, Ohio.

Present address of B. D. J. Jorursett; last heard of worked for G. N. Ry. at Wiona, Wash. Kindly write Mr. Frank Card, Grand Trunk Telegrapher, Valparaiso, Ind.

Present address of Guy McNabney; last heard of working for the Western Union in Kansas City, in August, 1912. If you see this Mac, please write to me here. M. B. McMULLEN, Mojave, Cal.

Present address of Otto Greggerson; last heard of working at Ackley, Iowa. "OG," if you see this, write me at Texline, Texas. I have \$6.85 worth of news for you.

RAY S. HOLMES.

Any information regarding the whereabouts of J. Stanley Siddorn, train dispatcher and operator; last heard of dispatching trains for the L. M. & S. at Wynne, Ark.

C. STEWART.

Present address of Operator D. A. Martin; last heard of on Cotton Belt. Dave, if you see this, please drop me a card.

J. H. McMANN,
North 4th St., Steubenville, Ohio.

Anyone knowing the present whereabouts of Operator D. D. Rice, formerly of D. & R. G., Soldier Summit, Utah, please communicate with

H. E. HARRIS,
Care G. N., Cut Bank, Mont.

Present address of Bro. H. L. Crawford; last heard of was going to do wireless work on Pacific coast.

ED R. DERRICKSON,
General Secretary and Treasurer Division 23, Room 403, No. 3946 Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Present address of Thomas H. Dffen-derfer. When last heard of he was in Kansas City, Mo., about three years ago. Tom, if you see this, write your sister. She has something important to tell you.

MRS. F. O. FLECK,
1523 Third Ave., Altoona, Pa.

Present address of Ed Low; last heard of as conductor on the Iowa Central Ry. running out of Oskaloosa, Iowa, about six

years ago. His brother is very anxious to get in communication with him. Write

A. W. Low or B. E. NASON,
Athol, Idaho.

Present address of Claude L. Williams; was employed by the W. P. at Oroville, Cal. Anyone knowing his address or can give me any information concerning him will greatly oblige his wife.

MRS. C. L. WILLIAMS,
Oroville, Cal.

LOST OR STOLEN.

Card No. 112, Cert. 2875, Grand Div., for term ending June 30, 1914.

Card No. 37252, Cert. 1447, Div. No. 23, for term ending December 31, 1913.

Card No. 1081, Cert. 64, Div. No. 71, for term ending December 31, 1913.

Card No. 8281, Cert. 3063, Div. No. 23, for term ending December 31, 1913.

Card No. 23474, Cert. 2407, Div. No. 2, for term ending December 31, 1913.

Card No. 20302, Cert. 3991, Grand Div., for term ending December 31, 1913.

Card No. 185, Cert. 3863, Grand Div., for term ending December 31, 1913.

Card No. 40036, Cert. 2745, Div. No. 130, for term ending December 31, 1913.

Card No. 4893, Cert. 26, Div. No. 157, for term ending December 31, 1913.

Card No. 2598, Cert. 474, Div. No. 31, for term ending December 31, 1913.

Card No. 38010, Cert. 2746, Div. No. 93, for term ending December 31, 1913.

Card No. 38973, Cert. 3152, Div. No. 126, for term ending December 31, 1913.

Card No. 23194, Cert. 55, Div. No. 18, for term ending December 31, 1913.

Card No. 36099, Cert. 1078, Div. No. 43, for term ending December 31, 1913.



LADIES' AUXILIARY

IMPORTANT.

By L. W. QUICK, Grand Secretary and Treasurer.

DURING his 27 years of experience in the labor movement, the Editor has become accustomed to dodging "bricks" and other little "incidentals" which are usually cast in the direction of one officially or actively connected with an organization, but his "education" in the art of dodging flatirons, rolling-pins, dishpans, etc., has not been brought up to that standard whereby he feels entirely equal to an emergency of this character, should one present itself, therefore, he has not heretofore presumed to appear in the Ladies' Auxiliary Department of the journal (except through the medium of the much maligned "blue pencil"), but with the advent of the New Year, accompanied presumably by many good resolutions, he has after summoning every ounce of courage at his command, "determined" to make a bold "dash" herein (and an equally hurried exit) for the purpose of calling the attention of the wives, and others interested, to a matter of more than ordinary interest to them, and be it forever understood that if he escapes unscathed this time, he will not (soon) again invade this sacred retreat, and most solemnly renounces any intention of attempting to have the "last word," which prerogative is so often denied those of his sex.

Having "declared" himself, the Editor will first take advantage of the opportunity to extend his congratulations to the Ladies' Auxiliary and its members on its splendid progress, and to wish each member a happy and prosperous New Year.

The particular reason for this "intrusion" follows:

During the last several years many letters have been received from the wives of deceased members, advising of the death of their husbands, and requesting that arrangements be made to pay the amount of the certificate held in the Mutual Benefit Department by him to them, but upon consulting the records of that department, it is found the certificate was taken out by the member prior to his marriage and was made payable to some other relative and the beneficiary had never been changed, consequently the department was powerless to pay the widow the proceeds of the certificate, as it had of necessity to be paid to the relative designated as beneficiary.

Many cases have arisen, where a member, apparently realizing that he was on his death bed, has written the department a "hurry-up" letter, requesting that the beneficiary in his certificate be changed to his wife, but he failed to send in the certificate which he held, as provided by the laws of the department, and therefore, the change could not be made until the member was communicated with and the certificate secured, and in several instances, the member died in the meantime.

For many years the Editor has repeatedly called attention to this matter in the editorial columns, but cases of a similar character continue to present themselves. During the last ten years the following paragraph has appeared in every circular gotten up and sent to members of this Department, the purpose of which circular was to acquaint the members with the workings of the Mutual Benefit Department: "Under the laws of the State of Missouri, the member has the absolute right to name the party or parties to whom certificate shall be paid, which, of

course, must be within the provision of the laws of the Department. It is hoped, in order to avoid legal complications and other inconveniences, that all members of this Department will see to it that their certificate is payable to the person or persons whom they desire to receive the benefit therefrom in case of their death. Should the certificate you now hold be made payable to parents or other relatives, and you have since the issuance of the certificate been married, the certificate would, under the laws, be paid to your parents or relatives named as beneficiary, in case of your death, and your wife could be paid nothing by us, unless your certificate is returned to this office and the beneficiary changed prior to your death, in accordance with Article XX."

Article 20 of the laws governing the Mutual Benefit Department, provides that any member, desiring to make a change in the beneficiary named in his certificate, may do so by making a written request to that effect, and accompanying the request by the certificate he now holds. The Editor is calling attention to this matter through this department in an effort to avoid in future the very embarrassing situations which have occurred in the past.

A word to the wise should be sufficient.

THE YULE TIDE.

By MRS. E. L. MATHIS, President.

THE happy Yule tide has come and gone, bringing with it much joy and happiness to humanity. Aside from its sacred origin and significance Christmas is worth a great deal for the pleasure it brings. Since that memorable night nearly two thousand years ago when the angels came out of heaven, announcing "tidings of great joy" and sang in the hearing of the Judean shepherds, "Peace on earth, good will to men," the event has meant only good to the world. I hope all the members and friends of our splendid Order, caught afresh the teachings of Christmas, the real spirit of Him who was its origin, the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. Let us this gladsome new year resolve to do more than we have heretofore, to teach and to

live the principles of unionism, which means in its highest sense the brotherhood of humanity. Shall not every member of our Auxiliary stand as an example of the altruistic teachings of our organization for 1914. I feel that you will, and hereby pledge our Order to a year of activity for growth and usefulness. The year 1913 was a very successful one and the reports which come are most encouraging. We are hoping for and shall expect to do greater things this year. Take this as a clarion call to rededicate ourselves to the success of our loved Auxiliary, the great cause of organization and unionism for the coming twelve months.

Notes from the Grand Secretary and Treasurer.

Beginning January 1, 1914, the Ladies' Auxiliary will offer a set of prizes to the members who by their energy and interest secure new members for the term ending June 30, 1914.

This list of prizes has been decided upon by the members of the Executive Board, and ratified by the Grand President.

Members securing five new members will be given one of the official L. A. emblem pins.

Members securing ten new members will be given a solid-silver teaspoon.

Members securing fifty new members will be given six of the solid-silver teaspoons.

Members securing sixty new members will be given a gold-filled watch with your monogram engraved upon the back.

This watch is made by one of the best and most reliable jewelry houses in the South. They give one of the best movements and guarantee this watch to last as long as any 14-karat gold watch.

The silver spoons are made by the same firm and are the heaviest of their kind, with a raised-rose design upon the handle, and are called the rose design. They can be duplicated at any time, as they are their own design and make.

The contest is open to all, and as the conditions surrounding our work are different from the O. R. T., we wish to allow the O. R. T. brothers to help their wives to secure these prizes.

Many have written that they wish to enter this contest, and wished to know if their husbands could help them to secure members.

Send applications to me direct with a statement that you have secured these members and you will be given credit for the same. I will then return the application to the local if the new members belong to a local division.

Give your name in full, certificate number and whether located in the Grand or local territory.

MUTUAL BENEFIT DEPARTMENT.

Many requests for information and M. B. D. blanks have been received, and our membership is growing, with the prospect of new ones from all over the country.

The rates are as follows:

Series A, limited to \$150.00 (18 to 50 years), 80 cents each six months, \$1.60 per year.

Series B, limited to \$300.00 (18 to 40 years), \$1.60 each six months, \$3.20 per year.

Initiation fee in Series A and B is fifty cents (50c) until further notice.

Initiation fee into the Ladies' Auxiliary is fifty cents (50c), and dues ten cents (10c) per month, payable in advance, same as the O. R. T.

Applications for membership both in the Auxiliary and Mutual Benefit Department can be obtained from any Grand officer, local officers, whose addresses can be found in the L. A. Directory in the back of THE TELEGRAPHER, or from the Grand Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Florence P. Pierce, at her address, 2021 Longwood street (Walbrook), Baltimore, Md.

LOCAL PRIZE CONTEST.

The Grand Secretary and Treasurer will offer a prize to the local securing the largest number of new members for the next term. This can be offered next term to the member securing the largest number of prizes by any local, and in this way the local need not spend any extra money for a prize which will cost much.

Many of the locals are offering one of the new L. A. emblem pins as a prize to the member getting the largest number of

new members. This departure of the L. A. is along the line of our progress, as we not only wish to follow the policy of the O. R. T. wherever we can, but we agree with them that any effort, and energy, and interest taken by the members should receive recognition and appreciation. Many of our members would have earned a prize long ago had they been offered, and now they can be rewarded for their efforts.

The silk-necktie quilt, which is being made in Local No. 10 by its members, will be given as a prize, and we believe this will be more of an incentive to both our O. R. T. brothers and their wives than buying a ticket. Again, we are not quite sure of the laws governing this in the different States, and we think this the better plan, and all can take a hand in the contest.

Our "correspondence fair" can be conducted, and the details will be given when we are ready to open it for business.

It gives me much pleasure to announce that we will have a new local recorded in our directory by the next issue. This local is to be located upon Division 146, Atlanta, Birmingham and Atlanta System, and the charter fee will be donated by this division. Bro. O. D. Gorman, general chairman, and Bro. C. A. Pye, general secretary and treasurer, have given their support and helped these sisters to get their local started, and if all the divisions had both of their head officers as much in sympathy with the Auxiliary as those on this division, we would soon have a local on all the O. R. T. divisions. They believe in us and that we can be a help and assistance to the O. R. T.

Many members have sent in dues promptly as I requested, and I hope that I may receive as many as possible this month, so that time may be given to the many other things we wish to do. As I suggested before, let every member put away her ten cents every month and she will then be in position to have it ready when it is again due. The dues are so small that it should be no trouble to pay them.

Sister W. E. Blume, of Local No. 18, Cameron, Cal., writes that they held a meeting at Bealville, Cal., and had a fine time, and they expect many new members from

that division of the Southern Pacific—Division 53.

More letters were received during the month of December endorsing the L. A. than any month since I have been Grand Secretary and Treasurer. The O. R. T. brothers are finding that we can be as much use to them in this part of their lives as in many others in which they need us.

I wish to take this occasion to thank the many members who remembered me by sending such beautiful Christmas and New Year's cards, expressing their personal feelings and wishing all success to the Auxiliary.

The Ladies' Auxiliary wish to thank the O. R. T. brothers for their help and assistance during the year 1913, and to wish that this mutual help shall be continued much greater the coming new year, and to extend our best wishes for a most prosperous year during 1914. Yours fraternally,

MRS. FLORENCE P. PIERCE,
Grand Secretary and Treasurer,
2021 Longwood St. (Walbrook),
Baltimore, Md.

WHAT DOES THE L. A. MEAN TO YOU?

THE greatest handicap of the L. A., as I see it, is the indifference of those who should be most vitally interested in the upbuilding of the organization. Of course, I have found a few, both men and women, who were opposed to the movement for some reason or other, but that kind do not hurt a cause nearly so much as those who don't care, one way or another. Usually those definitely opposed to anything have some reason they can give for their opposition, and are amenable to argument, and when once convinced of the error of their views, make valuable allies. Some, of course, are never convinced, but those, like the poor, we expect to have with us always.

The most common cause for this indifference, I believe, is a lack of understanding of what we stand for. I do not think there are many women of O. R. T. families who would fail to respond if they knew what they were missing and what

they were making others miss, by withholding their support.

I would like to hold what we Methodists might call an "experience meeting," through these columns, and hear some of you other sisters say what the L. A. means to you. We want to make those outside see that the L. A. is eminently worth while.

Probably there are a number of you who don't know that I am a member of the O. R. T. and am actively (very actively, I might say) engaged in telegraphing. As such and knowing what the O. R. T. stands for, I feel that the L. A. offers an opportunity to the women of identifying themselves with this great organization, and that their support is a duty that they owe to their families, to the O. R. T., which has done so much for them, and to the cause of Organized Labor.

If any of you are too timid to write your views for this department, I will be glad to have you write me personally.

DITA MAY WEST,
Chairman Board of Directors.

Long Island Ry., Local No. 16.

Our last regular meeting was one of the most important meetings in the history of the organization as well as the best in point of attendance. With one exception, all of the officers were present, and much business was transacted. For the benefit of the members who could not be present a brief extract from the minutes is given herewith.

One new member initiated. Two members obligated.

Recess.

Roll call of officers.

Minutes of last meeting approved.

Voted that we have an annual theatre party. Sisters Shields, Hellar and Decker appointed Committee of Arrangements.

Voted that a Quilt Committee be appointed. Sisters Hellar, Gray and Martin appointed.

Sister Filby, of the Sick Committee, reported having visited Sisters Adams and Mackin during the month.

A rising vote of thanks was given Sister Hellar for having visited every member of the division except two during the month.

Voted report of Euchre Committee be received, accepted and the committee discharged with thanks.

Voted that the secretary and treasurer be instructed to write a letter of thanks to Mr. E. A. Allison, Jamaica, N. Y., for favors received in connection with Euchre.

Voted that all bills be paid and communications be placed on file.

Voted that we extend sympathy and condolence to Brother Place of Division No. 44, in the loss of his beloved son.

Appointed by the Chair—Reception Committee for the evening: Sisters Webb, Gafney, Burke, Martin, Hellar and Hudson.

Question of charity fund introduced by the Chair. Voted that a charity fund be created.

Voted that receipts of euchre party and receipts from lunch sales of the evening be transferred to charity fund.

Voted contribution of \$5.00 each be sent to two brothers whose appeal for assistance was published in recent issue of THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER.

After adjournment a sociable was held, members of Division 44 attending. Refreshments served. All present enjoyed the evening. We were favored by the presence of Second Vice-President Bro. T. M. Pierson, of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, who, with a few well-chosen and timely remarks, complimented us upon the progress we were making.

Your secretary and treasurer has received acknowledgments (from sisters who received aid from the Division), which will be read at the January meeting. These letters of appreciation should encourage us in our work and make us feel that our time has not been misspent and that during the holiday season we were able to bring even in a small way some happiness into the homes of those dear ones who were in great distress.

I also wish to acknowledge receipt of tokens of remembrance received from members and friends during the holiday season,

and on behalf of the officers of the division and myself thank those who have devoted their time and talents towards making the year 1913 such a splendid success from every point of view, and I take this opportunity to extend fraternal greetings and wish all officers and members of the O. R. T. and the Ladies' Auxiliary a happy and prosperous New Year.

Fraternally,

MRS. J. E. SHIELDS,
Secretary and Treasurer.

C. R. I. & P. Ry., Local No. 22.

Sister Deves spent Christmas with her parents in Goodland, she also visited in Colby.

Sister Moore, of Ruleton, moved to Brewster, her husband having bid in that agency.

Mrs. Manion, of Goodland, spent a few days visiting in Montrose and Norton, Kan.

Mrs. Martin, of Gem, is visiting her folks in Monte Vista, Colo.

Sister Tracy and daughter Fern visited in Missouri during the holidays.

Northern Pacific Ry., Local No. 24.

With the dawning of a new year and the holiday festivities over, the time seems most propitious for increasing the membership of our local. Although it is not quite a year since we received our charter, we have had sufficient time to greatly enlarge our membership, yet we have done little better than to hold our own. This condition may be ascribed to different reasons, among which are the unfortunate illness of our dear Sister Sherwood, our first general secretary and treasurer, and the absence of Sister Graham and myself from the system practically all of the summer. The above causes precluded the possibility of a concerted campaign for new members, but I am pleased to say that our local chairmen have in most cases shown a disposition to do good individual work, Sister Wilcoxon, of the Idaho Division, having written more than fifty personal letters soliciting members.

Most of our members have paid dues for the current term, but I regret to note

that a few are still delinquent and trust that they will make the necessary remittance at once, to Sister Maude M. Graham, General Secretary and Treasurer, Woodland, Wash., to bring them up to date.

In order to stimulate interest in our campaign for new members, it has been decided that Local No. 24 will give a prize of a beautiful gold enameled L. A. pin to the sister who secures the most new members for this local during the year of 1914. While the intrinsic value of this prize will not be great, the knowledge that the winner has done the most effective work for the local during the year should be a great incentive to all of our sisters to attempt to win it.

The general chairman and general secretary and treasurer will not compete in this contest. Be sure and notify Sister Graham of each new member you secure, so that the name may be placed to your credit. Let us all endeavor to make Local 24 the best in the Auxiliary, during the next year.

We are pleased to state that Sister Sherwood, who was compelled to resign the office of general secretary and treasurer

on account of illness, is greatly improved in health.

Sister Wilcoxon, local chairman of the Idaho Division, has returned from a pleasant sixty-day visit with relatives in Searcy, Ark., and other southern points.

A baby girl arrived on December 9th, to gladden the home of Brother and Sister Sam Johnson of North Branch, Minn.

Our membership has been increased through the addition of Sister Mamie B. Foulkes of St. Paul, Minn., transferred from Local 15. We extend to Sister Foulkes a hearty welcome to our ranks.

Sister Maude Graham is doing very effective work as general secretary and treasurer and handling the business of the office in a thorough and efficient manner. All sisters should give her their assistance in the work of increasing the membership.

We have the promise of several new members in Spokane, in the near future, Brothers Lee and Dobson of Spokane relay office having promised their assistance in bringing this about.

MRS. B. E. NASON,
General Chairman.



E. A. BOURNE. R. R. HARGITT. B. R. SILVER. J. F. MERCIER.

O. R. T. GROUP—C. B. & Q. RY.—SUTTON, NEB.

MISCELLANY

THE PUSHER ENGINEER.

MANNING had for seven years handled the throttle of the big machine that "nosed" the long freight trains up the two-mile hill into Divide City, where the grade was level. The crest reached, the pusher engine would swing loose and drift back into the valley, there to wait in the desolation for the next heavy train needing a lift.

Bob Manning had been a youngster of twenty when they changed him from the left to the right hand side of the pusher. He supposed that in the fullness of time they'd give him a run on the road and let him be a real engineer. But once having fixed him on the hill job, they seemed to have forgotten all about it. It was the penalty of modesty. Had he gone into headquarters and demanded promotion, in all likelihood they would have remembered him and given him something better. But Bob was a shy sort of chap, and he was afraid if he suggested the change he might be told they had a superintendent to look after the road.

Much as Bob disliked his job as an "also ran" in the railroad game, the greatest happiness of his life came out of it, for one morning he had gone up the valley a short way to beg a bucket of drinking water from a cottager, and there met Daisy Dartwell, a blue-eyed, flaxen-haired young woman, who greeted him kindly, and pumped the water with her round white arm while he held the bucket. Daisy being a permanent resident of the wide and lonesome valley, and Bob an enforced sojourner there under the schedules of the road for about half his time, it was but in accord with nature that their great common woe should draw them together. Gingham-clad Daisy would

often go over to the engine in the forenoon, and sit with the lonely engineer and his fireman, and talk about the weather and the chances for a flood coming down and ruining the crops, and how many little chickens she had, and other matters of thrilling interest in the valley. She was much better company than the owls and the frogs, and the boys missed her badly when inclement weather prevented her coming. They fixed up a little bench for her near the track, and some days she would come and sit with them until a big train came along and took them away. In a very short time Bob and the cottager's daughter had matters arranged for the time when the pusher engineer should get a run and be somebody. As for Daisy, she thought the job he had was a wonderful thing, and he was as much a hero in her eyes as if his daily duty had been to make a big superheater S-2 thunder along at sixty miles an hour with ten coaches in its wake. She knew Bob could run that sort of an engine if he had to, and with that knowledge was perfectly satisfied. As far as Daisy was concerned, she didn't see any use in waiting.

Bob told her to be patient; something would turn up by and by and then—

"But I've lived here nineteen years," she pouted, "and nothing ever has happened."

"Wouldn't you rather have me an engineer on one of those big trains that go by?" Bob asked.

"Your engine is just as big as theirs," Daisy informed him; "and besides, I could see more of you than if you were out on the road so much. And here I—I wouldn't have any reason to get jealous."

Bob laughed, and kissed her. On all such settlements of differences, Tom Jones, the brawny fireman, was discreet enough to look up or down the track.

One snowy night, just after the pusher had helped the second section of 73, west-bound freight, over the hill, the operator at Divide City notified Bob that the Limited, which was an hour late because of the storm, would cross the valley in about ten minutes, and would need help up the grade. Paralleling the main track at the foot of the hill, and running half way across the valley, was a side track on which the pusher waited the arrival of trains needing its assistance. In the center of the valley was the Minerva River, a small stream in dry times, but as wide as the valley itself when the floods came down. On either side of the stream were long trestles.

The pusher engine backed down under steam, and when it was stopped for Tom to throw the switch to get in on the side track, Bob looked across the valley, and saw the star-like glow of the Limited's electric headlight through the sheen of snow. As Tom gave the signal to back, the engineer applied the steam; the big machine seemed to jump back, and the next second the forward end of the tank lurched queerly. In an instant the engineer realized the truck had gone off the track at the switch, probably caused by the packed snow and ice. To move the engine either way would not clear the main track, and as Bob looked toward the east, he saw the "star" was larger and brighter. There was a red light on the rear of the tank, but the engineer of the Limited would take it as a matter of course that it was on the sidetrack until too late to avert disaster. Bob sprang up on the coal and over the ice-coated tank, then reached to grasp the red lantern, intending to swing it across the track, but in his feverish haste his fingers pushed against the handle; the lamp slid off the rod, and fell to the track with a crash, instantly going out. The horror of the situation came to the pusher engineer with staggering force.

Bob jumped off the tank and ran down the track towards the approaching train, without the ghost of an idea as to what he intended to do. Brighter and brighter glowed the "star" in the east, as the Limited swept along like a blaze of fire from a cannon. Good old Davy Allison was "burning up the track" across the level to make the

long hill. It was the place where the engineers crowded on a full head of steam. Suddenly Bob stumbled, and realized he was on the long trestle, and the ties were slippery with snow. Still he kept on and on, making for the approaching train, running his best right between the rails. The snow was driven against his face like fine shot. His hands were bare, and almost stiff. He never took time to think in what distance Davy might stop his train, or the allowance to be made for sliding wheels on a snow-covered track.

The electric light now flashed down the track broad and clear, and the heavy train roared on to the eastern end of the trestle.

Bob stopped, and realized the engine was almost upon him. He suddenly jerked off his coat and waved it wildly backwards and forwards. Then his feet slipped from under him, and he felt himself going down, down, down for miles and miles it seemed, but before he lost consciousness, he heard the fierce hiss of the air, and knew that Davy had seen and was putting on the emergency. The train thundered overhead and locked wheels, making a noise like the devil's charivari, there was a violent quivering of the trestle, and then came darkness.

"No, Bobbie dear, you're not dead," murmured a gentle voice at the bedside of the invalid; "I've been trying to tell you that for two days, but you won't believe me."

"Aren't you an angel?" he asked, as he tried to raise himself on his arm, but found himself too weak, and fell back on his pillows.

The girl smiled and ran her fingers through his hair.

"Not yet," she replied, as she sat on the bed beside him, "but you've been talking about angels and dead people so long you've made me shiver. There's nobody dead."

"Then the trains didn't hit?"

"Not by several hundred feet, thanks to you. Davy Allison saw you slip through the trestle, and as soon as he stopped, he and his fireman ran down and picked you out of the water. You just fell in the edge of the stream, but you were wet, Bob—terribly wet!"

"Where am I, Daisy, and whose picture is that over there?"

"That," replied Daisy, as she got up and brought the picture to him, "is the photograph of the man who's just been appointed engineer on a passenger run on the eastern division, and his name is Bobbie Manning. The room you're in is mine. When they fished you out of the river they brought you here. Now, have you anything to fuse about?"

She bent over and touched her lips to his.

"Not a thing on earth," he smiled up at her. Then he added, with mock regret: "But I'm afraid on my new job I'll miss the music of the owls and the frogs and—"

"And me! No, sir! You're going to take me with you."—By EDGAR WHITE, in *Baltimore & Ohio Employees' Magazine*.

THE MAN WHO BLOCKED THE GAME.

STOPPED again!" "What's the matter now, conductor?"

"This road is the limit!"

It was No. 18, the Limited Express, and its 200 souls aboard were hungry, tired—all out of sorts, as we say sometimes, when we are disappointed.

The train had started late and became later and later, stopping at frequent intervals until some freight could be induced to turn out and allow it to pass.

It was scheduled on time tables and folders as one of the fastest, but of late the fast time advertised was confined to the folders of that road rather than to the time made by its trains.

There was little wonder that its passengers howled in derision when some facetious man reminded them that it was the "Limited."

The Bondsville & Atlantic Railroad had recently been acquired by the Great Eastern Consolidated, and the terms of the ninety-nine-year lease provided for the completion of all improvements begun and proposed by the plans shown on blue prints, the maintenance of equipment and right-of-way and the payment of a 10 per cent dividend to the stockholders. The failure at any time

to meet any of the above requirements cancelled the tenure of the lease, and all improvements, together with the road, reverted to the original owners.

It was considered a good investment for the Great Eastern Consolidated, as it afforded an outlet at a seaboard town—to say nothing of good paying tributary branches and staid old manufacturing towns whose revenues amounted to enormous sums annually.

But there was one man who was worrying over conditions of this road. Numerous reports and complaints through patrons and the press as to "slow time" and "poor service" were becoming of daily occurrence.

That man was John W. Sylvester, its president.

He sat in his office in New York. In front of him were the figures of the Bondsville & Atlantic for the past year. There was a troubled look on his face as he gazed meditatively into space for a moment.

"That property is gilt-edged, and I know it!" he exclaimed aloud. "If Mr. Judson can't find the leak, I can," he exclaimed, decisively pushing a button.

The door opened and his private secretary entered.

"Joe," he said calmly, "wire John Dale, at Carrollton, to come to New York at once. Arrange to provide transportation in care of our agent at Grand Junction—tell Dale to call there."

In the office at Bondsville, another chapter in our story was being enacted at the same time.

Mr. Howard Judson, general manager of the Bondsville & Atlantic, had just completed the reading of the president's letter, in which he expressed his desire that a closer supervision over operation be exercised.

A cynical smile marked the effect of the letter upon him.

"One more year," he said musingly, "and I will put the Bondsville & Atlantic back in the stockholders' hands—if I can keep Mr. Sylvester's eye closed—and I think I can. That in itself means to me the title of president with a cool fifty thousand a year."

He sat at some length in deep study. An ominous frown was on his face.

At length he spoke.

"French is a mighty clever general superintendent, but I'm afraid of him. Turner is a clever fellow and would fill French's place in case French—resigned! ha, ha, ha, that's the idea exactly."

He seemed pleased with the plan he had evolved and pushed a button.

When his secretary had appeared he said:

"Frank, call a meeting of the officers of this road. Say to them that I desire their presence next Friday morning at 10 o'clock at this office to discuss plans for the betterment of the service."

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The meeting between John Dale and President Sylvester showed them to be old acquaintances.

"John," he said, when greetings had been exchanged, "I had an inspiration that you could help me out when I sent for you. I know your tact along certain lines and I know your past loyalty to me, and I believe you are the right man for the work I want done."

There was a silence for a moment, then Mr. Sylvester continued:

"We have recently—within a year—leased the Bondsville & Atlantic Railroad. It is under the management of Mr. Howard Judson as general manager and Mr. William French as general superintendent—their offices are located in Bondsville.

"For a long time we have been receiving press and other complaints that the service is not what it should be and, in consequence, the earnings have fallen off so perceptibly as to make it impossible to meet the guaranteed dividends to the stockholders without borrowing money. It was my assurance to the Great Eastern Consolidated that it was gilt-edged that made the deal."

"I see," was all that Dale said when the president paused.

"Mr. Judson's figures show that two million dollars have been expended for yards and terminal facilities alone. Another million for electric block signals and two and one-half millions for laying heavier steel, laying fourth track and extending sidings."

Dale remained silent as the president paused.

"All this the Great Eastern Consolidated loses in case we fail to meet the 10 per cent dividend—and Mr. Judson says that it is impossible with the class of men he has to operate his trains."

Dale looked his surprise and asked:

"What sort of men has he, anyhow?"

"He calls them a bum element that soak themselves in liquor and defy dismissal. He says they are incompetent—reckless and insubordinate, and appeals to me to send him men to take their places.

"He is up against it—if he tells the truth," said Dale slowly, "but ——" Dale paused.

"I think I know what you have in mind," said the president. "I doubt also if all those men are bad."

The mental strain showed itself in the president's face as he continued:

"Dale, I want you to go to work for the Bondsville & Atlantic. I want you to see where the trouble is—get next to the boys, you know, and see what is necessary to line them up. You used to be a leader in our early days—the boys swore by you—do you think you could command them now?"

"I will do the biggest job of trying, Mr. Sylvester, that you ever saw," said Dale determinedly.

"And I know that if you do we'll turn the trick."

Then musing for a moment he continued:

"I guess you would better make a few observations on your own account for a week and then write me your impressions. If you see anything you can accomplish to improve the bad conditions, tell me, and I will arrange with Mr. Judson and Mr. French to have you appointed trainmaster or something of the sort, which will give you authority to act."

It was then settled, and Dale departed for Ravensdale, the junction terminal of the Bondsville & Atlantic, to begin his duties.

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Friday brought together all the officials of the Bondsville & Atlantic: The general superintendent, Mr. French; Superintendent J. L. Turner; two trainmasters, two master mechanics and two road foremen of engines—all ready to do the bidding of their general manager, with the exception, perhaps,

of Mr. French, of whom Mr. Judson entertained a doubt.

Mr. Judson smiled blandly as he entered the room and saw his official force lined up around a table in his office.

"Good morning, gentlemen," he said, with a slight accent upon the latter word.

Then, as he dropped into a seat at the head of the table, began at once to speak rapidly.

"The purpose of this meeting is to devise means for the betterment of the service of the Bondsville & Atlantic, and to receive from each of you an expression of opinion how best to treat conditions not in harmony with my policy."

"For a long time we have been running behind in our revenues, which our president says is due to not applying properly the means by which a railroad obtains," he said with a keen look into Mr. French's face.

"I regret that he should harbor the idea that any person connected with the management of this road lacks efficiency, and having such conviction nothing will satisfy him except a sacrifice," said Mr. Judson, with a sweeping look into the faces of those about the table.

He then reviewed the cost of operation and construction and ended by saying:

"In order to insure success every officer of a railroad must put his shoulder to the wheel of its general manager. Now, gentlemen, let me hear from you."

Mr. French arose.

"Mr. Judson and gentlemen: I don't believe that I am justified in giving my reasons at this meeting why the Bondsville & Atlantic Railroad has been operated at a loss for nearly a year. I expected that a sacrifice would be demanded long ago, and I felt that I was to be the sacrifice," he said with a forced smile.

"As the affairs of this road are in hard straits at present, it is imperative that some one take hold of the reins quickly, who is able to save it, and that I may not be in his way, Mr. Judson, I will ask you to accept my resignation at this meeting, to take effect as soon as you have appointed my successor."

Mr. French took his seat and silence prevailed for a full moment.

Then Mr. Judson spoke, sitting.

"In accepting Mr. French's resignation I believe I speak the sentiments of those present when I say we are losing a conscientious and efficient officer. Were conditions different I would not accept your resignation, Mr. French, but we have vital interests at stake which must be subserved even to the cost of sacrifices. I might say much more on this subject, but it would not help the cause of the Bondsville & Atlantic."

At this juncture Mr. French arose and said:

"I believe I have nothing to offer in connection with the purpose for which this meeting was called, and, if you have no objection, Mr. Judson, I will attend to a few matters in my office."

"None whatever, Mr. French; you may retire if you wish," said Mr. Judson pleasantly.

When Mr. French had retired Mr. Judson again addressed those present.

"Gentlemen, the sacrifice just made was necessary to provide for a more loyal supporter on my staff. I presume you all know that the Great Eastern Consolidated is hard pressed for money and is squeezing every penny possible out of the Bondsville & Atlantic. The control of this road by that company is limited and we are sooner or later going to be subjects of a reorganized road.

"The sooner the Great Eastern Consolidated forfeits its lease the greater the benefits for the Bondsville & Atlantic, and by our individual efforts directed to this end shall each of us be valued when the reorganization occurs."

He paused to note the effect of his words and was encouraged to see the many affirmative nods from those around the table.

"I believe," he continued, searching each face, "that all present are ready to follow my suggestions loyally?"

There was no dissenting voice.

"In that case let me reiterate my policy of one year ago. I do not wish any of you to enter into any drastic reforms among the men. Men who are reckless or indifferent are hard to curb. Men who drink are

bound to get drunk. We need their services and must condone their indulgencies for the present. Our freights must be kept moving regardless of minor delays to our passenger trains, and you will instruct your dispatchers to this end."

Mr. Judson's policy contained many other instructions, but the meeting adjourned with a full understanding on each man's part what was his share to perform in ditching the Bondsville & Atlantic.

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Dale's first trip followed the meeting of the officers of the Bondsville & Atlantic, and he was also a passenger on the Limited in the opening of our story, and saw the conditions complained of by those on board.

The point where the train stopped was in a rocky cut, surmounted on either side by scrub pines, with no signs of human habitation.

"Where are we?" some one asked him, as Dale rose to go out of the rear door.

"I am sure I don't know—I'm a stranger on this road myself," he said.

He stood looking back in the direction whence they had come for several moments. It was now quite dark, but he could see the glimmer of the red and white lanterns in the hands of the flagman about fifty yards distant. He descended to the ground, looking toward the engine from whence came the familiar sound of a locomotive working in the most labored fashion. Then as he saw the red markers of a train on the siding coming nearer, he said:

"Freight—backing in to let 18 by."

This was indeed the cause of the delay.

Suddenly, without any apparent reason, he ran swiftly toward the flagman. As he reached his side he said:

"I've got a hunch that something is following. Give me those lamps!"

The next moment he had secured them and was running as if his life depended upon each step.

"Well, of all the nerve—wonder who that jay was?" Charlie Scott ejaculated. "He talked like a railroad man, but he acted like a bug-house convict. If I follow him they'll go off and leave me, then he's got my lamps—I'll smash that—"

Charlie did not complete his sentence. Above the roar of the echoes his ear caught a sound—the shrill call for brakes.

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When Dale started to run back with the lanterns he could not have told for his life why he did so, but a feeling seemed to prompt the action and he obeyed it. He was a good sprinter, and soon reached the big bluff where the tracks curved around its base for nearly half a mile. Even in the darkness he knew he was rounding a curve, and as he ran he realized that if he met a train his signals might not be seen in time to save the Limited.

One more minute of such effort would bring him to a point where he could see the track back to a distance of more than a mile, and where an approaching train might see his danger signal in time to avert an accident.

It was not to be.

Just as he reached the tangent spoken of the rays of a headlight shot around the curve. At the same moment he waved his red lantern. He heard no response, but as the train came closer he continued to signal. Then came a sound that chilled his blood.

It was the call of the engineer for help—one short blast of his whistle.

Dale's long experience told him the trouble—there was not a sufficient number of air brakes in use to stop the train and the heavy freight was beyond control of the engineer.

As the ponderous engine passed him he glanced up at the engineman and saw him reverse the lever. Again Dale heard that whistle almost human in its cry—STOP. He calculated the speed of the train an instant, then nerving himself for a terrible undertaking, leaped for a handhold on the side of a car.

He missed it!

The sound of shattered glass of the lanterns followed as Dale was thrown heavily to the ground. The next moment, however, he was again on his feet, but now in darkness. A second attempt followed, and for an instant it seemed as if he must be dashed to death, but a kind Providence ruled, and he quickly climbed to the top of the cars.

No one but an athlete trained to railroad duties could have accomplished the task. Slower and slower grew the speed as Dale flew from brake to brake, exerting his tremendous strength on each one, until at last he realized that the train had stopped—they were standing still.

When Dale had somewhat recovered his strength after the struggle he had made, he went forward. He saw No. 18, the Limited, still standing, and as occasional sounds of a slipping engine came to his ears he knew that the freight which was trying to back on the siding had not yet been able to do so. Reaching the engine of the train he had tried so hard to stop, he heard Bobby Waters, who was down on the ground, saying:

"Closest shave I ever had—never saw that flag till I was right on top of him. I put the old girl in the britchin' right off, for I knowed it was 18."

Before Charlie McClarren, his fireman, could reply, Dale loomed up out of the darkness, hatless, out of breath and bruised from the severe fall he had sustained. He noted that the engine's pilot was in close proximity to the rear sleeper and asked:

"Did we hit them?"

Charlie held his torch up and surveyed Dale from head to foot before answering.

"Almost touched—if she'd made another revolution she would have." Then after a second thought added, "Was you the fellow that flagged us—how did you git here?"

"Heard you call for brakes—nailed the side and helped make the stop," replied Dale briefly.

Charlie was speechless for a moment and looked his amazement.

"Say, partner, you're a trump. Who are you and what's your name?"

"My name is John Dale. I expect to go to work for this road when I have learned it. I saw the flagman of this train standing a short distance away before the notion came to me to get his lanterns—hello, here is the man we were talking of right now," Dale said, looking up.

It was Scott, and he was visibly agitated.

"I just heard you say your name is Dale," he said, while his voice trembled and his whole frame shook. "I ran back, too, when

I heard you call for brakes," he said, addressing Bobby.

In a moment he continued:

"I saw you catch the freight—I expected to see you killed. I saw you setting brakes—that was all, then you went round the curve out of sight and I sat down—I was all in—to listen to hear them hit. It was you, Mr. Dale, that saved the Limited."

Dale escaped the laudations of Bobby and Charlie by suddenly asserting his intention of going over to the "head end."

Arriving at the point where the blockade existed, he quickly took in the situation. The freight had been too heavily loaded and its engine, unable to back its train upon the siding, had stalled. The crews of both trains were discussing a way out of the dilemma when Dale reached them. In a tone which commanded action he said:

"Cut off enough cars to hold the Limited in the siding, then put the Limited in and back by," he said to the conductor of the freight.

The words he employed to secure the desired movement were perfectly clear to those who stood about him, and all wondered why they had not thought to do this before. It secured for him their appreciation of his quick grasp of situations and tact to meet them.

Dale remained behind when the Limited pulled out. When the freight had reunited its train he stepped to the gangway where Ed Collins was talking with Harry Bodman, the engineer.

Introducing himself merely as John Dale, he said:

"How is it that you picked out such a bad place to back in to let the Limited by you?"

"Well, I'll tell you, partner. We've got a bunch in the office that don't know any more about railroading than a Hottentot nigger or else they don't care much for their jobs. They tell us to keep goin' right ahead of these passenger trains when they are late and never tell us how much late they are, then what happens? You see how it was—they said get clear at R——s, and you see how we stuck the Limited."

Dale did not reply to this, but said:

"If you are ready to go I'll close the switch—I'm going to follow on the freight behind you."

As Dale climbed up in the cab, Bobby greeted him and said:

"Guess we'll be able to stop now—only had ten out of thirty-five cars cut in. That's the way they send us out of the yards—nobody ever tests the brakes—you seen for yourself what almost happened. And for flaggin'—well, they never get out more than two or three hundred feet."

Dale made notes of the failures as they went along and drew much information from Bobby, who assumed that Dale was learning the road with the intention of running a train as conductor.

The entire week was spent almost wholly on the rail. In the bunkrooms, the boarding houses, the hotels and the cabooses the inquiry was general:

"Have you seen the man they call John Dale?"

A few could answer the question that they had, but there were many who had heard of him.

"Is he a spotter?" some one asked Charlie Scott.

"No, or he would have had my goat for not flagging extra 2509 a week ago when they nearly went through the Limited."

"I don't know who he is, but I know what he is," Ed Collins said decisively. "He is a railroad man and has been a conductor, for he told me to be proud of that title, and I'm tellin' you fellows, I'm goin' to hit the ball from now on."

While the various opinions were being expressed in Dale's favor, he was making his first report to President Sylvester. It may be imagined that Dale's prestige did not stop with the men. In the office at Bondsville, as well as at Barrington, the headquarters of Superintendent Turner, Dale's contact and influence had been noted.

A little note from President Sylvester, which had been filed a week before as of little moment was looked up, as it was now wanted to know the man he had said he was sending to help line the boys up a week before. Mr. Judson was probably more in-

terested in Dale this moment than in any other living man.

He did not summon his secretary, but grasped a pen and wrote an autograph letter to Superintendent Turner.

"General Manager's Office,

Bondsville, Nov. 1.

Mr. J. L. Turner, Gen'l Supt.:

Arrange to meet John Dale, now riding our trains. Learn his assignments if possible, and report to me personally.

Howard Judson."

Dale now became a subject of speculation from all quarters. The men who asked Superintendent Turner who he was found out nothing. Superintendent Turner grew inquisitive and questioned the men.

"Who is carrying this man—what does his pass read?" he asked Ed Bradley, one of the passenger conductors on whose train he had been over part of the road.

"He has a Great Eastern Consolidated annual, No. 1001," said Bradley, referring to his book. "It reads, John Dale, supervisor of train operation, and signed by the president's secretary."

While Superintendent Turner was yet wondering and while Mr. Judson was reading the report received that morning from Superintendent Turner, he was handed a message dated at New York. It was brief, and read:

"New York, 11-9.

Mr. Howard Judson, Bondsville:

Arrange to meet me at Terminal Junction tomorrow in my car, which is attached to No. 53.

John W. Sylvester."

When he had concluded the reading he called his secretary and said:

"Frank, see that my car is put on No. 49 tonight. You will go with me to Terminal Junction."

Dale also received a communication from the president, asking him to meet him at the same time and place indicated in his letter to Mr. Judson.

Dale was already seated and talking with the president when Mr. Judson arrived. An introduction followed which was calculated to bring Dale and Mr. Judson together on a friendly basis.

"Howard," said the president beaming, "this is John Dale—one of the most loyal men I ever had. He is a resourceful fellow and will never lie down until the work is done, and done right."

"That is a pretty big compliment," laughed Dale.

Mr. Judson frowned slightly and looked Dale over without replying.

"You have been tried out, Dale," President Sylvester continued, "and I have no hesitation in recommending you to Mr. Judson."

Then turning to Mr. Judson, he said:

"I wish you would find some position for this man—trainmaster or something of the sort—give him authority to discipline the men and let us see what can be accomplished by teaching them how we used to do business when I was his division superintendent."

"What can you do?" Mr. Judson asked Dale, eyeing him narrowly.

"That's a question," replied Dale, meeting his gaze squarely. "I would first have to learn what my duties are, then time would tell what I would be able to do."

The president excused himself to Mr. Judson and Dale at this moment, and told them to talk the matter over between themselves.

Mr. Judson spoke again.

"I believe you are the fellow who has been making reports of conditions as you found them on the Bondsville & Atlantic for the past week."

Dale was about to reply when Mr. Judson went on.

"Now, in event you accept service with the Bondsville & Atlantic I suppose you know that it would be disloyal to me, as the general manager of that road, for you to communicate to the president anything in connection with its management? Such reports must be made by you to your superintendent."

"I believe I understand you, sir," replied Dale.

After the matter of salary had been agreed upon Mr. Judson said:

"You will accompany me to Barrington and there meet Superintendent Turner, to whom you will report."

When Mr. Sylvester bade Dale goodbye, he said:

"Now, Dale, do all you can for Mr. Judson. You're working for me also—make good—that's all."

Dale promised him he would as they shook hands at parting.

During the trip Mr. Judson's attitude was one which puzzled Dale not a little. One moment he was telling Dale to secure the co-operation of the men, and the next he seemed to be testing his ideas of consistency when he required his subordinates to condone errors in mismanagement.

Only when he had time to think the matter all over after having met Superintendent Turner did he come to himself ready for action. Speaking aloud, he said:

"As sure as I am John Dale I'll do it—I promised Mr. Sylvester and I'll keep my promise, if I don't stay here a week."

Dale was astonished on his first visit to the roundhouse and shops as well as the yards where trains are made up. An air of indolence prevailed in both places. The work was being carried on without any apparent degree of push that characterized other shops and yards Dale had seen. He stopped at Stall No. 13 in the house where workmen were gathered together about the 2905. As the foreman was seen approaching several men attempted to get busy.

"They have ordered this engine for 11 o'clock—how much is there to do to it yet?" he asked.

"We're waiting for the tire setting machine," said one of the men. "They're using it on Johnson's gang now."

"How are you fixed?" the foreman asked one of the flue setters.

"Seventeen flues to cork—can't do that before 2 o'clock with only one helper," he replied.

"Well, hurry up, but take your time," he said laughing as he turned to go. "I've OK'd the engine for 11 o'clock and have called the crew."

Dale mentally calculated the time the crew which was to take out the train would have to wait.

"At least three hours," he mused. "That's time paid which is out of the pocket of the company and not one cent of benefit in

return. That's the kind of business that makes men indifferent when they show up."

He wheeled and went straight for the yardmaster's office. When he reached that place known as the "shanty" he found a group of men sitting on the benches inside busily engaged in discussing their prospects for getting trains. None seemed to know Dale when he stepped inside and his appearance among them did not interrupt the trend of the talk.

"I'll tell you fellows, this thing is getting fierce. We was called for 6 o'clock this morning and ever since then we've been hangin' around this joint waitin' for an engine," one of the number exclaimed.

"Yes, and when we do git out we get it in the neck—we're on the road so long we git starved and then a fellow's got to have something to brace him up—I never went into a saloon till I went to work for this pike," chimed in a sturdy built fellow.

Dale felt a pity for the fellow, but remained a silent listener. Just then another brakeman came in. His eyes were blinking and his step irregular.

"What's the matter, Baldy?" laughed one of the number.

"Better set out five cars—you've got more than your tonnage," suggested another.

Baldy straightened up a moment, then looking in the faces of those about him said:

"You guys think a fellow's drunk when he's all in for sleep. I've been tryin' to sleep on the floor of the caboos with a paper under my head—this company's too poor," he said sarcastically "to give us a cushion."

When Dale introduced himself to Paddy Shane, the yardmaster, that afternoon, he had plenty to say to him. The door of his private office was closed for two hours and as the little knot of men peeped through the window from time to time they saw Dale's fist come down emphatically while talking and could see Paddy looking at the floor.

"Who's the guy inside?" Baldy asked.

No one seemed to know.

"Bet I can call the turn," he said. "That's the new trainmaster, John Dale."

"He took in all we was sayin' all right—he was standing in here all morning. Well," he added after a moment, "we gave it to him straight anyhow; maybe he'll iron out some of these yaps and start something."

"I've heard about him," Baldy said, "and if he's the hustler they say he is he's a crackerjack."

Just then Dale was seen to arise and Paddy opened the door for him.

"I'll do what ye say, Mister Dale. Send over the new delay form and we'll begin to check back on the roundhouse."

The new delay report mentioned was Dale's invention. It put each delay on record for every train which departed late and gave the specific cause.

"Until we all understand this report and its purpose we will have some delays," said Dale as they paused outside the door, "but within ten days it will be clear to all and then we will put the detentions right up to the man who is responsible. Whether he is in one position or another he will have to answer for them."

Dale possessed tact. If he condoned an error he was sure to ask the transgressor to do some sort of missionary work to atone for his share of it. If he stepped in and performed a meritorious service he always attributed his quick perception and grasp of situations to the practice of judgment without which, he said, no man could be a success in railroading. If he discovered a dangerous condition about a train he attributed it to training received and taught the men that eternal vigilance is the price of safety, and that according to their vigilance their lives depended.

It was little wonder that Dale's name became the watchword of perfection among them. What Dale said was right was accepted and acted upon as right. His democracy won friends and admirers while his untiring efforts secured hosts of followers. He kept his promises and no one knew how he accomplished the promise he had made to have bunk houses built and cushions for the cabooses, yet they came. He brought them together in his office at Barrington and defined the application of train rules and pointed out the errors of

the dispatchers that were the cause of so many detentions to passenger trains and which kept them from their homes in consequence. His was a magnetic nature which drew to himself the best there is in men. He instructed them contrary to practices that had obtained in the past and pointed out a way in harmony with the ethics of good railroading.

"It's just like an old fashioned Methodist revival," shouted Baldy as the meeting closed.

"Hallelujah then," shouted Bobby Waters with a laugh. "We wanted just such a man here long ago."

Dale issued invitations to his dispatchers and to his superintendent to join the meeting. Not only his arguments were good but his manner of putting the rules in practice while working with them on the road proved his ability and won their admiration. He waited for clashes arising out of his instructions which conflicted with established methods adopted in harmony with Mr. Judson's policy. A few did arise, but the men won in each case.

A crucial point was gradually nearing.

The appointment of Mr. Turner was approved and Mr. French was mentioned as having resigned to accept service with the Great Eastern Consolidated. Immediately Mr. Judson had a conference with his new lieutenant.

When they were alone in the general manager's office Mr. Judson said:

"It is time that drastic action is taken to rid ourselves of this man Dale. Have you any grounds to make a charge that will stand in case the president inquires into the cause of dismissal?" Mr. Judson asked.

"I think I can find one," replied Mr. Turner with a confidential nod of his head.

"Then, fire him—if you can not get his resignation."

Whether it was the calm that precedes the storm that made Dale feel there was an impending crisis or whether it was the persistence on the part of his superior officers to ignore his efforts and offer no interference to his active work, he could not tell; at any rate he was not surprised when he received the summons to report in the

superintendent's office—that the general superintendent wished to speak to him.

"Dale," he said briefly without deigning to acknowledge his salutation, "Mr. Judson sent me down here to demand your resignation or, in case you refuse to give it—to fire you."

"On the grounds of unsatisfactory service I suppose?" replied Dale with a rising inflection.

"No, sir; for insubordination."

"Would you mind making one specific charge?"

"One of the men wrote a letter to the president lauding your services. You caused that letter to be written," he said sternly.

"Out of deference to your position I withhold calling you a liar," said Dale hotly. "To anyone else I say it is a lie—I have no need to write to that man what I am doing—he knows."

"I suppose so," Mr. Turner said with a sneer. "But how about the resignation?"

"You can have it," replied Dale. "I will have it ready in a few moments so that you can take it back to Mr. Judson."

When Dale handed Mr. Turner his resignation he attempted to express his regrets that he was compelled to do so unpleasant a duty, but Dale stopped him.

"I don't know how much of that is sincere, for while I have been your trainmaster you have never showed the least interest in what I did—rather it appeared that my efforts were a handicap of some sort."

Mr. Turner frowned and said:

"It doesn't make any difference now, Dale. I suppose the president will take care of you, only I do not want you to go from here feeling that I had anything to do with your leaving—it was entirely up to Mr. Judson."

As Dale was about to take his leave Mr. Turner added:

"When you see the president I wish you would speak a favorable word for me—you know the Barrington division boomed the past year while I was superintendent."

Dale's lip curled scornfully as he turned away, but he did not reply. He was now without a position. Notwithstanding his innocence he regretted that charges of so

gross a nature as insubordination should be laid at his door.

"I was just beginning to accomplish something," he murmured as he entered his office. He stopped suddenly as if confronted by a ghost.

"I wonder if this is the beginning of the end?" he exclaimed.

As if in answer to his query he found a letter on his desk which had been delivered during his absence. Hastily opening it he read:

"Bondsville 5-1—

Mr. John Dale, Trainmaster, Barrington:

Dear Sir—Your resignation will be demanded tomorrow on penalty of dismissal. Mr. Turner to make charges to get rid of you on account of your activity which opposes the policy of the management.

(Confidential) Signed: Frank."

Dale's face showed no signs of surprise. He folded the letter and placed it in his pocket.

"A friend in the camp of the enemy," he said aloud.

The following morning as Dale was leaving for New York he received a copy of the notice mentioning the abolishment of his office. This also he placed in his pocket.

His heart was filled with regrets of a tender nature as the train carried him past the faithful fellows he saw in the yards, for they had endeared themselves to him. Not until he had arrived in the big city did he begin to think what report he should make to Mr. Sylvester.

The following morning found him an early caller. Shaking hands with Joe he asked to see the president and was told to go in.

"Hello, Dale; what's up?" the president said anxiously.

Dale handed the president the notice of the abolishment of the office he had held for two years and the letter from the private secretary of the general manager of the Bondsville & Atlantic.

"Who is this Frank who signs this letter?" asked the president, with a slight frown.

"He is secretary to the general manager."

"What does he mean by 'your activity which opposes the policy of the general manager?'"

"My interest in the welfare of the road—the education of the men and the betterment of the service generally, explains what I have been actively engaged in; you can draw your own conclusions if such be opposed to the policy of a general manager, what his intentions are. It is my opinion," Dale added, "that the same cause was back of Mr. French's resignation—he was too active. You did not understand and demanded his resignation."

"I demanded," said the president, straightening himself in his chair, "did you say I demanded Mr. French's resignation?"

"I believe that was what I heard Mr. Judson gave to the official family as a reason," replied Dale.

"What was the specific reason suggested in your case?"

"I was charged with insubordination—being the instigator of a letter to yourself lauding my efforts."

"Dale, there is something back of this. I expect Mr. French within a few minutes and I shall see what he knows of the conditions that are existing relative to the policy of Mr. Judson."

He had scarcely spoken when Joe entered saying:

"Mr. French is waiting."

"Tell him to come in. Dale, you remain."

Mr. French was delighted to see Dale and after greetings had been exchanged with the president he was offered a seat.

"Mr. French," said the president in a business-like way, "what do you know about Mr. Judson's policy—in what way were you not in harmony with it?"

Mr. French was taken so by surprise that he could hardly frame an answer.

"I have nothing conclusive to offer you. I can tell you, however, that certain suggestions which came from Mr. Judson did not appeal to me."

"What were they?" asked the president.

"He suggested that all trains of whatever class be kept in motion one after the

other notwithstanding consequent delays to our passenger traffic."

"Did that meet your concurrence?"

"It did not."

"What next?"

"That we refrain from exerting drastic discipline in cases of intoxication and serious accidents, or from negligence threatening the safety of trains."

"What was your attitude?"

"I opposed it, but was overruled and cases of such nature were held back in the office of Mr. Turner and were never allowed to come to my attention."

"What led up to your resignation as general superintendent?"

"The complaint alleged to have come from your office that the road was not properly supervised and made to pay what it was able to pay, consequently calling for better supervision."

The president was silent a full moment, then turning to Dale said:

"What sort of men have we on the Bondsville & Atlantic?"

"Of the very best," replied Dale heartily. "They were worse treated than slaves when I went there. Every effort of mine to better their conditions was rewarded a dozen times by their work and loyalty to me."

"I think the intention is clear to me," said the president, musing, "and I will show them yet that the Bondsville & Atlantic is gilt edged," he said, pushing a button.

"Joe, wire Mr. Judson and Mr. Turner to meet Mr. French, Mr. Dale and myself at Ravensdale tomorrow at noon. Tell Mr. Judson I am waiting for his reply."

The president then spoke of other matters a few moments in connection with the Bondsville & Atlantic's prospects when Joe reappeared with a message.

The president was evidently greatly surprised, for as he laid aside the message he exclaimed:

"Well!"

Dale and Mr. French looked at each other, then at the president.

Again he took up the message, then smiled as he looked at the inquisitive faces before him.

"I have Mr. Judson's reply as follows:"

"Bondsville 5-3d—

John W. Sylvester,

President, G. E. C. R. R.:

Sorry we can not arrange to meet the gentlemen as requested. Please accept our resignations to take effect on receipt of this message.

Signed: Howard Judson, Gen'l Mgr.

J. L. Turner, Gen'l Supt.

There was a silence for a moment, then the president turned to his little audience saying:

"Gentlemen I am indebted to you. The Bondsville & Atlantic had two traitors who were trying to ruin me. They have both resigned. We are without officers for those places this moment, but I feel that we will come out all right."

Then turning to Mr. French he said:

"I shall wire my acceptance of their resignations at once and, if you will reconsider your resignation I will also reappoint you to your old position."

Mr. French thanked the president and said he would do so.

"I will assume the management of that road personally," he replied, "for the present."

"I almost forgot about you, Dale—you want a job, too, don't you?"

Before Dale could reply he continued:

"I am going to let Mr. French take care of you."

"Well, if you put it that way," said Mr. French, "I believe Dale would make a first-class superintendent and as soon as it can be arranged he may consider himself located at Barrington."

"So be it," said the president swinging around in his chair, pressing the button.

"Here's where we start the wheels of a new administration with integrity and honesty for our policy, giving preference to merit and the benefit of the doubt to every erring man."

It was all accomplished so quietly that the public and the men lost their breath, so to speak, when the word came that Mr. French again had control of the reins.

Nor yet did surprises stop, for the next day John Dale stepped into the superintendent's position.

While the world at large did not get a reason for the radical changes that came to pass within a few days there was a suspicion that Dale was at the bottom of it, and being pleased they shouted:

"Hurrah for the man that does things—
"DALE!"—By WILLIAM D'KEITH ANDERSON, in *The Railroad Trainman*.

HIS START.

AT a meeting of the Booneton Medical Society, there not being a quorum, half a dozen doctors sat around chatting. The conversation fell upon the new science of medicine, which practically had its beginning in the investigations of Mr. Pasteur, and is making great headway in those experiments carried on by scientists who devote themselves to original research. Commenting on the great change scientific research has wrought in the medical profession, Dr. Elderkin, a retired physician, told the following story:

When I started to practice, though it was in the latter half of the nineteenth century, our profession had lagged far behind the progressive spirit of the times. Though we are still woefully ignorant, we know far more than we did then, and when we remember that we had at that time but recently advanced beyond the universal remedy of blood-letting, originally practiced by the barber who shaved our ancestors, we get some idea of the low condition of the science of medicine half a century ago.

Being naturally of a scientific mind, I realized this. Upon finishing my course at the medical college I was surprised that there was so little really known. Indeed, beyond the fact that vaccination will prevent smallpox, I don't remember a single certainty in medicine that I had learned in my college course. What a difference from the present, when we have antitoxins that work with absolute certainty; the X-ray, by which to look into the human body, and have proved that diseases are transmitted by the fly and the mosquito!

I settled in this very town and hung out my shingle. Experience was then the doctor's best card. A bald head, a pair of mutton chop gray whiskers, a presence that bespoke wisdom—these were sure to bring success to any practitioner. This impressive person of half a century ago did not know one-tenth as much as the poorest student in a class graduating in a medical school today. But since there was nothing but experience on which to base confidence, the old practitioner had it all his own way, and the young man had no show at all.

I looked like a boy and was treated as a boy, for never did a patient darken my doors. I was socially well received by the young people of town and formed the acquaintance of a number of young girls, who thought me "a nice little fellow" and snickered when they called me doctor, their idea of a physician being the elderly party I have mentioned. One of these young ladies I admired very much and thought that if I could marry her possibly I might inspire some confidence and make a beginning. But she was the daughter of the principal man in the place, John Parkinson, and there was an awful gap between her and a tow-headed, blue-eyed doctor who didn't look old enough to treat a cat. As to being called in to treat Mr. Parkinson or any member of her family, there was no more chance of that than being struck by lightning.

His family physician, Dr. Swinbourne, in his younger days had bled his patients for every disease, and so wedded was he to the treatment that he still carried a lancet in his medical case. The Parkinsons revered him as a man of great experience and he was supposed to have a wonderful advantage in knowing the constitution of every member of the family, including the last child born, who was but eight months old and sound as a nut. The chance of my supplanting this august person as physician in the household was as remote as being called upon to treat the President of the United States.

But no matter how firm one is settled on any soft spot let him beware of being undermined. His very greatness is liable to give his competitor a chance. Mr. Parkin-

son was fond of horses and owned some valuable stock. One of his animals was sired by a racer and had cost \$3,000. One day this horse was taken sick. Would his owner insult the great Swinbourne by asking him to treat a horse? Never! A veterinary surgeon was called in. It is quite likely that he knew as much about what ailed the horse and how to cure him as the M. D.—he certainly knew as much as I did—but, despite his valuable efforts, the animal grew worse and the veterinary finally gave him up as a candidate for button and glue material.

Mr. Parkinson was one of those persistent men who never say die, and it occurred to him that I might not feel very much insulted at being called in to treat a horse. But he could afford to insult me, though he could not afford to insult his physician. For if any of the family were taken ill and the doctor refused to treat the patient there was likely to be crape on the door. At any rate, I was called in to have a look at the horse.

Mr. Parkinson had sent the veterinary away and there was no one present at my visit to the patient but myself and his owner. The horse was lying on the stable floor to all appearance dead. My first impulse was—from force of habit—to feel his pulse, but I remembered that I might get nearer his heart than his fetlock, so I put my hand behind his fore leg. There was still a faint beat and I knew he was not yet quite dead.

My ignorance of what was the matter with him and what to do for him was such that I stood doubtless looking as ignorant as I felt. Mr. Parkinson had his eyes on me and turned away with a look of disgust. It was this that nerved me at the turning point of my life.

"Mr. Parkinson," I said, "your horse is dying of digitalis."

I was obliged to choose a word so suddenly that I hit upon the name of a drug and feared my man would know that it was a drug and not a disease.

"Well?" he said somewhat more confidentially.

I was tempted to make an excuse to go to the druggist, to get a dose for the

brute, but seeing the effect of my first bluff I resolved on another.

"I don't like to leave him," I said. "Would you mind getting me a messenger? I wish to send for a remedy."

"Not a bit. I'll call Tom. I don't know why he is not here. This is his place, especially at such a time."

He went to the house, a few hundred yards distant. He was absent some time. Not being able to find his man and while he was gone I upset a peck measure used for carrying oats, but now filled with salt. Some of the contents fell on the horse's tongue, which was protruding from his mouth. I noticed that the member quivered. I picked up a little more salt from the floor and dropped it on the tongue. Slowly it was withdrawn into the horse's mouth. Taking up a handful I opened the jaws and thrust it in.

I stood there, or rather knelt, feeding the horse salt till Mr. Parkinson returned. The other had disappeared, doubtless thinking he would be blamed in the matter of the loss of the horse and the master was abusing him to me when he caught sight of the patient licking his chops with his eyes open.

"Why, he seems to be better."

"Certainly."

"Do you think you can pull him through?"

"I think I can."

"What's that you're giving him?"

"A saline remedy I've found beneficial in such cases."

He didn't ask where I got it, or I would have told him I had it in my medicine case.

Well, it happened that my knocking over the salt had given my patient just what he needed. I don't know even now what his trouble was, but I do know that animals must have salt. At any rate a few handfuls of it effected a change in his condition, and he improved rapidly. I followed up the treatment by giving him water to drink, and it was not long before he stood up on his feet.

"By Jove!" exclaimed Mr. Parkinson. "That was the most marvelous cure I ever met with. I must tell Swinbourne about that. What did you call the disease?"

"Mr. Parkinson," I said, assuming an injured tone, "I have cured your horse, but I object to furnishing medical information to one of these old school doctors. I beg you not to mention the matter to Dr. Swinbourne."

"Why, it might lead him to take an interest in you."

"Not at all. You, as a layman, are not aware of the jealousies existing in our profession. Should you tell Dr. Swinbourne of this cure he would doubtless assert that your horse would have recovered just as well without my treatment as with it."

I shot a glance at him to see how the thrust struck him, expecting that he would deny that Swinbourne was any such man. I was agreeably disappointed.

"You're right, my boy," he said. "Never give away anything you've got unless you've something to gain by it."

Gentlemen, if you ask me what gave me a start in a practice which became for half a century all I could have desired I reply blind luck, followed up with a dose of concentrated gall. Besides, the lesson I learned was of great benefit. I made it a rule the less I knew about a case the more to pretend. And why not? Does a doctor gain anything by losing the confidence of a patient? By no means. On the contrary, the patient loses heart, and that is the worst thing that can happen.

But to finish my story. Mr. Parkinson let it be known that he would have lost his valuable horse had it not been for my skill, and I was installed as physician to the family, to be called upon for slight indispositions. Dr. Swinbourne being summoned to treat troubles of importance. This led to some outside practice, and in time I assumed sufficient boldness to pay attention to Miss Parkinson. By this time I had become known not as the man who had cured a horse, but one who had cured human beings. I finally married Miss Parkinson, but this was not till Swinbourne had retired and I was installed not only in his place, but succeeded to the bulk of his practice. In fact, he retired because he found that I was forging ahead of him.

In claiming precedence in what we know now to what we knew then I am sorry to say that in the majority of cases it is still guesswork with us. We try a remedy and if the patient does not respond we try another and another, till either we have tried them all or the patient succumbs or recovers. But we have the satisfaction of knowing that both in America and Europe men are engaged in devoting their entire time to investigation, and every year we know more than we knew the year before.

My wife never knew how accidental was the success that gave me my start till we had been married many years.—By F. A. MITCHEL, in *Journal of Industry*.

THE LAST DRINK.

I HAD worked third shift at Colfax less than three months, but during that time I had become quite a society man. I was invited out practically every night, and when I wasn't I had calls to make, which usually kept me up until nearly midnight, at which time I relieved Collins.

After the party or dance was over and we—I mean the young fellows of the little town—had accompanied our girls home, it was our habit to meet in Feland's saloon, where we would talk and drink until nearly midnight, with the result that I often went on duty pretty well jingled. I wouldn't be drunk, understand, but in that state where things looked queer and unnatural to me; the rough edges were filed off the corners of life, as it were, by the effects of the liquor.

One night, early in the winter, I took a girl home from a dance, and, on my way to the depot, stopped in, as usual, at Feland's, where the gang "set 'em up" around. There were seven of us. That meant that within half an hour I had taken seven drinks. No wonder strange things happened that night. I was the receptacle for enough alcohol to make a porterhouse steak disintegrate. Instead of cutting my stomach into pieces it went to my brain. After the seventh drink, the others left the saloon, but as it was not quite midnight, I stayed for another drink and a chat with the bartender.

"This one's on me," he said in a sudden fit of generosity, and as I nodded, he began to mix the cocktails. "I'm sure the road's got a good fellow on after midnight now," he continued. "The last good fellow here was Caskey. Brown, the man here before you came, was sure a self-centered guy. Why, he wasn't in our place once all the time he was here. Caskey was sure a good fellow, though."

"They promoted Brown, didn't they?" I asked as I dreamily watched him pour the cocktails into the tall-stemmed glasses.

"Yes; he went up to the headquarters office," said the bartender. "Here's how." And we drank.

"What became of Caskey?" I asked.

"Oh, he's out in Utah now. They canned him off this road for coming over here to get a drink and forgetting to stop a train he had orders for. The freight he let pass met a passenger train about five miles above here, but they saw each other in time to stop, and so nobody was hurt. But Caskey was a good fellow, all right."

I took my last drink for the night and walked over to the depot. Old Collins was putting on his coat and gathering up his lunch basket and coffee pot. He made his coffee on the office stove, for he was a sober old fellow and wouldn't drink anything stronger than the Java.

"Feel all right, sonny?" he asked, as I looked over the thirty-one clips to see if he had any orders on hand to sign for.

"Sure," I answered. "Why?"

"If I were you, my boy, I'd cut out Feland's. More than one good man has gone the boomer route by dabbling with the stuff he hands out."

I became angry. "Why you old home-guard," I exclaimed, "if you don't report me, no one will ever know whether I go there or not."

The old man made a grimace, as if controlling himself. "They knew all about Caskey, and I'm sure he was never reported from here."

"But Caskey let a train get by him. Catch me doing anything like that!" And I smiled in a very superior way as the old man turned and walked out.

The big, fat stove was red hot, and I soon became warm and sleepy. Nothing was doing on the wires except a car report from a station fifty miles down the line. I leaned back comfortably and listened to the report, but suddenly it stopped. The lights grew dim and I could see them only through a haze. The liquor had reached my brain. I was brought to my senses by the sound of my call coming impatiently on the wire. The operator at the other end was signing "DS" and I knew from that it was the dispatcher and by the way he handled the key, that he had been calling for some time.

"OS extra south," he said when I answered. Which meant that he wanted a report on when they had arrived and left my station.

"No OS," I answered. I figured that if a train had passed I surely would have heard it, even if I were taking a catnap.

Then he sent an order: "No. 98, engines 1240 and 1008 will meet extra '553' at Colfax."

"Sure the '553' hasn't passed?" he asked again.

"Sure," I answered.

"Should have passed thirty minutes ago," he said, and closed his key.

Until then I had not thought to look at the clock. I glanced up. The hands pointed to 2:30. I had been asleep more than two hours and perhaps, after all, the extra had passed. And if it had—well, they would need a wrecker, some doctors and nurses and a few coffins, that was all. I would probably follow Caskey, if they didn't soak me for murder.

I stepped out on the platform and glanced up at my semaphore in doing so. It was down, showing white! I was sure I had left it red when I took the office over from Collins. I had no recollection of turning it since that time. I looked down at the rails. A sheet of frost covered them. I made a mark on the nearest one with my thumb and watched to see how long it would take the frost to obliterate the imprint. By that means I wished to assure myself that a train couldn't have passed within the last thirty minutes without showing a mark on the rails. I watched that

mark for some minutes and it appeared as plain as when I made it. My heart grew lighter. Then I glanced up in the direction of town and back at the rail. The mark was gone! As long as I kept my eyes on the spot the change had not been appreciable, but it disappeared the instant I had glanced away.

I heard another call from "DS" and went in and answered.

"Nothing from '553' yet?"

"Nothing," I answered. "What is it?"

"Theatrical special. Craig pulling it. Should have been there an hour ago."

My hair began to rise. I was perfectly sober now, and suffering. For Craig had been the man who found me, a disheartened kid, less than four months before, loafing around the dispatcher's office, waiting for something to turn up. My money was gone. I was hungry. The big fellow took pity on me and asked me to his home, where I stayed several weeks, during which time he had introduced me to the men in the general office, to the trainmaster, and had been instrumental in getting me the job I was holding. For he was a man the officials knew and valued and so a friend of his landed a job much easier than the unknown little tramp. His wife had treated me as she would have treated a son; I had played hours at a time with the baby; had made myself perfectly at home, in fact. And it was such a home as I appreciated, for I was but a boy. And now I was Craig's murderer! Above the anguish at the thought I remembered something I had forgotten for a long time—that when I was sent to Colfax, Craig loaned me \$10.00, to "start on" as he had put it. I had neglected to repay it, for Feland's bill was rather large every payday and other expenses ran high in the social circle I was in. How small I felt myself at the recollection of the debt!

I knew what it would mean if he hit No. "98." That was the fast meat train starting each night from a great packing house center at the other end of the division. It made passenger time. From the starting point to my station the road followed the river, a course of cuts and curves. The men who pulled the "98" were

not mollicoddles. A man who knew fear would have lasted about one run. They had to be men with good, red blood in their veins—and plenty of it—to rattle ahead of forty refrigerator cars around the bluffs and curves on that run. They made the time, but in doing so looked Death in the face and bluffed him every foot of the way. And I had put Craig and his big passenger engine against the two moguls on one of those curves. I had sent him to eternity and made his wife a widow and his baby an orphan.

I must have aged twenty years in ten minutes. I felt the hangman's noose around my neck; I heard the boys on the road mention my name with an oath and a sneer; I felt the sharp cut of the glances flashed at me from the eyes of the people who had been my friends—the rough, kind-hearted men who would burst noisily into the office when my signal stopped them and pass a joke while waiting to get "complete" on their orders. But, worst of all, I could see the horror of the look in the eyes of Craig's wife, when she learned that the man her husband had done so much for had sent him to a death among a lot of flying steel and scalding steam. For I knew that if the trains went together he would die on his seat. He was no quitter; the yellow streak had been left out when he was made. He would stay with the "553" as long as there was a chance of saving the passengers behind him. I did not give a thought to the people he was pulling. They were something intangible, unknown. I had not the fine sense of obligation due to patrons of the road that an engineer has.

I had no gun. I was sorry I had made it a practice never to carry one. Death by my own hand was preferable to the agony I was suffering. My mind went over the past hard, love-hungry life. Since the time I had left the orphan asylum I had known no home; enjoyed none of the inside pleasures of home life except those few weeks at Craig's. All the pent-up love of a homeless boy had gone out to Craig, his wife and the baby—and the baby had been very demonstrative in returning that love. I seemed to feel his soft little arms around my neck. Ugh! I spat in disgust.

I was a brute; an imbecile; a thing unclean. I was not fit to be eaten by buzzards. To have traded the love of even a dog for a bartender's appellation of "good fellow" would have been bad enough, but to trade the love of a child for such a name was a sacrilege. The baby would hate my name when he grew up to realize the enormity of the crime I had committed; when he grew to know that I had made him fatherless.

Ten minutes more of such thoughts would have driven me crazy. I have been told since that great mental anguish will cause brain lesion as surely as will a blow on the head with an iron bar. I believe it. But I saved my mind. I called up the dispatcher and confessed:

"Better order out the wrecker," I told him. "I've been asleep. They've met by this time somewhere up the river. I'll go for Collins or the day man and get one of them to work the remainder of my shift. And I'll be here when you send the officers of the law for me."

"'Bust' that order," came the reply. "There is no extra '553.' Craig is at home, I suppose. If you had been older we'd have fired you some time ago, but I wanted to give you a chance to straighten up, because I think you have good stuff in you. Cut out Feland's. Do that or get off the road. You can give '98' a clear board; there's nothing against her tonight."

"I asked Collins to stay around," he added, "and to turn your semaphore white in case you went to sleep. I think this scare will be a lesson to you."

Just then Collins stepped in. I had my head on the telegraph desk and was crying. The reaction had been too great for me. He said nothing and went out again, closing the door softly behind him.

After that night I did not stop at Feland's saloon on my way to work. I have seen the swinging doors of many a saloon since then, but always from the outside. I'll have to confess that I cried again that night. After the head end of "98" shot by that morning, the smokestacks of both engines spitting sparks into the frosty air, I thought of the cheery greeting I had heard yelled from both cabs, and how I might have sent those friends of mine to

death. I forgot I was a "good fellow;" a cog in the wheel of a great railroad system; a man. I went into the office and cried as a two-year-old does after mashing his finger.

Some two years or more after that night I followed Brown up to a better position. But long before promotion came I had ceased to be a "good fellow" in the bartender's estimation.—By FRANK KAVANAUGH, Moberly, Mo.

A WRONG DECISION.

MY uncle, Nathan Travers, was a rich man without children of his own, and I was to be his heir. He was a man who never forgave an injury. If any one tried to get an unwarranted advantage of him he would beat him, if possible, and in any event would never forgive him. He lived in a suburban town alone except for the servants, received no company and never went out socially. I went to see him at least once a week, often remaining all night.

One morning, after having dined with him the evening before and remained all night, intending to take an early train to the city, I went into his room to bid him goodby and was shocked to find him dead in his bed. He had been stabbed in the heart. I was about to call the servants when it occurred to me that, being my uncle's heir, I was in a position to be suspected of his murder.

Would it be better for me to be before the world the discoverer of my uncle's having been killed or to leave the house, pretending not to know anything about it? I had been asked the night before by a maid if I would have breakfast prepared for me and had said that I would breakfast in the city.

If I went out, as was to be expected, the servants would discover and announce the murder. I gave but a few seconds to deliberate whether I should leave the house thus or announce the murder, then decided on the former course.

On my way to the city I was much agitated and fearful that I had decided wrong. It turned out that I had. A maid

had arisen and was descending from the story above when I was leaving my uncle's room. She saw me, and later, when she went to awaken her master and found him dead, remembered having seen me leaving his chamber. The result was that when I was told of the tragedy and looked surprised and shocked I was at once arrested and brought to trial.

The explanation I have given here was without any effect on the jury. My attorney only relied on it so far as it could be corroborated by other evidence. He introduced the statements of those who knew my uncle and who swore that he was a man having many enemies. During his long life several persons had said to him: "You shall pay for this," or "I'll have your heart's blood," or "Just you wait." My defender took the ground that some one of these persons had done the deed. But my unwise action on discovering my uncle's dead body had fixed his death irrevocably on me unless the real murderer could be discovered.

I was convicted. My lawyer resorted to the usual methods to secure delay, and my execution was put off from time to time. Finally, all these subterfuges having failed, a day was set for my death.

Books and newspapers were allowed me, but I could read only the latter. One day I was trying to keep my mind off my horror by reading a morning journal when I saw that a burglary had been committed and the robber had been arrested with the plunder on him.

His portrait was in the rogues' gallery and identified him as Peter Ritterhof, with several aliases. He had but recently left state prison, having been sent there for a robbery committed five years before.

Ritterhof! Where had I heard that name? Some Ritterhof had crossed my path at some time, but I could not remem-

ber when, the circumstances or the person. The memory does not always act instantly. There are cases wherein it requires time. Presently I recalled that the name was connected with a scene in court. Then the fact came to me that my uncle had once sent a workman to the penitentiary who had been engaged in his house and whom he accused of purloining certain valuables. Lastly, Ritterhof and this workman became identical in my mind.

I sent for my attorney at once and told him what I have given here. Not wishing to excite in me a hope that might be dashed, he went away, simply saying that he would make a thorough investigation. In time he returned, saying that he had examined the records and found that this Ritterhof had been "sent up" exactly ten years and ten days before the date of the murder for stealing articles from my uncle's house.

So affected was I by the announcement, which I considered tantamount to a reprieve, that I toppled over. When I came to myself again my attorney impressed upon me the importance of fixing the murder upon this man and told me he proposed to do it by the process called third degree.

I had another temporary breakdown when he came to my cell the next day and announced that he had secured the desired confession. He acquired it by assuring Ritterhof that he had three witnesses ready to swear that he had said he would kill the man who caused his imprisonment and had evidence of his having been seen leaving my uncle's house during the night of the murder.

Within a few days I walked out of jail into a fortune. But I never entirely recovered from the narrow escape I had had and never hear of the conviction of any one for a first crime without thinking he may be innocent.—By ARTHUR W. BREWSTER, in *The Iowa Unionist*.



The New Year.

Here's to the year we are leaving behind us!
Here's to the lessons that ought to remind us
Better to live in the year that's before us,
Less to bewail o'er the fates that ignore us!
Here's to the New Year, we hopefully meet him:
Warmly acclaim and fraternally greet him;
Born in a pause of the midnight he rises,
Over the clouds of our doubts and surmises,
Wrapt in the dawn of a new dispensation—
Here's to success in the home and the nation.

—H. D. STRINGHAM.

Be What Mother Thinks You Are.

Whilst walking down a crowded city street the
other day,
I heard a little urchin to a comrade turn and say:
"Say, Chimney, lemme tell youse, I'd be happy as
a clam
If I only was de feller dat me mudder t'inks I am.
"She t'inks I am a wonder, an' she knows her
little lad
Could never mix wit nuttin' dat was ugly, mean
or bad.
Oh, lots o' times I sit and t'ink how nice 'twould
be—gee whiz!—
If a feller was de feller dat his mudder t'inks
he is."

My friend, be yours a life of toil or undiluted joy,
You still can learn a lesson from this small un-
lettered boy.
Don't aim to be an earthly saint with eyes fixed
on the stars;
Just try to be the "fellow that your mother thinks
you are."

Child Laborers.

"Let them not drop within the house 'of toil,
The little children! Make them to go free.
Give them their heritage of sun and soil,
Kinship with rating wind and cloud and sea.

"They are too frail, too glad, to learn of pain,
Their eyes have not forgot, for all the gray
Of leaden hours, the sky's star-blossomed plain.
Give them again the wealth of idle day!"

So do we speak, wise in our years, yet slow,
As they, to lift the age-worn, bitter weight
We toil beneath in heart and body throe,
Ourselves but children with a task too great,
Help us, then, Father, shape the work aright,
Child laborers we, blind in the dawnless night.

—Survey.

Ideal Union Member.

Don't bring into the union room
Anger and spite and pride,
Drop at the gate of the temple
The strife of the world outside.

Forget every foolish trouble,
Forget all your cares and sorrow,
And remember the cause you met for,
And haste you the glad tomorrow.

Bring your hearts into the union room,
But leave yourself outside—
That is, your personal feelings,
Ambition, vanity, pride.

Center each thought and power
On the cause for which you assemble,
Fetter the demon envy,
And make ye his cohorts tremble.

Aye, to fetter and to chain him
And to cast him under our feet,
That is the end to aim at—
An object for which we meet.

Then don't bring into the union room
Envy or strife or pride,
Or aught that will mar our union,
But leave them all outside.

—ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

The Ordinary Man.

He's an ordinary person
You can see on any day,
Who treads the path of life in just
An ordinary way;
An unobtrusive unit
In an ordinary town,
Who's labeled at the office
As a Smith, perhaps, or Brown.

But follow him one evening,
As an undiscovered guest,
To a small suburban villa
That the fellow calls his "nest."
Then comes a metamorphosis—
Explain it if you can—
But Smith (or Brown) becomes a most
Extraordinary man.

A little king whose presence makes
A little kingdom glad;
Was ever there, to those concerned,
A greater man than "Dad?"
So ye who hitherto despised
Proceed to make amends,
For 'tis on people such as this
The very world depends.

—ANSWERS.

The Garret of the Years.

I've packed my troubles out of sight—all idle hopes and fears,
High in the shadowy stillness of the garret of the years.
The ghosts of griefs of other days—old time-worn sorrows gray,
And the heart's doors are open wide and joy has come to stay.

I pass from all the shadows of the long-enduring night;
I meet the Morning on the hills—a brother to its light.
What gain have I for all the years where weeping Memory dwells?
The New Year day shall greet me with the song of all the bells?

The dreams that come a-sighing, with not one cheering gleam,
Within the dusty silence they shall dream out their dream;
Life is too sweet for sorrow—too wondrous-bright for tears;
I leave them to the shadows of the garret of the years.

—FRANK L. STANTON, in *Atlanta Constitution*.

O, Wire, Winging Words Around the World.

O, wire, winging words around the world
In measured tappings like the ticks of time,
Though time and space to insignificance hurled,
Spirit-spied they ride through every clime:
From torrid tropic to the frigid north
The endless message ever hastening forth.

Glad wire, with a heart of thistledown,
Some spirit o'er thy path on rosy wings,
Harp-laden with morning song and laughter strewn
Attunes thee to her tanging joy-mad strings
So sweetly, one might haste to greet the spring:
Such joyance in the tidings doth she bring!

Wan wire of despair, across thy course
A veiled figure flits with hand outstretched,
As groping down thy path with guided force
She hastes to make some human heart more wretched;

And dying fear, for hope almost fled,
Falls at her feet, low gasping: "She is dead!"

Haste, singing spirit and coldly groping forms!
One comes to you and one must come to me,
Which e'er it is we'll make the welcome warm,
For all that passes is ordained to be,
And man must bear the bitter with the sweet
Ere he can turn to heaven his tryst complete.

O, wizard wire, wire of life and death,
Weaved by the counceled Fate's own fearful hand.

How anxiously we wait with bated breath
To catch each accent from thy calm command:
Thou wonder-wrought to speed the speech of man
By instant tappings through the silent span!

EWYN BRUCE MACKINNON.

The Bank of the Ready Smile.

There's a bank whose issue is good wherever
The sun in radiance reigns;
Whose payments, be sure, are suspended never,
Whose strength no panic strains.
A steadfast reliance, this stronghold of treasure,
Worth any golden while.
It lends of its wealth without stint, without measure—

The Bank of the Ready Smile.

Why borrow where all that's to loan is trouble?
Why discount days in despair?
Why let your grief draw interest and double,
At usury rates unfair?
Let not the evil more evil be earning,
Under despondency's guile—
Keep books with the house of the cheerful returning,

The Bank of the Ready Smile.

If to protest your promises seem to be going,
Don't push them along;
Seek the security sure to be showing
Where courage is strong.
Vanishing balances may be but seeming—
Fruit of discouragement's wile.
Cash in your gloom, they'll change it to beaming—
The Bank of the Ready Smile.

Dollars may be of the sorriest vintage,
Squeezed from grapes of toil;
Dollars piled fresh from the gambler's mintage
Still may burn and soil.
Wealth that Hope from its deep heart offers,
And nothing may defile,
Blesses in grateful, glowing coffers
The Bank of the Ready Smile.

—*New York World*.

Pipe Dreams.

He had a wondrous castle in some fairy realm of old;
Its marble halls of splendor hung with trophies rare of gold.

He reveled in the beauty of its changing tint and gleam,
Until he let his pipe go out and found it all a dream.

He owned a yacht and sailed the seas for islands of the West,
Where strains of silvery music lulled his weary soul to rest,
Upon a bed of roses fair that bloomed beside a stream;
And then he let his pipe go out and found it just a dream.

His board and room rent were paid up for ten years in advance,
His landlord passed him with a word of cheer and kindly glance;
But suddenly his blissful joys were quickly put to rout,
For when he tried to fill his pipe, his smoking had run out!

—By GEORGE B. STAFF.

FACETIOUS



Or Grape Fruit.

Customer—What have you in the shape of oranges?

Grocer—Well, we have baseballs.

Nice Present.

Groom (looking over the presents)—Did Mrs. Grumpus give us anything?

Bride—Oh, yes! She has given us just six months to live together.—*Chicago News*.

Presence of Mind.

"I've lost control of the car. I'm afraid we're going to hit something."

"Well, if we've got to hit something, let's hit something cheap."

So they ran into a convenient ten-cent store.

Sweet Nothings.

Miss Summit—I must answer his letter, and I want to write something that doesn't mean anything.

Miss Palisade—Why don't you tell him you love him?—*Puck*.

Fishing.

"Writing to Charlie?"

"Yes."

"I thought he was engaged to Helen?"

"He writes to tell me that Helen has thrown him overboard, so I'm dropping him a line."

A Sense Short.

"How wonderful it is," said Cholly, originally, "how dogs know things. Now, there's Fido. I often wonder if he doesn't have some sort of telegraphy, don't you know. Don't you believe he has a sixth sense—a sense that I don't possess?"

"Yes," responded Miss Cutter, promptly. "Common sense, I believe it is called."

The Last Cavity.

"You claim he's a true friend of yours, and yet you say he wouldn't hesitate to put you in a hole?"

"I do."

"Don't see how you figure that out."

"Easy enough. He's an undertaker."—*San Francisco Chronicle*.

He Knew.

Employer (to clerk)—Why is it that, whenever I come in, I never find you at work?

Clerk—Because you wear rubber heels, sir.—*Railroad Reporter and Travelers' News*.

His Retort.

Lady Tourist—They say the atmosphere around here is thick with romance; is that so?"

Three-finger Pete—I hain't seen none, mum; but I know it is so dern thick with mosquitoes you can't sleep nights.

Liberal.

Father (sternly)—What is this I hear about you gambling?

Son (hastily)—I admit I play cards, father, but it is only for small stakes.

Father—Oh, as long as it is for something to eat I don't mind. But don't let me hear of you playing for money.

No Place for Poets.

"Didn't Oliver Goldsmith once live here?" asked the tourist.

"I don't remember the name," said the janitor. "Who was the gent?"

"He was a poet."

"Then it's hardly likely that he ever lived here, sir. We always demand the rent in advance."

The Way of the Law.

Prisoner—It's hard to charge me with forgery. I can't even sign my own name.

Magistrate—That point is immaterial. It's another man's name you're accused of signing.

Easily Accounted For.

Tommy—Papa, a river is fed by small streams, isn't it?

Papa—Yes, my son.

Tommy—Then I s'pose that is what makes its mouth water.—*Chicago Daily News.*

Opposition.

Three clothing stores in a Kansas town are on the same block. One morning the middle proprietor saw to the right of him a big sign, "Bankrupt Sale," and to the left, "Closing Out at Cost." Twenty minutes later there appeared over his own door in large letters: "Main Entrance."

Thoughtless Expression.

"You say in this story," commented the copy reader, "that the heroine buried her face in her hands."

"Well," asked the story writer, "isn't that all right?"

"No. You can't have an ideal heroine with such large hands as that."—*Washington Star.*

Ole's Reply.

Ole had been discharged by the foreman of the section gang, and when he was handed his pay envelope asked for a pass to Chicago. The railroad official thought to humiliate him and said:

"Now, supposing, Ole, that you were working for a farmer and he fired you, don't you think you would have a great deal of nerve to ask the farmer to hitch up a team and take you to town after you had been discharged?"

"Well," said Ole, "perhaps so; but if he had his team already hitched up and was going to town anyway, I would think he was pretty mean if he didn't let me ride."

Ole got the pass.

Just a Joke, Girls.

The late Timothy Woodruff once attended an alumni dinner in New York—the dinner of a coed college—and at this dinner, in the course of a toast, the president of the college said:

"You can always tell a woman who has taken a university degree."

"Tell her!" Mr. Woodruff interrupted. "What can you tell her? You can't tell her anything. She knows it all."

The Way It Was.

It was a cold day in December, and the superintendent of a charitable institution was examining a number of poor children as to their claims for more comfortable clothing. Margaret was under examination. She was pinned up quite securely in a thin shawl.

"Have you any clothes at home?" she was asked kindly.

"No 'm."

"What have you got on?"

"Please, this is my aunt's shawl, an' me dress is next, an' then comes I."—*Everybody's Magazine.*

Printers Are Philosophers.

A story that has running through it a vein of humor is to the effect that in the old days of hand composition a printer from New York, known as Pilgrim Haslett, wandered into a Pennsylvania town and asked the editor of a weekly paper for a job.

"Well," said the editor, "I can put you to work, but I am afraid I can not pay you much money."

"Make me an offer," said Pilgrim.

"All right, I can give you two meals a day at my house, you can sleep in the office on this lounge, and I'll take care of your laundry. Then if you need tobacco, get it across the street at the grocery; they run an account with us, and up at the brewery you can get a can of beer whenever you like. Besides, I will pay you \$4.00 a week."

"Gosh," said Pilgrim, after repeating the offer to get it straight in his mind, "if I get all that what do I want with the \$4.00?"—*American Federationist.*

Our Correspondents



HONEST BRAIN WORK.

THE recent figures for national expenses in the present economic or financial year, are as follows: One hundred and eighty million dollars for what we call the civil establishment. That covers all administration government expenses, besides usual internal improvements for harbors, rivers and public buildings. On top of that we expend about \$520,000,000 for army, navy, pensions, interest on national debt and \$21,000,000 for the Indian service. The last sum would not need to exist if we saw fit to give to the Indians the natural right to own land and be citizens like the rest of us. What now about the army and navy, which take over \$300,000,000 per annum? And what about annual pensions, \$175,000,000? And what about \$22,000,000 for interest on national debt? A normal progress would not need any of those \$520,000,000 destructive expenses per annum. To be sure, we can not have a fully normal nation as long as all the others are sickly, abnormal. All the same we could be much less abnormal than any other nation.

Several decades ago, when our pensions were about \$30,000,000, two of our Presidents—Garfield and General Grant—asserted the rationale that pensions should commence to decrease. It follows that today the pensioners for a war fought about sixty years ago, should not be over, say, \$12,000,000, in lieu of \$175,000,000. We are then paying \$163,000,000 more than we should. Is that very flattering to our national sense of justice to those who produce all wealth? Because all taxation comes from our plain people. We, the comfortable and wealthy, are but tax collectors from the working multitudes, in whichever form we may outwardly pay any taxes. If anybody has any doubts on

the subject, we shall prove our assertion. It would take too much space for us to do it now. Then, we think that very few sensible men can entertain any doubts about the economic assertion we have proclaimed. All taxes, under past and present tax methods, come from the wealth producers.

Yes, it is the grand totality of the bottom and finished workers who furnish all pensions, all charities, all forms of taxation, national and local. On top of that, the same workers furnish all wealth, in the shape of private taxation, through which some of us manage to live in plenty.

The need of pensions, charities and the taxation which provides for all foolish expenses such as armies, navies, interest on public debts, national or local, etc.—they all prove that today more than ever we are submerged into a disgraceful progress, a progress of despair.

Under sensible social conditions each family group or isolated individual would find the opportunities needed for a sound, comfortable income, in relation to services rendered. Our beloved King Monopoly makes such opportunities limited. Hence that struggle for mere animal existence among the many. That evolves a clumsy mentality, unable to stand by the truth in the social order of every nation.

When we try to take in the whole status of modern life, we then find that the mere animal struggle for existence, with the bottom and finished workers as wealth producers, is but one of the wheels of our modern complications. The other wheel is the struggle for mental peace, or that of freedom from constant anxieties. That catches practically all of us on the top of the social ladder. And what is life when saturated with fears about the tomorrow, or next year, or next decade, for that matter? All generations have had some

touches of that mental malaria, so, to speak, but today that malaria seems to be intense with almost everybody. Life has no real, positive value, without mental peace. The fever heat of our days is deplorable. The tomorrow is a sword of Damocles for almost everybody who has any brains left. And in this nation, so blessed for healthy potentialities within reach of everybody in this nation, we are face to face with calamities such as many other nations don't seem to be exposed to or in danger of.

There is a science in real reform movements as there is in everything, and we still wish to reform ourselves in forms crooked and empirical. One of the most important facts we decline to properly consider is that of a constant rise in prices, more or less rapid, through all historical development. Occasional drops in some articles, for a while, have of course taken place. That has not materially interfered with the upward tendency taken as a whole. Nor have we tried to notice the two elements, in all prices, one representing labor cost, and the other embodying increased monopoly earnings. We have simply looked at the money price, regardless of qualities and quantities of the real wealth produced, that to be connected with increased needs of the sanitary kind. The artificial needs fail to represent

"sound progress." They imply "retrogressive progress."

Taken as a whole, the rise in prices, century after century, has meant that a larger share of wealth produced has been taken from the labor fund into the monopoly fund.

The mere beginning of a sound progress would rapidly or slowly stop all rising prices. That would simply indicate the slow or rapid suppression of monopoly earnings. A slow drop in prices would soon follow. That would mean increased production, and hence increased comfort with the plain multitudes. Can you, ladies and gentlemen, logically disprove the preceding assertions? Opposite causes are bound to produce opposite results. Any additional drop in prices would simply mean that the workers, under industrial freedom, were constantly increasing production through greater efficiency and less labor per day. A healthy progress would soon suppress all the unsanitary and foolish production of today. That would increase all production of the sanitary kind. We can only see the logic of the preceding thoughts through brain work of the honest kind. But who has time for such work in our days of excitements, foolish ambitions and selfish ideals?

JOSE GROS.





FRATERNAL

NOTICE.

All matter for this department must be in the hands of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer on or before the 28th day of the month in order to insure its use in the following issue.

New Haven, Conn., Div. No. 29.

The twelfth annual ball of this division will be held at Harmonie Hall, New Haven, Wednesday evening, January 28, 1914. Bro. Platt's orchestra of Clinton has been engaged to furnish music and the committee in charge will leave no stone unturned to make this affair even better than any yet, and that will be going some.

A souvenir booklet will be published containing a history of Div. 29 from its inception up to the present date. The tickets are 50 cents each and every brother should take at least one, and if possible be on hand and help to make the ball a success and at the same time do yourself a favor.

Many questions were argued pro and con at the December meeting. The brothers who do not attend are missing all these interesting arguments.

Hope to see you at the ball,
In Harmonie Hall.
Come one, come all.

Western Div. and C. N. E. (Danbury Div.)—

Bro. Tarbox, of Sandy Hook, on thirty-day vacation recently, relieved by Bro. Shoop. Bro. Hegerman, second Sandy Hook, called home on account of illness in the family.

Bro. Bigley, twelve-hour man Southbury, was called to his home in Pennsylvania on account of illness of his sister. Bro. Bigley is an expert photographer and as most of his subjects are young ladies, he was missed while away. Bro. "Jim" Walsh, agent Oxford, Bro. Bigley's keenest rival, who attended the last dance at Quaker Farms near Oxford, is an exponent of all the latest steps and is therefore very popular at all the dances.

One brother was very generous with notes this month and wish a few more would do likewise. These write-ups are looked for by many of the brothers and keenly missed when they do not appear. Little affairs of seemingly little consequence to us are interesting to some of the brothers who are scattered throughout the country and who are interested in their old love, the New Haven or C. N. E.

Bro. John Mills, agent Derby, wears a glad smile these days; a dear friend whom he thought had forgotten him, gladdened his aching heart with a post card. Even a poor little post card can be a messenger of joy.

Bro. Bosvert, of Highland Junction, Waterbury, fell on the rail while lighting a signal lamp that had blown out, and fractured a rib. We hope he will soon be able to be around again.

Bro. Ross, general chairman, and Bro. Dowd, local chairman, who were out on the east end a few days during December studying up matters pertaining to committee work, will by degrees cover the whole line.

Bro. Wolcott ("NE," "JC"), Waterbury, who was operated on at St. Mary's Hospital there for appendicitis, is fast recovering and desires to thank all those who so kindly remembered him during his trouble.

Freight business is slack for this time of year; many engineers have been set back and the outlook is not very bright for a brisk winter.

Derby station, erected in 1903, at a cost of \$15,000, was almost totally destroyed by fire, origin unknown, early Wednesday morning, December 17th.

Mill Plain station has been located permanently a short distance west of the old site, and work is progressing rapidly in the abolition of the grade crossing at that point. A union station is also to be erected at Towners, between the C. N. E. and N. Y. C. tracks.

The New York Times of Sunday, December 21st, contained a very interesting article on the use of wireless on the D. L. & W.'s Lackawanna Limited. It would seem as if this would be adopted by all the roads in the future.

The Naugy and Highland Division wires have been consolidated by means of repeater at "JC," and one dispatcher there handles both divisions now, doing away with a dispatcher, but on account of the new position of assistant chief dispatcher, to which Dispatcher Fuller has been appointed, no one is out of employment. The split trick position, 2 p. m. to 10 p. m., has been abolished at "JC," and Bro. Bessette is out of a job.

Bro. Brink has been on the sheet at "JC" all summer relieving the different dispatchers during their vacations and when they covered the road, and is next in line for a regular trick dispatching.

Bro. E. R. Wheaton was a recent Danbury visitor.

Mr. Doolin, at "JC," is covering the different tricks in that office. We should see that he gets into the fold again.

Bro. Bigley, Southbury, was relieved by Bro. Odum for about a week, who later went to Brookfield agency pending bids.

Bro. Brewer, at "SY," has a large rabbit cat with kittens to help to keep the work up to date there. Any of the brothers who want to clear their freight house of rats, call on Bro. Brewer for a kitten.

Bro. Flynn, at Towantic, recently called in to Waterbury with a few of the brothers from the east end and examined on the book of rules, passed with honors. Brothers who have not been examined yet should brush up, as they will pass them all to a man.

Bro. Cranwell, Towantic second, was quite successful on a recent wild duck hunt in that territory.

Bro. Jones, at Allerton Farms, took out several of the brothers recently on a night hunt with his dog, and bagged several rabbits.

Bros. Gordon and Besette, of Waterbury, enjoyed a good hunt with Bro. Tarbox during his vacation, securing a good variety of game. Bro. Tarbox has a thorough knowledge of the "Wilds of Sandy Hook," besides being a good shot.

Bro. Frank Wheaton bid in Ansonia second; this brings him near home.

Bro. Wells, at Bank St. Jct. tower, who was recently married, relieved Bro. Walsh, at Winsted, on vacation.

Bro. Dowd, who covered the car distributor's position while Bro. Fallon was on vacation, also relieved the crew dispatcher a few weeks, and is now back on his third "GY" slinging levers.

Bro. Flaherty and Fallon and Brink, of Naugatuck and Waterbury, respectively, have returned from an enjoyable trip "out west."

Bro. Mayer bid in Union City and is now with Bro. Harmon there. He relieved at "GY" while Bros. Dowd and Wells were away.

Mr. Leroux, a new man from the C. V. Ry., who relieved Bro. Shea, at Oxford, a few days, will soon be in the fold.

Bro. Van Dusen, New Milford, landed first in his home town.

Bro. Goulet, of Pittsfield freight house, "FH," who bid in the job "for the summer," has decided to winter there. We understand there's a reason.

New Haven Div. No. 29 wishes all of you a bright and prosperous New Year.

T. A. ALLEN, D. C.

N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., Midland Division—

Let every one of us put our shoulder to the wheel of progress, and do our part towards making this division solid in the year 1914, and impress on its members the importance of always being active and up to date. Two or three telegraphers never get together but they always point out how much men in other branches of the service get in wages and conditions. If we will apply the same methods we can not fail to get the same results.

Bro. Bob Johnston, ticket agent Manchester, has returned from his Southern trip and resumed his former duties.

"The-Axe-Train" is going over the road and there is a possibility that many of the offices will be closed one trick, or more, in order that the company may economize as much as possible during this present depression in business. Cheer up, brothers, it won't last long, for we are all convinced that "The New Haven" is the very best piece of railroad property in this country.

Rumor has it that telephones are to be installed from New Haven to Springfield. If they will be an improvement we will gladly welcome them and continue to give the best service to the dispatchers.

Donovan, Buckley, Green and Derosiers are to fill out their applications for the January meeting. That will fix up this end of the line in pretty good shape. Vermilyea, Emery and Curry might make a "mental note" of this and see if it means anything.

Sister Alice Johnston bid in second Jewett City.

The local chairman will be glad to hear from you at any time, and have any infractions of the schedule called to his attention.

Bro. Brown, first East Hartford Yard, has our sympathy. He was called to his home town in Pennsylvania on December 2d on account of the death of his mother.

How many of us are going to pay our dues before the sixty-day limit is up. If we would only realize our responsibility to our beneficiary there would not be a single one of us behind on March 1st. Pay up.

On Saturday, December 13th, Bro. O. H. Coomes, of East Longmeadow, passed on to his final reward. Bros. Belden, Malstrom and Leete attended his funeral. Bro. Coomes and his father hold the peculiar honor of being the only agents at this station since the road was opened in 1877. Although a member only a little over three years he has been a faithful one and now his family will reap the benefit of his loyalty. His sterling character and sincerity of purpose should be a lesson to us all.

Mr. Keach, of Buckland, who has had a raise of over \$2.50 a week, is not willing to contribute the small amount necessary to provide himself with the protection an up-to-date card would afford him.

We should see that the men on the Midland holding cards in other divisions not represented by our general committee, are transferred to this division in accordance with Section 29, page 54. of the statutes. "En."

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The Almighty God has called unto Himself Bro. O. H. Coomes, of East Longmeadow; let us extend to his wife and children our sincere sympathy and aid, as they have lost a devoted husband and father; so has Division 29 lost a loyal member; therefore, be it

Resolved, That our charter be draped for thirty days and copies of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, to THE TELEGRAPHER and also be placed on our minutes.

M. BROWN,
W. JOHNSTON,
JOSEPH LEETE.
Committee.

Central New England Ry.—

Bro. Alex Smith was relieved for a few days by ex-lbro. "Sailor Boy" Anson while Smittey was seeing the sights in the metropolis. Bro. R. H. Yeager, on vacation, was relieved by Mr. Scully.

and Bro. Tom Campbell, the "old-timer," off a week, was relieved by Mr. DeLong.

Geo. Teasdale was to get a card the first of the year, sure.

The boys at Maybrook, "BK," "XC" and "MK," have brand new sanctums. The boys in "BK" have a hard time to keep their new place in a respectable condition owing to the "bunch" of "boomers" hanging around.

Bro. House bid in Loyd Station and Bro. Franklin second "BO" tower.

The criticism in our notes is not intended to cause any hard feelings among the operators or agents, but we still maintain that it is an imposition for them to accept the benefits secured by the O. R. T. and allow the brother operators and agents to pay for them. Some of them seem to think the O. R. T. committee will continue to represent them as heretofore, but when the committee again goes before our officials for benefits the best thing to do will be to work for the interests of the O. R. T. members only and forget a lot of promises which never materialize. Brothers, these men are either with us or against us, and it is certainly hard enough to secure benefits for our own members without helping those who are injuring our cause by remaining on the outside and then kick because we don't do more for them.

We were very glad to get some news from Bro. Yeager and we hope to hear from other brothers so we can have a fair write-up each month.

E. L. C., Cert. 263.

Providence, R. I., Div. No. 35.

The following circular letter by Bro. R. S. Eaton, secretary-treasurer of our Beneficial Association, should be read by every member of our division, and result in a large increase in membership. Every one of our 350 division members should support it, thereby protecting themselves and prove their loyalty by upholding the hands of their officers, who are trying to do all they can to improve general conditions; new applications for 1914 are coming in rapidly.

The Beneficial Association of Division 35, O. R. T., is now nearing the end of its third year, and during this time we have succeeded in gaining a membership of nearly one-third of the members of the division.

In 1911 this association was founded for the purpose of doing away with the numerous papers that were previous to that time so often presented to secure aid for some sick or distressed member, but since the founding of our association we are pleased to say that this practice has been entirely done away with. The association provides for a sick benefit of \$5 for the first week and \$10 for the next seven weeks, making a total of \$75. The dues are 25 cents per week, payable in advance, a total of \$13 per annum. At the end of the year all money on hand is equally divided pro rata among the members in good standing.

In 1911 we had forty-seven members, and at the end of the year we returned to each member \$7.47, after disbursing \$170 for sick claims, although we

had only been in operation forty weeks, and in 1912 we had seventy-six members and made a refund of \$10.75 per member, after disbursing \$214.80. This year we have at the present ninety-seven members in good standing, and hope to equal, if not to exceed, the amount of refund made in 1912.

As a great number of the members of the division are not acquainted with the fact that we have been doing such good work for the past three years, it was decided to bring it to each member's attention, by means of a circular letter, by which we hope to have a 100 per cent increase in membership over 1913 for 1914.

Any information regarding our work will be gladly furnished upon application to the secretary.

Having been thus duly informed of the splendid work this association is doing, all members are urged to avail themselves of its liberal provisions by making early application for membership, and sending the same to the secretary or president, including 50 cents initiation fee.

Fraternally yours,

R. S. Eaton, secretary-treasurer, 7 Potter Street, East Providence, R. I.; W. J. Brenner, president, 32 Earl Street, Providence, R. I.; J. D. Vanderbeek, vice-president, 284 Montgomery Avenue, Providence, R. I.

Bro. McKenna and family have gone to Los Angeles, Cal., for several months. Other members of family will remain until spring. We wish them a pleasant and beneficial trip.

Our November meeting was a rouser as usual, with a good attendance, but should have been better.

Telling addresses were made by General Chairman Ross, Local Chairman Joslin and others.

At the December meeting occurred the election of officers of our Beneficial Association.

The first meeting of the new year will be ushered in by a debate, in which all should participate, upon the subject of "Inter-divisional bidding." It is an important subject and will, no doubt, be ably handled in all its aspects.

Bro. Boler, third Midway, was off three days on account of sickness. Bro. Al. Conant was also off sick for three weeks.

Bro. Gillett, spare Mid. Division, bid in Sterling, Conn.

Local Chairman G. E. Joslin, relieved by Bro. E. Berryman, second Orms St. tower, on third Auburn tower, goes to first there, vice Bro. Jack Smith, who takes the new 9 a. m. to 6 p. m. telegraph trick in chief train dispatcher's office.

Bro. W. H. Young goes from second Wickford Jct. tower to spare towerman, vice Bro. Charles Weeks, who succeeds Mr. Jackson as third trick dispatcher on Shore Line end of Providence Division.

Bro. Torrelli, from spare to third trick Sharon Pit tower.

Bro. Tommy Roy (old reliable) from Dexter St. tower to new electric tower at South Worcester. Hope he won't forget his many friends about Providence.

The engagement of our esteemed and worthy Local Chairman George E. Joslin to Miss Ethel M. Potter is announced. We join most sincerely in extending our congratulations to both.

Bro. M. W. Buck, with his bride and bridal party, took an auto from Fisherville, Mass., after ceremony, to Woonsocket and Providence, taking the train at the latter place for Washington, D. C., where they spent their honeymoon. Friends met the party both at Woonsocket and Providence, where the bridal couple were showered with confetti and good wishes. The auto reminded one of a boiler factory, from the noise made by the tin cans tied to it. The couple will reside in Millbury, Mass., where Bro. Buck is employed. We hope both will keep up their O. R. T. dues and at once apply for membership in our Beneficial Association, so that provision for the sick day will not be overlooked. J. D. V., Div. Cor.

New Rochelle, N. Y., Div. No. 37.

At our regular monthly meeting, December 12th, we had the pleasure of listening to Electrical Superintendent Gilliam and Chief Load Dispatcher Bro. Flanigan, who gave a descriptive address relative to the new lightning arresters, which some of the brothers are required to charge every morning. They consist of a series of aluminum plates filled with electrolyte, the plates being submerged in oil which is non-conductive, one side being connected to the negative or return circuit through a fuse, the other connected to the 10,000-volt line. When being charged through a horn gap (which is closed when charging) it is important to note a condition that would mean a large loss of oil from the tanks, as the oil is designed to prevent arcing, and if the oil had leaked out of the tanks by any mischief the line might short circuit to the inside of the tanks, which are grounded, if the lightning arrester was being charged. These arresters are designed to carry off excessive voltage, such as lightning and heavy line surges. To charge them contact is made by closing the horn gap, one side of which is connected to a rope, which is thoroughly insulated from the 11,000-volt line; pulling the rope closer the horn gap. If a bright arc is formed, the arrester is being properly charged; if a reddish or dull arc forms, then it is not being charged and should be reported to the local dispatcher. A contact of about 30 seconds is sufficient to charge the arrester. This is done by an electro-chemical change in the electrolyte, which causes an amalgam to form on the aluminum plates, which acts as an insulator until the voltage becomes excessive and pierces the amalgam and flows to ground. Each plate offers a certain amount of resistance and cuts down the voltage so there would be no violent discharge to ground.

We were very glad to see such a large number present at our meeting, notably Bro. Ross, our general chairman; Bro. Jocelyn, director; Bro. Tiger, local chairman; Bro. Reif, chief telegrapher; Bro. Seaman, secretary-treasurer; Bro. McCormack, local chairman, Division 29. In fact, we had a full house.

N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R.—

Bro. McMahon, who was on the sick list, is O. K. now, also Bro. Haig.

Bro. D. Kennedy, Division 29, working in Harlem River, is going away for his health. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Recent changes are: Bro. P. B. Smith, Cos Cob to Bethel, C. & O.; Bro. V. Ballard, from second to third Stratford; J. F. Forbes assigned C. & O., E. Bridgeport yard, and Bro. H. Silverstein second Fairfield tower; Bro. G. H. Foster, regular relief, to third Devon tower; Bro. C. P. Mellick bid in regular relief Bridgeport; Bro. C. D. Writer, C. & O., Cos Cob; Bro. J. J. Gafney, C. & O., Harlem River; Bro. Frank Williams, third trick load dispatcher, Cos Cob; Bro. H. Flanigan, chief load dispatcher, Cos Cob; Bro. G. S. Storm, first trick load dispatcher, Cos Cob, and Bro. "Spike" Northam went South for the holidays.

Bro. "Bill" Bitters has a new auto. Classy, eh?

Probably be some new temporary jobs on the Harlem River branch with the third trick staff operator from Bangay St. to Harlem River.

Now is the time to pay your dues, boys, and get your new card early for 1914.

Quite a few transfers from Division 29 to 37, probably on account of changes in division limits. New York Division is now between New York and New Hampshire.

December 18th men of the Electric Department together with some of the towermen presented the retiring chief load dispatcher, Mr. J. C. Preston, a handsome gold watch, E. Howard make, suitably inscribed. A light luncheon was served at the Congress Hotel, New Rochelle, and we all had a good time.

"Good Luck," J. C. P., Div. Cor., Cert. 123.

Springfield, Mass., Div. No. 38.

Albany Division, West End—

Successful applicants for positions recently were: Chief signalman between Springfield and N. A. Jct., W. D. Brewer; operator, Becket, H. S. Shafer; second trick tower 38, Athol Jct., Bro. H. H. Stannard; operator High Bridge, Bro. H. F. Segelken; third trick West Springfield Yard, Bro. M. H. Lynch.

Up for bid, 4 p. m. to 12 m.: Second West Springfield Yard and Springfield Station third tricks; Tower 50, Chester, 12 m. to 8 a. m.; Russell station, 10 p. m. to 7 a. m. Mr. Mouglin is qualifying for the former.

Bro. J. J. O'Rourke is on second Tower 38, Athol Junction, temporarily, relieved by W. Service, a new man, on third Niverville.

Bro. Wm. H. Sweet is acting as chief signalman temporarily between Rensselaer and N. A. Junction, and Bro. H. D. Whitney on Eastern Division of west end between Springfield and N. A. Junction until W. D. Brewer qualifies.

It is now Bro. M. L. Flenning, third Springfield station.

Bro. J. A. Bell, second Cadys, and Bro. J. Patterson, second Tower 60, State Line, were up to the city a few days ago buying supplies, top shoes and felt boots, getting ready for old winter.

Those who would like to see a write-up will have to send me some news.

Bro. E. J. La Pointe, chairman of O. R. T., Rutland Ry., Chatham-Bennington Division, from C. D. Chatham, attended a meeting of the officers in Rutland, Vt., recently.

Bros. Thompson and Cunningham, of Tower 66, are getting quite strong—both have broken a lever off by the roots while on duty. "Doc."

New York, N. Y., Div. No. 44.

Regular meeting for the month of December was held on Saturday evening, the 13th, and was well attended, there being about forty present, including our Second Vice, Bro. T. M. Pierson. Tom is always a welcome visitor, for the boys know when he is present that there is a great treat in store for them, as he always has a ready fund of sound advice to offer for our advancement and it is to such men that we owe our present standing today. May he come often in the future.

One of the interesting things at this meeting was the large number of applications handled, and it is with pride that we announce that we still cling to the title "Banner Division," as we have an O. R. T. man to every mile of track. Can the men on any other road boast of such a record? Now, brothers, that we have attained that point let us get together with all of our might and "ONWARD" be our watchword for the coming year. Practically thorough organization has put this within our grasp. Let us keep it.

The true meaning of organization is "a place for every man and every man in his place," each brother at all times looking out for the interest of the Order. If you come in contact with a non or know of one, do your best to line him up and if you can't, do not stop, but send his name to some other brother who will try and see what he can do with him. We have loyal and active members on the east end who can never attend the meetings on account of the train service, but these same brothers are with us to the man and with an united effort will bring good results.

After our meeting the boys were invited in a body to the lodge room of the Ladies' Auxiliary Local No. 16, where the sisters had prepared a tasteful lunch and asked the brothers to participate in for the benefit of two brothers who had made an appeal for assistance through THE TELEGRAPHER. The boys responded with a will to this worthy cause and these two brothers received a nice Christmas present from their efforts. First Vice Grand President Sister Hillel was elated over the success of the affair. Keep up the good work, sisters.

Bro. H. V. Bedell, agent Richmond Hill, bid in Huntington agency; relieved by relief agent, Bro. Walters.

Bros. Williams and Filby are the champion checker players of Great Neck and are out to meet all comers.

Bro. Clock, agent at Great Neck, has now only the freight to handle.

Bro. Ryan, from Glen St., Glen Cove, has been appointed telegrapher for Secretary of State Hon. Wm. J. Bryan. Div. 44 congratulates Bro. Ryan on his high percentage secured in the competitive examination.

Bro. Chas. Travis has the sympathy of Div. 44 in his present illness. Bro. Travis has lost a lot of time in the past year on account of sickness and it is hoped that he will soon recover and be able to resume duty. He is being relieved by Bro. Dan Powers.

Bro. Joe Argust has bid in Massapequa agency and is now close at home. Good luck to you, brother.

Bro. H. T. Jones has resigned the agency at Seatauket.

Bro. Jim Robinson, agent at King's Park, is enjoying a month's vacation, relieved by Bro. Bill Leahy.

Bro. J. B. Baldwin, agent at Amityville, has bid in the station master at Far Rockaway; relieved by P. J. Voss, of Massapequa, relieved by F. W. Benneke; Bro. Dietz, relief agent Belmore, relieved by H. C. Moore.

Bro. Burrows, agent at Springfield, has resigned.

Bro. P. C. Clawson, extra, secured third "RC," Richmond Hill.

Bro. Tom Gaffeny, of Div. 44, and Sister Edith Burke, of Local No. 16, are on their honeymoon visiting several Southern cities. Div. 44 extends its congratulations to the happy couple.

Bro. Williams, first, and Bro. Corneely, second, at "G" cabin, Great Neck; two good boys in the right place.

Sister Sinnot, first at "PN," Port Washington, with Bro. Sam Kaljain, on second. Bro. Kaljain is getting to be a first-class railroad man since the absolute block rules went into effect on that division.

Bro. Jim O'Rourke and bride just returned from their honeymoon, visiting Washington, D. C., sending announcement to chief telegrapher, Bro. Van Nostrand. Jimmy has the hearty congratulations of No. 44.

Sister Lemaire, first at "WE," Whitestone Landing, and Bro. C. Hummel on second.

Chief telegrapher, Bro. Van, on a trip to Omaha. It is said that "Van" is looking for his better half. Good luck to you, "Van."

Bro. Cook, first at "B" cabin. Bro. Hirshorn bid in first at "MF" cabin, with Bro. Bowman on second.

Wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year. Div. Cor.

Boston, Mass., Div. No. 89.

It seemed like olden times to see so many brothers present at the night meeting which chief Bro. Kerns called to order December 6th, a feature of which was the general hand-clapping as Past Chief Bro. Jacobs assumed his chair, it being nearly two years since he last performed the functions of his office, owing to his being employed as train dispatcher at Hartford and New Haven. Bro. Jacobs said distance lends enchant-

ment, so he took this, his first opportunity, to be present.

The post card notice of special interest to agents, while effective in a way, did not bring out those whom it mostly concerned.

A committee comprised of Bros. Mullen, De War and Drummond to confer with Div. 41 regarding beneficial State legislation and also a joint telegraphers' social club, no doubt will have something interesting to report.

General chairman Bro. Ross gave an interesting and lengthy report regarding grievances handled successfully and others in process.

Chief Bro. Kerns was the successful bidder, who with eight others took the examination for the position of operator in the dispatcher's office in Boston.

Representatives of the press in waiting for news shows we are some pumpkins when we get together.

It would be well for some of us to heed the good example set by big Bill Fenwick, he of the Abe Lincoln type both in temperament and spirit. He usually waits until called upon for an opinion, to which he at all times is equal.

That we need not go to the wild and woolly West for hair-raising incidents was recently demonstrated when Bro. J. W. Sawyer, third trick towerman at Attleboro Junction, who while in the serenity of his much-bewindowed cabin and dreaming of the good old summer time, was suddenly taken by surprise one early morning with "hands up and don't move," which of course Sawyer refused to do, at the same time remarking: "I know you, Hill. You can't fool me," and was about to step forward to disarm the masked desperado, when in steps another masked robber, grasps the gun from his pal and orders Sawyer to fork over his chink or be reduced to shredded meat. This looked more like business and Sawyer handed over his little all, "three cents." "Is that all you have, you blankety blank blank blank?" "That's all," replied Sawyer, "you know the Wall street gang was down here a short while ago and took everything but the rails and time card." "Got any watch?" "No; see that clock over there?" and as their heads were turned he slipped his time-piece into his jeans, which a moment before was dangling from his vest pocket in the closet, thanks to their overmasking which obscured from view so small an object. "What's that infernal machine?" Desperado No. 2, pointing to the closet. "Oh, that's a Yetman typewriter and belongs to the second trick man." "Haul her out; looks like good swag, hey, Bill?" Their curiosity having been satisfied, they took up the booty and commanded Sawyer to precede them up the turnpike, where they were met by another pal, who stood outside guard. After a hike of over a mile through the surrounding lonely woods Sawyer wondered what was to become of him, meantime his few hairs standing on end like a wireless aerial on the American Desert, when suddenly he was advised to retrace his steps and make no mention of the affair, which he was pleased to do only in part. He notified the police of his experience, who were

loth to credit his story and roundly berated him and threatened arrest for the theft of the Yetman. However, several days later one of the desperadoes was taken into custody and confessed the whole affair as related here and implicating his two pals who are still at large with their white elephant. Bro. Sawyer was later exonerated and given credit for his heroism and can go "primitive man Joe Knowles" one better in that he has his bare skin minus the bullet holes.

Boston Division Notes—

Bro. McCue, from second to third, So. Bay tower.

Bro. J. W. McLaughlin, from third Neponset, to relief towerman's position.

Bro. Jamison, from third Atlantic, to third Neponset. He held the former position for over nineteen years; a good record.

Bro. Lyons, from Chickering to third Atlantic.

Bro. Donnell secured third trick operator in the dispatcher's office, Boston.

Bro. Bartlett, after a brief vacation spent with relatives in Maine, resumed duty at Chickering tower.

Bro. Burdick, acting agent at Cohasset for two weeks pending the return of the regular agent there.

Bro. Weirg is still doing spare work.

Bro. A. G. Robinson bid in third helper Mansfield tower.

A number of jobs have been abolished and bumping will now begin in earnest.

Midland Division Notes—

The Dutch have settled Franklin, Bros. Snyder and Graichen, the former relieving Bro. Evens, who spent the holidays at his home, Troy, N. Y.

Bros. Ross and Leete spent several days on this division in missionary work with good results.

Bro. Bill Murphy now has Sundays off, which he puts to good use at home.

The second trick at Norwood Central station has been abolished and the first trick put on a twelve-hour basis.

Bro. Covert, of E. Douglas, keeps his doors securely closed against the insurance agents.

It's now Bro. Goldwaith at No. Bellingham and Bro. Chester at West Wrentham, both having applied for membership in Div. No. 35, Providence.

Bro. Jacobs took a day off to visit the brothers at Norwood and Franklin; also to attend the meeting.

BARDOL, Div. Cor.

Chicago, Ill., Div. No. 91.

E. J. & E. Ry., East End—

Bro. Andrews on first Waukegan, a new man from the East; is too busy to find much news, but will try and give us a line up as often as he is able. Bro. D. Doyle on second; between round-house and the telephone girl has his hands full. Mr. Worth is on third Waukegan.

Bro. Dockery is at the new tower at Barrington.

Bro. Delong is on first West Chicago, Mr. Richards on second and Mr. Cooper on third. The air line and the plant at "DA" tower, West Chicago, have been repaired and put in service December 16th. The operators have had a flagman all summer and will now have a few more levers to work.

I received a request for two application blanks from Mr. Scroggins on second trick at Walker; expect he and the third man will soon be with us. Keep it up, boys, when I run out of blanks, I know where to get more.

You boys along the line send me a few notes to Box 745, West Chicago, and we will try and have a write-up every month. It is not much trouble to jot down a few lines. W. H. D., Cert. 95.

Meridian, Miss., Div. No. 94.

Mobile & Ohio R. R.—

I missed the usual newsy letter from Bro. Morris at Eoline, Ala., but the Christmas rush was on and every man had his hands full. Bro. Holmes at Artesia, our assistant local chairman, and Bro. Gilmer, of Fruitdale, our local chairman pro tem, found time to give me a few dots.

Brothers, we certainly had a lovely meeting at Artesia in November, and all of you who failed to attend missed a treat.

Bro. C. J. King, of Reform, on the Montgomery Division, was accidentally killed while out bird hunting December 20th, both barrels of the gun being discharged, the contents entering his head, producing instant death.

Bro. Holmes has corraled all the boys at Muldon. Would that we had a Holmes at every job on this line, for he not only keeps Artesia lined up, but finds time to help line up the other places.

If any of you fellows happen to know of a new man coming in or make a change yourself, drop me a line. It is news to the balance of the bunch, and makes the write-up look better.

It is now Bro. Walters at Macon, Miss. He is in a good place to do some good missionary work lining up the balance of the bunch.

Boys, get busy and let's line up the nons. We have the very best Order there is. Let's all get together and push and give Bro. H. C. Gilmer, local chairman, R. M. Holmes and W. A. Peterman, assistants, all the assistance possible and while so doing don't forget your self-appointed scribe each month.

South of Meridian—

F. C. Casebeere was checked in as agent Hiwanee, Miss., December 10th.

Bro. A. H. Hinson, of Oak Grove, was off a few days, relieved by W. P. Gilmer and Bro. B. Haight, third Vinegarbend, by C. E. Brown.

Bro. C. C. Harris, of Enterprise, has moved into the new depot there.

Every brother ought to have his card by the first, as our secretary and treasurer sent out notices on the 15th of December.

Bro. H. C. Gilmer took in Mobile the 15th, relieved by W. P. Gilmer, who also relieved Stanley Wilson, agent Buckatunna, Miss., while off hunting. W. W. WILKINS, Cert. 247.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, On the 19th day of December, 1913, while out bird hunting with his brother, our esteemed Bro. C. J. King was shot and instantly killed by his brother's gun accidentally; and,

WHEREAS, Our hearts go out in love and fraternal sympathy to the grief-stricken loved ones in this their dark hour; be it

Resolved, That in the loss of Bro. King the Order of Railroad Telegraphers have lost a loyal and true member, the family a devoted, kind and true father and husband, and the country a loyal and upright citizen; be it further

Resolved, That to his sorrowing loved ones we tender our heartfelt sympathy and join in prayer to the heavenly Father in this their dark hour; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this division, a copy sent to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication, and a copy sent to the bereaved family.

C. E. HENDLEY,

J. M. ELLIOTT,

R. M. HOLMES,

Committee.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our heavenly Father to call to her reward the beloved mother of our esteemed Bro. B. D. Burke; and,

WHEREAS, In full realization of his great loss we sorely lack fitting words to express our consolation, but direct him to the ever-ready Comforter; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the members of Div. 94, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to Bro. Burke our heartfelt sympathy in this his sad bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this division, a copy sent to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication, and a copy forwarded to the sorrowing brother.

C. E. HENDLEY,

J. M. ELLIOTT,

R. M. HOLMES,

Committee.

Cobalt, Ont., Div. No. 99.

Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Ry.—

Brothers, Christmas has come and gone, with its messages of good cheer, love and friendship. Funny, ain't it, how we periodically or annually take a notion to try and be friendly with each other, and usually, too, in such an apparently silly way. The giving of a present, of say \$1.00 or less, is supposed to be a token of your everlasting esteem, and more than all it is usually a present to some one who can very well return a like value. Now why not look around for some

one who is up against it and look after Christmas is gone (because at Christmas most folks have enough). After the Christmas spirit has gone try and keep the Christian spirit and help the man who is down. Through the year is the time; there are lots of merry Christmas greetings to spare at Christmas, but afterward, what? Usually every man for himself.

Well, so much for that. What about the next year's dues? Now is the time to think of that. Keep up your end and keep Div. 99 well to the front.

We are all glad to hear the grand work is coming to its own. Stick to it, boys.

CERT. 63.

North Adams, Mass., Div. No. 139.

Boston & Maine R. R., C. & P. (So.) Div.—

There seems to be some misunderstanding as to who are the assistant chairmen on this division. For the benefit of all concerned it should be understood that Bros. H. I. Woodward and J. H. Richards are the assistant chairmen.

M. J. SWAN,
Local Chairman.

We have quite a few promises from the nons to begin the new year right and get an up-to-date card. Some of them are very anxious to find out what is going on and take an active interest in everything except to lay aside a little of that raise the O. R. T. gave them and get an up to date.

We are glad to note that through the efforts of the committee positions are being bulletined and filled much more promptly than they have been in the past.

Mr. Patterson bid in third at Brattleboro.

Mr. Wells, Dale Junction, bid in clerk and operator at Holyoke and still he don't know his own mind. What next? Bernardston third?

Bro. McGuinness, of the B. & A., bid in clerk and operator at South Deerfield.

Clerk and operator at Ashuelot recently bulletined on account of Bro. Cyr going in spare list.

We hope none of our brothers holding regular positions will stay in spare list long enough to lose them. There had to be a limit made regarding this, or some of the nons would have owned all the jobs on the division.

Bro. Foley bid in Bernardston agency, thus abolishing the ham factory.

Bro. Woodward bid in Dummerston agency. We are glad to see him get it, as he has been a good, hard-working member, and we hope he will still use his efforts among the agents.

Deerfield Junction closed December 15th, and trains are operated over the East Deerfield branch by signals in charge of switchman at East Deerfield Yard.

Bro. W. H. Moody, South Deerfield, has gone to the N. Y., N. H. & H.

Bro. Beaulieu is on a six months' leave.

A new coal pocket is being put in at Springfield and No. Walpole Yard.

Brothers, pay up your dues just as soon as possible and be protected for the new year, and get after the non next station to you.

If all the brothers on the line would help like Bros. Swan and Richards we would have a fine write-up each month. All try just once and if you can, keep it up.

Div. Com.

Grand Trunk Ry.

A bumper house greeted Bros. L. M. Eddy, general chairman, and D. L. Shaw, grand secretary and treasurer, upon the occasion of the O. R. T. rally held in the Y. M. C. A. assembly rooms at Stratford the evening of December 19th. Third Vice-President Bro. D. Campbell who was scheduled to address the meeting was unable to be present, which caused some disappointment to the boys, many of them having come long distances to attend.

Bro. Shaw as chairman opened the meeting with a short address. He appointed Bro. J. D. Craig, of Stratford, as secretary pro tem, and then introduced Bro. L. M. Eddy, of Marcellus, Mich.

Bro. Eddy explained fully the recent negotiations with the Grand Trunk for better pay and better working conditions, showing what the committee has been up against during the past year. He went over the rules of the new schedule clause by clause, explaining where improvements have been made. The eleven-hour day and two weeks' vacation appealed strongly to the boys.

At the close of Bro. Eddy's address an informal discussion took place among the members as to the ways and means of keeping up the interest in the Order among the boys along the line. Finally it was moved by Bro. H. P. Ward, of West Toronto, and seconded by Bro. G. S. Cline, of Thedford, that regular monthly meetings be held in Stratford commencing January, 1914. Carried unanimously. Also moved by Bro. Ward, seconded by Bro. Cline, that Bros. W. Middleton, of Breslau, and J. D. Craig, of Stratford, be appointed a committee of two to look after the renting of hall, etc., in connection with these meetings. It was also decided to hold meetings on the third Friday of each month. Moved by Bro. G. E. McTaggart, of Blyth, seconded by Bro. Case, of Hensall, that the meeting be adjourned until the third Friday in January. Carried.

As these meetings will be conducted in accordance with the ritual the members are hereby advised to familiarize themselves therewith in the meantime.

The following members were present: D. L. Shaw, London; L. M. Eddy, Marcellus, Mich.; Anguish, Atwood; G. S. Cline, Thedford; F. McCordic, Camlachie; Cusack, Blackwell; A. Weinert and W. Cober, New Hamburg; H. C. Elder, J. D. Hodgins and R. Sparling, Goderich; Angell, Elora; J. G. Heyd, Owen Sound; J. Downs, St. Mary's Junction; Routley, Clinton; C. E. Fleming, Fergus; Ranney, Goldstone; Connel, Pinkerton; D. E. Jackson, Rockwood; W. Craig, Malton; S. E. Smith, Brussels; W. J. Masters, Bluevale; L. E. Dotzenroth, Alma; H. J. Dotzenroth, Waterloo;

A. E. Robinson, Berlin; W. Waugh and W. Russell, Baden; Brandle, Thorndale; G. Reid, Chesley; W. Crearar, Shakespeare; J. Towner, Durham; G. E. McTaggart, local chairman, Blyth; W. Middleton, local chairman, Breslau; R. Middleton, Newton; Case, Hensall; H. P. Ward, West Toronto; G. Milne, Georgetown; B. Beattie, Hespeler; F. McConnel, Listowel; W. Middleton, Forest; R. Harvey, Parkhill; T. Hill, Granton; W. Duffus, Forest; M. Swift, Guelph Jct.; I. C. Laschinger, Petersburg; W. Rife, St. Pauls; Lyons, Londesboro; Rumball, Elmira; C. P. R. Agent Thompson, Blyth.

Dispatchers present: Bros. G. Hodgins, A. Webster, E. H. Trethewey, F. Holman, C. C. Leavitt, A. C. Harris, R. J. Hyde and J. D. Craig, all of Stratford; Bros. E. W. Harris and J. Stinson being on duty were unable to attend.

Moved by Bro. R. Harvey, seconded by Bro. Cline, that a vote of appreciation be tendered Bro. Eddy for his splendid work on the committee and also for the patience he displayed in explaining the new schedule to the boys. Bros. D. Campbell, Parent and Groves were also eulogized for their efforts in securing the new schedule.

We wish to thank Messrs. W. Culligan and F. A. Rutherford, chief dispatchers at Stratford and London, respectively, for the courteous treatment accorded the boys in connection with the above meeting. Passes were issued freely upon request, Trains Nos. 122 and 17 were stopped at local stations to let off members returning from the meeting, members were relieved from duty wherever possible and everything was done to promote a good feeling among the boys, which was certainly appreciated. CERT. 1469.

Seventh District—

I asked Bros. Giroux, Brockville, Allison, Napanee, Burnham, Brighton and Stone at Whithy to assist with this write-up. The latter said he had none. If the boys on the Sixth District are not enough interested to send in the notes I will try to write for the Seventh only for a while yet.

Bro. H. A. Bolton relieved Bro. Granger, agent Scarboro, our genial local chairman, while on committee work and was relieved there nights by Mr. Lloyd, who also relieved Bro. Thos. Connors at Bowmanville, while he relieved Bro. Bird, days there, off on account of the death of a relative.

Men at Oshawa had rather a tough day recently when the Boston-Chicago flyer run into the rear of a freight a mile east, killing a cattle drover.

Bro. Allin, Newtonville, had a hard day when No. 6 laid baggage, express and mail cars over on their side, wrecking an engine and tearing up considerable track on the cross over switches there, November 29th.

Bro. Ross Burnham, Brighton nights, who relieved Bro. Connors days when he went to "YD," was later relieved by Bro. Baker.

Following brothers attended the Toronto meeting, December 6th, at the Labor Temple: Bros. Giroux, Allison, C. H. Baker, R. K. Cook, R. A. Snyder, R. R. Bird, V. M. Smith, T. A. Carson, H. A. Granger and Thos. Gormley.

Fone was out of commission for twelve hours recently, during which time we used key again.

Our new schedule is completed and the ten-hour day is now a reality, making 730 less hours of labor a year, with two weeks' vacation and Sunday overtime. This makes us 73 days less a year to work, or if worked we get paid almost double. Don't forget to take a meal hour at midnight when you get it and clear out for exercise. We don't have to scrub stations any more, and it is a pleasure to work here now and feel that there's more coming to the company when we get more what we are worth, but we are not up quite to standard yet, so keep moving.

Toronto men want the Ontario O. R. T. Club of Port Hope, moved there. They waited for a club to be started, then want it in their vicinity. Plenty room for more clubs, boys. Ours goes to Belleville, first if it moves at all. This is for the entire Order, C. P. R.-C. N. R. and G. R., and especially for relaxation of the boys on the Sixth and Seventh Districts.

The December 20th meeting at Port Hope was a howling success from every standpoint. All the night men from Trenton to Port Union, inclusive, except one were present; also two day men and one extra. The boys expected a dispatcher to attend, as the chief had an invitation, but he failed to put in an appearance. The meeting was for the good of the service, and passes were extremely hard to get.

It was called to order at 10 a. m. by Bro. Snyder, assistant local chairman. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved; schedule discussed and all reported satisfied with the efforts of our committee. Next meeting January 20th.

No card, no favors.

One old non, who once held a card, says he started in on the Grand Trunk, but apparently he's not very much interested in his start or he would use the extra increase he received and buy another card. You fellows mostly know where he is, and act accordingly.

A KICKER, Cert. 1801.

Fifteenth District—

Bro. J. E. Horning, North Parkdale Jct. days, has lined up again.

Bro. Bill Rollings has returned from his honeymoon trip. Bro. Bob Knox, who relieved him at Weston, is now relieving Bro. W. A. Brent at Brampton nights, on vacation.

A certain agent on this district is wondering why the O. R. T. did not get him more than \$5.00 raise. The rest of the boys know why. Certain other agents who got a substantial raise and were promoted to city agencies, will shortly realize that they are no better than the dispatchers and other agents who are up-to-date members of the O. R. T. and that the company has no more respect for them than for us, if as much.

Bro. Wagner, who holds an up-to-date card in Grand Division since 1892, is relieving Harry Holmes at Acton West, who took some kind of a stroke and was ordered by the doctor to take several weeks' rest.

Bro. R. W. Loftus, relief agent, relieved Bro. Bill Middleton while he was distributing the increases.

Glad to see Bro. W. Waugh, at Baden, land a \$10.00 raise. He says the Sunday overtime alone is worth the price of the dues.

Bro. Bill Cober deserves his \$13.00 raise. He has straightened up the accounts at New Hamburg agency to the satisfaction of all concerned since he went there as agent.

The telegraph staff at Stratford has been reduced and Bro. Bobbie Hyde is relieving Bro. Chace Leavitt, holidaying in St. Catharines.

Bro. Bill Rife, of St. Pauls, is holidaying in Detroit, relieved by Bro. T. G. Connel, and he at Pinkerton by Mr. Blythe, of Hepworth.

Bro. Jim Egan, the genial agent at St. Marys, will be a valuable acquisition to our monthly meetings.

Bro. W. J. Dore has lined up, making the west end solid.

Bro. Archie McKay, relieving agents all summer, is back at Parkhill days, vice Bro. Duffus, to Forest, his home town nights.

Bro. Cusack, at Blackwell, was raised from operator to agent by new schedule and given a \$10.00 raise on January 1st.

Bro. W. Craig, agent Malton, attended the "pearl wedding" for his parents in Ailsa Craig on December 12th, relieved by Bro. Bobbie Hyde.

The new \$40,000 depot at Stratford was formally opened on December 17th. A special train bearing officials from every department of the G. T. R. was run from Montreal to Stratford, and was the first train to stop at the new station. Upon its arrival the G. T. R. band from Stratford shops, the finest organization of its kind in the city, struck up "O Canada," after which the officials were met by the Mayor and City Council and Stratford Board of Trade and conveyed in automobiles to the city hall, where a magnificent banquet was tendered them, showing that the Stratford people appreciate what the G. T. R. has done for their city. The old station was torn down December 22d.

Bro. Neil Zinger, dispatcher C. P. R. at Regina, is visiting at Guelph and other points. Neil worked in "OD" before going West and it seems like old times to see him again.

CERT. 1469.

London Division, Seventeenth District—

Wish all the brothers a happy New Year. Most of us will have reason to be happy with that new schedule helping us to stand the "increased cost of living."

Would be very glad if some brother east of Hamilton would furnish us with a little of the doings down on that end each month by the 15th at the latest. Forward your items to Bro. Malcolm at Woodstock and he will turn them over to me.

Our first meeting held at London on December 3d was not very well attended, but hope for better

things in the future. Bro. Eddy went into the workings of the new schedule, which you should now have a copy of. We also had some interesting addresses by several of the local members.

Bros. McAllister and Gilpin are now at Sarnia tunnel regular.

Bro. Hay, of Kingscourt Jct., recently relieved Bro. Newman at Watford, who relieved Bro. Dunn, nights at Woodstock, relieving Local Chairman Malcolm, at Toronto adjusting the working of the new schedule. Bro. Wade, Hyde Park Jct., relieved Bro. Malcolm while he was on committee work.

Bro. Burke has been appointed agent at Ingersoll, relieved there days by Bro. Davidson, of the C. N. R., with Mr. McLeod, a new man, on nights.

Bro. Campbell has been appointed agent at Hickson, relieved by Bro. Mowat at Paris Jct. days. Bro. Atkinson, "Z" nights, is doing the night stunt, and Bro. Swales is at "DS" nights.

Bro. Meredith, Harrisburg nights, on two weeks' vacation, was relieved by L. Kinder, from the Hamilton Division.

It is now Bro. McDonald at Copetown nights, and Mr. Vrooman, the agent, and Mr. Hodgins, agent "GN," promise to be with us first of the new year, also Mr. Barnes, Jct. Cut.

Bro. J. G. Aikman, of Hamilton office, now regular on London third, west end; Bro. Robinson on second, and Bro. Taylor on first. Bro. Bishop on second east end and Mr. Brent on third. Relief dispatchers are Bros. Goodwin and Vail.

Chief Dispatcher Dunn, at Brantford, has resigned, succeeded by A. F. Sharpe, night chief at London, and he by W. M. Doherty.

A. H. King, for a number of years agent at Ingersoll, is now agent for the C. N. R. at Ottawa.

Hamilton Division, Seventeenth District—

A very successful meeting was held at Hamilton on the evening of December 5th when General Chairman Bro. Eddy gave a thorough understanding of the new schedule. The following were present: Bros. Diltz, Bront, Heldman and Galbraith, Burlington Jct.; Patton, Lynden Jct.; Arnup, Harrisburg; Foster, Branchton; Turner, Dundas; Owens and Stone, Brantford; Roderick, Stoney Creek; Bradley, Grimsby; Quarrier, Cross and Cross, Hamilton, and Malcolm, Woodstock.

Stoney Creek is now solid, since the addition of Bro. Clark. Grimsby has also sustained her honor with Bros. Bradley and Smart.

It is now Bro. Perdue, nights at St. Catharines, and Bro. Butler, Welland Canal days.

Boys, get after the rest of the nons, and boost the averages.

Bro. Malcolm asks me to add the following: "The first month's increase, not to exceed \$10, goes to build up the Order. Remit promptly to Bro. Shaw at London. We are on an equal footing with the best roads in the country now, with a good, substantial membership, and by the middle of the year should have the system about solid."

CERT. 1458.

Twenty-second, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Districts—

Bro. Dopfer, Shallow Lake, is on vacation, relieved by Mr. Dolphin.

Bro. Donald McBride, agent Hepworth, and Bro. C. L. King, of Kincardine, are among our latest converts.

P. Quigley, of Wiarton, will be with us next month, which will clear up the last of the nons between Stratford and Wiarton, also Mr. Sutton, agent Holstein, which will clean up the Durham line; thanks to Bro. Towner.

Bro. G. Reid, of Tavistock, is now agent at Chesley, vice Bro. J. Rose, deceased.

Mr. Goodier, at Southampton, who got a \$10 raise, the only non on the Southampton branch, will soon be on pension.

Jim Murray, of Ethel, who got a \$20 raise on January 1st, has been unfortunate lately, having lost his youngest child. The boys extend their sympathy. When Jim lines up the Kincardine branch will be solid.

Bro. G. McCallum, of Galt, who got a \$5.00 raise sent in at once for a card, although near pension age. His two operators, W. Weir and J. H. Bone, also participated in the increase and will soon join.

Bro. E. A. Pattison, of Brucefield, a non-telegraph station, received a \$25 increase and immediately got a card, making the Twenty-fourth District solid.

Bro. McTaggart, local chairman, of Blyth, only has about eight nons left out of a total of eighty-two positions, and nearly all of these will be in by the end of January.

Twenty-first District—

C. W. Staib, agent Pt. Dover, who got a \$7.50 raise, promises for January, also D. Groat, Norwich Jct., which will make the Pt. Dover line solid.

Bro. R. J. Campbell, Paris Jct. days, is the new agent at Hickson, vice Bro. A. Clarke, transferred to Dublin agency.

Twentieth District—

Mr. Skelton, agent Onondaga, has reconsidered his resignation.

Mr. Ollenbittle, Caledonia nights, resigned, succeeded by Bro. Stone, a brother of Dispatcher Stone at Brantford.

Bro. W. Salkeld, agent Caledonia, and Bro. J. Robertson, days, are two of our latest converts.

Mr. Thompson, agent Canfield, has retired on pension, relieved by W. G. McCulla pending bulletin, and he by Bro. Holly, of Brantford freight office.

Bro. M. J. Byrne, agent Bright, and Bro. H. C. Elder, cashier Goderich freight office, have lined up again, and Mr. Loth, Tavistock Jct. days, who has been appointed agent, will line up in January. Bro. J. J. Howard transferred to Dunnville nights, and Tavistock Jct. nights closed.

A. O. Pattison, agent Clinton, promises to line up at once, also R. J. Parker, relieving Bro. Sparling at Goderich, while undergoing an operation in Stratford Hospital.

Bro. J. W. Manning, agent Sebringville, got an \$18 raise and got a card at once, and Bro. Bretbauer, who has been relieving on the Northern Division, now carries an up-to-date.

Merritton dispatching office is solid. Bro. G. A. Brawley being the latest addition.

Bridgebury dispatching office is also solid, Bro. F. Ryan being the last to get in line. Bro. Ed. Weston, of "NA" Montreal, is another new member. CENT. 1469.

Grand Trunk Western Ry.—

We are now working under our new schedule, and should all endeavor to show our appreciation of it by being on the job, and also to be alive to the interest of our Order and not lose sight of a non. We all appreciate the way the boys are asking for application blanks. They have all to gain and nothing to lose.

The old depot at Imlay City, Mich., has been overhauled, and the boys now have a much better and larger office to work in.

We will soon be holding meetings regularly again at the main points along the line. All should attend and talk matters over and get a better understanding with each other. General Chairman Eddy has promised to be with us at as many meetings as possible.

Phones are being installed at the interlocking towers, whether telegraph offices or not, so that the men will know where the trains are, but will not be used by them for reporting trains.

Electric lights being put in at all available stations will make it a great deal better for the men at these points.

We are glad to note the interest the dispatchers are taking in the Order, and most of those who have not yet come in have promised to do so.

Bro. A. J. Spiess, agent Bad Axe, Mich., advises us of the opening of the D. & H. branch November 29th, doing a good business with a nice new depot and a fine engine house and yards. The P. O. & N. trains now run through from Pontiac to Bad Axe with stub trains to Caseville. Bro. Spiess was relieved as agent at Cass City by Bro. Wager, former agent at Clifford. H. Livingston, the telegrapher at his station, will soon be with us. Bro. J. D. Hoffmaster, from Cass City, is now agent at Clifford.

It is now Bros. F. C. Lee, Schoolcraft; E. F. Cody, Battle Creek, and E. Coswell, Pigeon, Mich.

Bro. H. S. Harmon, agent Emmett, recently spent two days in Port Huron with Bro. O. M. Hilderbride, agent at Goodells.

Bro. Card, of Valparaiso, has the promise of seven new members on the west end, which leaves very few there without a card.

The meeting at South Bend, December 29th, was pretty well attended.

Bro. James Dewar is back on first Capac again. He was quarantined at his home some time on account of diphtheria. The depot there was set on fire recently owing to the explosion of a lamp, putting the wires and phones out of commission for several hours.

Bro. Shea, first Imlay City, was off a few days recently, relieved by Mr. Swihart, who will soon be with us.

We hope that each member and also the nons will contribute their first month's increase in pay to the Order, and each member also pay his dues promptly, so as to put our division in a good financial standing.

All vacancies will now be bulletined by a "23" message over the wire. Any who do not receive it should notify the local chairman, so the boys will get this benefit that rightfully belongs to them.

Send in all the news you can, boys, so we can have a good write-up each month. "STUB."

Prairie Division, Districts One, Two and Three—

The Mellville meeting on December 1st was called to order at 8 p. m., Bro. Harrop in the chair. Other brothers present were Thresher, McDonald and Armstrong, of Mellville; Seshaye, Fenwood and Canton, of Birmingham; and Brewer, Atwater and Swar, of Lazare. The small turnout was owing to the grain rush and so many trains moving that operators and agents could not be spared.

Bro. Harrop's idea that we have a ball and supper was heartily endorsed by all present, and on motion of Bro. McDonald, seconded by Bro. Thresher, the following committee on arrangements was appointed: M. D. Thompson, chairman; J. W. Armstrong, P. G. Williams, J. S. McDonald, W. Thresher, E. W. Rattigan, R. Evans and P. M. Eplett.

The committee is to set the date, about January 23, 1914, and make all arrangements. Number of tickets not to exceed 150; admission, \$2.00.

Night operator at Uno discharged for missing train order. Watch your orders, boys, and keep things moving straight during the rush. The dispatchers are very busy and we must help them all we can.

New night man at Lazare.

Mr. Henery got his blanks and will soon be Bro. His wife is some operator, too; he is lucky.

We are all glad to see Bro. and Mrs. Phillips back to Goodeve again. He was operated on in Winnipeg successfully for appendicitis.

Bro. Nupert and wife are very comfortably settled at Uno.

Wish some of the boys on the west and east end would send me some items before the 20th of the month, so I can get them in before the 28th.

G. A. S., Cert. 1101, Lazare, Manitoba.

Wabash R. R.

Peru Division—

Since our committee has had a conference with Mr. Miller, who couldn't, under financial conditions of the Wabash, grant us an increase, but has secured for us a meeting with the receivers as soon after Christmas as consistent, it behooves us to work together and show a solid front when we resume postponed negotiations.

Pay your dues up promptly at the 1st of 1914, and make good our slogan for 1914, "Wabash solid O. R. T."

You gain nothing by dropping your card over some imaginary grievance. Some are inclined to do this, if we are not successful at times. If we do not give our committee support, what can we expect? So pay your dues up-to-date; go about it in the right way and we will accomplish more than if we were divided.

There is a certain brother who is teaching a student without permission from our president or of the superintendent. If this practice is not discontinued or adjusted with the above named officials, charges will be preferred against him, as outlined in our constitution and by-laws.

As seniority lists have been mailed to all stations, will correct same to January 1st as soon as possible to do so. Look for notice in next issue of THE TELEGRAPHER.

Try to line-up all the nons around you, and see that they get an up-to-date card and help support the committee in its efforts to better their conditions as well as our own. Enforce the motto: "No card, no favors," and remember the slogan for 1914, "Wabash, Banner Route, Solid O. R. T."

R. D. Hamer, Peru Jct., went to No. 93's wreck at Woodburn, making \$3 for the call. He was relieved, while on leave of absence, by H. Brooks, from Grabill.

H. O. Eviston relieved King on first "GS" tower one day.

F. O. Cole relieved C. H. Terry agent Blakesley, while he was in the superintendent's office at Peru, on statistics.

J. H. Dow resigned and went to Grand Rapids, Mich., relieved temporarily at C. & O. Jct. by R. H. James later relieved by Roy Randles, from State Line, when he relieved J. S. Rizar at West Peru, while on committee work in St. Louis, later relieving E. N. Drake, third Tilton. J. R. Miller, a new man, relieved James at West Peru, by taking second there; L. R. Cochrane going back on third.

R. M. Herrold resigned and went to the P. M. at Grand Rapids, Mich.

L. T. Agnew relieved H. O. Eviston, at West Unity, who went on the extra list.

P. B. Lighty, on leave of absence in California returned and resumed second at Danville, reported that he had a fine trip. Operator White left second Danville and took ticket agency at LaFayette permanent; regular agent going to Chicago in general passenger agent's office.

The C. & E. I. have granted their men a 5 per cent increase, and they are in the hands of a receiver, so there is no reason why we shouldn't do as well or better, if we will keep up-to-date and get in the nons.

I wish to thank the boys who sent me notes for this issue, and wish you would come again, and help me to keep the news circulating. Address me at Danville, Station "C."

R. H. JAMES, Div. Cor., Cert. 2457 at "Q."

Decatur Division—

Working on a railroad one meets a great number of "hobos." They are among all classes of people. Every hobo has an excuse for being a hobo, and every non will give you an excuse for

being a non. Evidently neither of them are proud of being a hobo or a non, as it is not right for them to be in either of those classes. There is something wrong about a thing you are not proud of, and you don't have to make an excuse for being or doing right. I have been a union man all my life, have watched unionism for the last twenty years, and I am proud to say that I still believe in unionism. A great many do not understand that unionism means brotherly love; and the man or woman who holds an up-to-date card and ridicules a brother for his nationality or religion is not imbued with the proper union principles. This great American country would never have been free, had men refused to stand shoulder to shoulder, because one was a Catholic, another a Baptist, etc. We must forget our little personal differences, and show the nons by our actions towards each other that we are really brothers and sisters, and show by our loyalty to our employers what unionism really is, and they will soon learn they can not afford to be on the outside. They need education as badly as the man who goes to church without an honest purpose in his heart to do right. If a man goes to church with the same kind of a heart that some men go into the union with, the church won't reap any benefit from him, nor will he from the church, because his heart is wrong.

Let us have some meetings, and every brother get a non to attend just one of those meetings, their employers won't think any less of them for being union men, and the brothers will think more of them. I know several nons personally who tell me they have wives and mothers to support, and can not afford to join, but every time I see them they have a large cigar in their face. Now a union card means just one less cigar a day. Unionism means some sacrifice, brotherly love and loyalty, not strikes and disorder.

Don't be like the Irishman who as soon as he joined the union wanted to have a strike, and when the president told him they were not going to have a strike at all, wanted to know what was the union good for, if they couldn't have a strike.

Unionism means better conditions and more wages, but don't blame our committeemen if they don't get these things for us, when so many will remain on the outside and do nothing morally or financially to help secure these concessions. Brothers, thorough organization is what we need, so give the nons no rest until they come over on our side of the fence. If they don't do this, and are forgotten in the next schedule, they will have no one to blame but themselves, and all their kicking will amount to nothing.

Bro. C. E. Hulse, third Osman, on vacation, was relieved by Mr. Settles, a new man.

No. 11 lost her bell, December 11th, about a mile north of Osman. Lucky it dropped off between stations.

The preachers say a "back slider" is worse than a man who has never been converted. Just the same in the O. R. T.

Brothers, if you did not read "Carrying the Mail," page 1879, November TELEGRAPHER, do so, and then write your protest to President Perham.

Let us all do our part to get this job off our shoulders, it certainly don't belong there.

Mr. Holmes, from Cornell, who visited his parents at Spencer, Sunday, December 14th, will soon get in line now.

C. L. Gamoll, from Chicago Ridge tower, is now agent at Steele and New Lenox, relieving Ex-Bro. Watrous, who has gone to the Michigan Central. Gamoll has no use for labor organizations; previous to securing the last schedule, his position paid \$45 and now pays \$65.

Brisbane is now solid.

Bro. Lynk, recently from the I. C. at Freeport, was relieved recently by Extra Hess, on third at Manhattan, pending bulletin.

Bro. Nichols relieved Mr. Nelson at Gibson City, who relieved Agent Walker at Forrest.

A change was made in Streator agency nearly two years ago, but no bulletin as provided in schedule. Why?

Bro. Steinheimer spent Thanksgiving day out in the country near Boody. R. Heerd, agent Boody, while visiting friends in Kansas City recently, was relieved by Bro. Steinheimer, and he by Bro. Tryon, who later went to Staunton third. Bro. Skelton and Sister O'Neill have now resumed on second and third Staunton.

Assistant Superintendent Ocheltree has moved from Decatur to Forrest.

Bro. Wolf, agent Melmine, recently spent Sunday with his parents in Chicago.

Bro. Nash made a trip over the Ninth District recently and secured several applications.

Mr. Case, third Litchfield, bid in first Staunton, and Bro. Newlin bid in Stewardson agency.

Many thanks to those who assisted in this, and hope you will all be back next month.

R. VRECH, Cerro Gordo, Ill., Cert. 1613.

Springfield Division—

Your general committee desires the earnest support of every member, in order to obtain an increase for the Wabash telegraphers.

Items are very scarce this month, as I have not been at home to keep in touch with the different moves.

Bro. Abbott, agent Dawson, local chairman, was relieved by Extra Constant, while on general committee work.

Agent Pence, Hersman, off visiting, was relieved by Mr. Peacock, a new man.

Bro. Zimmerman, agent Maysville, off a few days recently, was relieved by Extra Bass, who also relieved Bro. Stead, third Griggsville, who relieved Bro. Driscoll, the agent there, while on a hunting trip.

Bro. Klinefelter, agent Alexander, on vacation, was relieved by Extra Fairny, a new man.

The man who has been at Mt. Sterling agency has been relieved by former Bro. J. E. Conrey, ticket agent for the Illinois Traction System. We hope he will soon be with us again.

Bro. M. B. Stead has returned from his ten days' honeymoon trip to Kansas City and Oklahoma points.

Bro. Guinan, second Kinderhook, visited friends at Mt. Sterling recently.

CERT. 748.

Moberly Division—

Bro. Berthold, third Luther, was stricken sick while on duty, caused by eating sardines. After a trip to St. Mary's Hospital, he is all right again.

Bittiker, third Brunswick, relieved Mr. Messick, while he relieved Night Chief Kelly at "GO" recently. Bro. Begole was also at "GO" a few days, while Mr. Kelly attended a Thanksgiving wedding. Later Bittiker returned to "NA," relieving Mr. Pike, who returned to "NE." Bro. Knappenberger bid in second Brunswick; Mr. Hofman is on third there.

Bro. R. Endicott, agent Dalton, was off a few days, relieved by Bro. Broadhurst, who relieved Bro. E. P. Marion, on second there, when he went to St. Peters agency. Bro. W. P. Marion relieved Bro. Broadhurst, on Dalton third while Broadhurst was doing relief agent's work.

J. J. Clard bid in Silver City agency, putting first Stanberry on bulletin.

Mr. Bershaw, first Carrollton, got Benton City agency.

Bro. Egbert Thompson, off a few days, was relieved by Mr. Derby, from Silver City, a beginner.

Bro. Trimble, agent Cordovia, has returned to Page Ave.

Thanks to Bro. Davis for the write-up last month. Brothers on the High Line, please send Bro. Davis, at "BO," all the news you can, and let's have a good write-up. E. P. M.

St. Louis Division—

Bro. Egbert, Thompson, is on thirty days' vacation, with his family, up in the Dakotas.

Bro. Edgar Powell, Centralia, was off a few days, taking in St. Louis.

Bro. Shay, High Hill, bid in Brunswick agency, relieved by Bro. Krome, pending bulletin.

I wish to correct my mistake in addressing two of our old and reliable sisters as the Misses Sadler.

Bro. Logan, agent Macon, has resigned, relieved by Bro. Pike. Scry to lose Bro. Logan, and all wish him well.

Bro. Bittiker, second Luther, on vacation, visiting relatives in Brunswick, was relieved by Bro. Carter, from Huntsville.

R. G. Brotherton, agent Miami, is confined to his bed, relieved by M. J. Sears.

L. E. Wilkinson, of Shenandoah, spent a few days in Moberly recently, on company business.

V. R. Woods, first Carrollton, pending bulletin, relieved on second by Wm. McClanahan, a new man, formerly baggage master at Norborne.

H. R. Carter, second High Hill, while on the sick list was relieved by Bro. Williamson.

Mr. Woods, agent DeWitt, on vacation, visiting relatives in Orrick, was relieved by Bro. Knappenberger.

Our slogan, "Be an Active Member," is not alone urged upon those who attend meetings, but upon every one to promote and retain a solid membership on each of the various divisions. We need but a few more new names, in addition to lining-up the few delinquents, to make us solid. If you are willing to help, then get busy at once. We have for a long time been talking about the "Banner Route," and must make good now. Each one per-

form his part in his immediate vicinity and guide all nons and delinquents into the right path. Your influence and a personal interview may have even a greater effect than that of the local chairmen, who have interested themselves in each case but are handicapped by reason of your silence and indifference, construed by the nons to mean that you are satisfied and willing to pay the freight.

Let us secure all the new members we possibly can, our reward will be greater if every member will help get in the nons, and render the company the best of service, and when it is time for the revising of the schedule, as well as that much needed raise in salaries, we can point out to our officials the good derived by their recognition of our membership.

Glad to see Bro. F. M. David, of "BO," taking the interest he is by going over the line at his own expense, endeavoring to line-up the boys on the High Line. "Go as far as you like," we are with you! C. W. LAYTON, D. C.

Relay Division—

Bro. Ryan, from "JO," Decatur, relieved Mr. Singleton, "XD," Decatur, when he went to Forrest as car distributor.

Temporary Chief Dispatcher Slats, Forrest; has returned to Decatur to assume his former duties as car distributor, relieved at Forrest by Dispatcher E. L. Datson, from Decatur.

Oscar Sindberg, working as extra dispatcher at Forrest, relieved at "JS," Chicago, by Brennan, who later resigned to look after his fruit farm in Michigan, relieved by J. C. Johnson, from Western Union, Chicago.

Bro. Nixon, "GM," spent Sunday recently with Extra Dispatcher Asbury at Moberly, and Mr. Horan, "GM," visited his parents there a few days.

Mr. Hicklin is now chief clerk to Superintendent Milton, Kansas City, relieved as manager at "KN," Kansas City, by Mr. Allen, and he on second "KN" by Bro. Jacobson, from Montgomery.

Bro. Nixon and Collins, "GM," recently made a trip to Decatur. We will soon have the relay offices solid if this keeps up.

Car Distributor Eidson, Moberly, resumed work after a ten days' vacation with his parents at Sturgeon. LAYTON, Cert. 2147.

Chicago & Alton R. R.*Western Division—*

Our Western Division bunch are good stickers, but very slow coming up with items. Boys, if you want a good write-up in the journal, send items to your local chairman about the 20th, so the correspondent can get them in before the 28th.

Bro. V. M. Craig has returned from the N. P. to the "Only Way," and been assigned to the new third trick at Pearl.

Bro. A. W. Pearson bid in third at Nebo, vice Read to third Pleasant Hill temporarily.

Straut third abolished, Bro. Burr going on extra. Mr. Corbett issues bulletins on time, and his assignments have all been satisfactory.

I am indebted to Bro. Maupin for most of these items, some one else send some in also.

Did it ever occur to you, brothers, that the railroad officials had decided to put in phones, replacing the telegraph, perhaps for one reason that it is easier to awaken a man "in the hay" by "ringing a bell," than for the dispatcher to call till his arm is tired on the former? You might think this over, and then decide that it would be well to answer your calls promptly. If you do not like the phone, then it seems you should try and give the very best service possible on the "old Morse." This will at least make it easier for the dispatcher and may help to keep the old favorite in use; also see that you never violate General Rule "G." Support your committee by getting after the nons who are wondering "why they don't do something toward getting more money," and show them that "they" are the only obstacle in the way of our doing so, and that we can secure all that "they" and we desire by coming into the Order at once. A committee is only a representative, and its success in conferring with the management depends wholly upon the backing the men on a road give it.

Bro. J. A. Sterner has returned to Armstrong from his vacation, relieved by Sister Hughes, of Corder, now at Odessa nights.

Mr. Preston, of Laddonia, bid in Yates. He should now show his appreciation of the O. R. T. making bidding on positions possible, by taking out a card at once.

It is now time to pay our M. B. D. assessments to Bro. Quick, and Order dues to Bro. McElhinney. Remit at once, boys. We have only had a committee up twice, and our schedule speaks for itself. With a solid membership we can get other concessions and lots better working conditions. We might have the committee ask for annual passes next time it goes up, for every agent and operator who has been in the service five years.

The article entitled "Carrying the Mails," beginning on page 1879 of the November journal, signed "Parcel Post Packer," is true to nature, and I hope every brother and sister does as he suggests and starts the ball rolling.

Bro. Ehrnman, cashier of Marshall, has joined "the benedicts." Congratulations.

Mr. Griffith, relief agent, who bid in Fulton, should remember that it was the O. R. T. that made it possible for him to get this position, and come in and help us to get other good things in store for us, when we are thoroughly organized.
L. C.

South End—

The regular quarterly meeting at Bloomington, December 20th, one of the most interesting we have ever held, was called to order at 8:30 p. m., with the following brothers present: E. E. Gentz, chairman; H. L. Majors, secretary; Thos. Riley, doorkeeper; C. O. Larkin, W. E. Cook, G. C. Connel, R. W. Parent, J. L. DeVault, J. O. Robb, J. E. Winkler, H. J. Nahan, A. V. Manskey, C. W. Wright, E. L. Deveson, J. F. Magee, W. B. Smith, E. R. LaSalle, E. E. Pfiefer, E. E. Edgar and F. Burkdall.

Very interesting addresses were made by a number of the boys, several letters from brothers on

the line that were unable to attend were read and various subjects of interest to the craft were discussed. It was expected that Bro. Newman would be with us, but being tied up in Cleveland with the Nickel Plate he was unable to attend.

Mr. Banes bid in South Joliet, and Mr. Blackwell bid in second "BR," Park.

Bro. Swanson is back on third at Joliet.

South End Notes—

Bro. Mooney bid in Wann third; Mr. Quimby, Wann second, vice Bro. Swanson, transferred, and Mr. Shamberg bid in Ashland third.

It is hoped that all will indorse the increase from \$4 to \$5 semi-annual dues, which goes into effect the first of the year, and pay up promptly. It takes money to keep a committee up and carry on its work.

With best wishes of the season to all, and hopes for even a more successful year in 1914.

E. E. EDGAR, Div. Cor.

C., St. P., M. & O. R. R.

Minnesota and Iowa Division—

Nearly the first of 1914 and no snow yet; beautiful California weather, mercury 10 above.

We extend our sympathy to Bro. J. N. Alvord and wife, owing to the death of Mrs. Alvord's mother at Minneapolis. Bro. Alvord was relieved at Mountain Lake, to attend the funeral, by C. D. Brooks, who later went to St. James side wire, relieved by I. J. Johnson, and he at Stone by J. L. Kelly.

Bro. A. F. Riedmiller had a little experience at Ottawa, and he is now taking a vacation at home in Hoppers. Bro. Kleeman is at Ottawa nights, pending bulletin.

Bro. Wm. Richmond, of Lake Crystal, on vacation, was relieved by Bro. Peterson, relieved by Bro. O. S. Brown, from the Wisconsin Division.

Bro. E. T. Brady is at Su City shops temporarily, vice J. L. Farmer.

Bro. O. A. Iverson, relieving Bro. Dewar at Wilder, is all swelled up over the new depot they recently moved into there.

Bro. and Mrs. Tornell have returned from their extended wedding trip to his new position at Hadley.

Bro. B. J. Funk, of Mankato, is again baching, while his wife is visiting relatives in the Twin Cities.

Bro. W. J. A. Maxfield, Colfax, Washington, sends his regards to the Omaha boys. Included a money order for an up-to-date. He writes that the W. O. R. & N. boys are trying to secure a new schedule, and the company has offered them a blanket increase of \$2.50 per job. If they are wise they will stand by their committee, as these voluntary increases generally cover a strong purpose.

Bro. Shonka bid in Minneopa agency, and Bro. Williams has bid on the night job there.

Bro. Frank Morris, of Westbrook, has resigned.

Bro. and Mrs. Shier, of Garden City, spent a few hours in Mankato, between trains, a few days

ago, looking for "Santa." Bro. C. W. West, of Vernon Center, transacted business at Mankato, December 20th.

Bro. L. L. Frisby, of Luverne, telegraphers' committeeman, while attending the Safety First meeting at St. James, was relieved by I. J. Johnson.

General Secretary and Treasurer Tenney transacted business with Local Chairman James Mathews between trains at Worthington, Tuesday, midnight, December 16th, leaving on No. 1 and returning on No. 2.

Bro. O. L. Riedel, of Kasota, had the misfortune to slip while skating and sprained his arm. Bro. Frantz, who relieved him one night, went to Blue Earth third.

Bro. C. M. Butts has returned to Mitchell, after a few days' vacation.

I have appointed Bro. G. V. Cook, of Avoca, and Bro. L. L. Frisby, of Luverne, assistant local chairmen. They are well known to the boys on the M. & I. Division, and their past will be a far better introduction than anything I might say. They will help to keep the boys enthused, secure new members and assist in keeping up the organization. Any thing you may do to help these brothers with their new duties and cheer them on in their work, will be most thankfully received. They have been clothed with an organizer's power to solicit dues or applications, for which they will issue receipts.

D. O. TENNEY, Local Chairman.

To many the following will come as a surprise, and also as a regret, as their acquaintance with the author of the letter has been very agreeable and pleasant.

TEKAMAH, NEB., December 16, 1913.

To the Officers of Division No. Four:

In view of the fact that my railroad duties continue to grow heavier, I feel that I can not give to them, and the work of local chairman, what they are entitled to without slighting one or the other. As the former means my bread and butter and I should therefore have my first consideration, I have concluded to resign as local chairman. If my work as local chairman has been of value to Division No. 4, I feel that I have been amply paid for my exertions. I will continue to keep up my membership in the Order and stand ready to do all I can to assist my successor in every way possible. Nothing but the best of feeling towards my associates and other officers of Division No. 4 exists. But I feel that it is hardly fair for one man to perform all this work on a particular division, when the others are equal beneficiaries in the results, therefore I am taking this step to allow some one else a chance as local chairman.

Yours fraternally,
JAMES MATHEWS, Local Chairman.

It is indeed gratifying to see the dues rolling in at such a rapid rate and strongly arguments the position that the officers of Division No. 4 have always taken, viz.: making the business of Division No. 4 a "home-rule" division. There should

be no surprise attached to this, I presume, as the membership voted in the \$6.00 semi-annual dues, instead of having them remain at \$5.00. The great number of \$6.00 money orders that reach us every mail goes to show how completely you are endorsing the plan laid before you at the various meetings and by letters to increase the dues yourselves. Had the officers of Division No. 4 increased the dues, which they had the privilege of doing with a majority vote of the general committee, without submitting it to a vote of the membership, it would probably not have met with the favor that the heavy remittances now being received indicate.

We are about to close up our year's work, and it is befitting that I take this time and opportunity of thanking you heartily one and all for the splendid support you have given me, making it a pleasure instead of a burden to handle your business. And in closing the year's work, I take pride in knowing that the efforts of the organization have brought sunshine and prosperity to the homes of its constituents, and truly trust that it may continue to increase this ten-fold.

I wish all a prosperous and happy New Year.

D. O. TENNEY, Gen'l S. & T.

Northern District—

The "old wind-jammer" is back on the job. He was on vacation last month, got back too late to send in any items, and therefore we did not have a write-up in the December journal. But after camping in the woods for a couple of weeks and bringing back a big buck, we are ready for another year's duty.

We wish to take this opportunity of wishing all the boys a happy New Year, thanking all who have interested themselves in sending me items from time to time, and hoping we will get your hearty support in the future along this line.

Bro. Steiner, with one of those flashes of good judgment so common to him, has appointed "Ye Scribe" assistant under him, with full authority to round up delinquents from January 1st to December 31st and no closed season on nons, territory extending from Spooner to Duluth and Ashland. We ask that you deal kindly with us.

Bro. A. B. Crowell, who relieved Bro. Stouffer, first Shell Lake, also relieved Bro. Ryan at Stanton for a week.

Block and Signal Inspector Nordquist was through recently on a tour of inspection.

P. Imislund, second Shell Lake, was relieved three nights by L. W. Crego.

Bill Kuhn is back again as agent at Chetek. Bro. Whittaker, day man there will see if he has an up-to-date in due time.

We are glad to hear that our old friend Bro. O. P. Ruide has been appointed assistant local chairman on the C. F. & N. Bro. Ruide has always been a wide-awake, conscientious member, and we don't believe Bro. Steiner could have made a better choice in selecting an assistant.

Bro. Crowell drew Mason on November bulletin, and has moved his family there. Matt Carey, who started for Chippewa Falls to work, was nabbed at

Spooner and put on third there a few days, after which he went home for several days.

We understand Bro. Ryan went to Solon Springs during his vacation and brought back a deer.

Bro. J. Siron, first New Richmond, while off with malaria, was relieved by Bro. Swanson, who bid in Clear Lake first. Bro. Runkle, of New Richmond ticket office, while at St. Paul on a trial in connection with a recent accident there, was relieved by I. W. Morris, of "NR" freight office.

Bro. Bartosic is now on Spooner third pending bulletin. Mr. King, side wire man at Spooner, has returned from vacation down in Missouri.

L. E. Knight, Gordon agency, is on the D. & I. R., replaced by Mr. Nixon, erstwhile main line dispatcher.

Bro. Tinker, agent Holcombe, while on his first vacation this fall in seven years, was relieved by Bro. Crowell.

Bro. B. Bergin, of Shell Lake third, was with his folks in Minnesota at Christmas time, his first visit home in several years.

Bro. Steiner, at Deer Park, reports killing a deer in his yard. All that saves him from being branded as a big prevaricator is the name of his station.

We hope every loyal-spirited brother who reads this will try his best to get in every non in his immediate vicinity and help make this division solid, so we may be able to back up our committee for the next convention. Considering the great concessions our committee has secured every year, there is no reason why the membership on this division should not be at least 95 per cent.

Div. Coa.

Eastern District—

By the time this reaches you one more prosperous year shall have been checked from the calendar, during which there was plenty of work for all; but at this writing the big ax has been descending on a lot of our brothers, making a clean sweep, something like forty positions having been abolished on the system, most of them on the Eastern Division, on account of the double track and automatics. Stowell nights was taken out; day man at Neillsville taken off, Bro. Campbell doing his own telegraphing; also three tricks at Augusta, Roberts and Baldwin, and two at Woodville, and numerous clerk jobs; also fourth "MS," Bro. Nordby taking Baldwin agency.

Business is very dull now. It takes four conductors to run the way freights and sometimes two engineers. We hope it will pick up after the holidays, or a few more will get their heads chopped off.

There is a bunch of surplus operators at rest on the east end, so it ought to be easy to get a vacation now.

Bro. G. D. Nelson, called home on account of the death of his uncle, was relieved on third Levis by Bro. Waldum. Bro. Johnson, second Levis, now backing in a box car there, was relieved at Neillsville by Mr. Gormely, returned from his claim in Dakota.

Bros. Allen and Zank have taken clerk jobs at Augusta until something better turns up. Mr. Balgord relieved.

Bro. Kuhn was relieved on Hudson third by Mr. Balgord for a few nights when he went to his new job at Minneapolis. Mr. Balgord better stick to his insurance business, where he can use his wind to advantage, as we do not care to hear him knock. Bro. Crosgrove is now on third Hudson pending bulletin.

Bro. Hall, from Lake Elmo second, displaced Bro. Harshman on second Lakeland Jct.

We have the promise of Mr. Witt and Mr. Perry, on third Northline pending bids, this pay-day. They will be as "welcome as the flowers in May."

Eastern Division freight crews are now running through to Minneapolis instead of East St. Paul. The yards at Hazel Park are used entirely for outgoing cars and is a filling-out point for east-bound trains out of Minneapolis. The big Mikado engines now in use have combined with the retrenchment to make very light picking for the train and engine crews.

Bro. and Mrs. E. J. Stanton and family spent a few days in St. Paul recently as guests of Bro. and Mrs. Liddane. Bro. Stanton succeeded Bro. Hurst on the "safety first" committee, and we couldn't have chosen a better man to fill that position.

Bro. Pope, at Woodville, was pretty badly hit by the reduction. Instead of three operators, he now has only one and a clerk.

The retirement of Mr. Lamb marks the passing of one of the veterans of the service. He has worked a trick in the dispatcher's office on this division nearly as long as the oldest inhabitant can remember. He leaves a host of friends behind, and the boys all wish him success wherever he may go.

Now, boys, remember to begin the new year with a new card in your pockets. In that way you can expect to look for something better before the close of the present year. There are so few of us left on the East End Division that we want every man to get in line and help line up those still out. The force has been cut to such an extent that there are but few new men left, and the old-timers ought to know what it is to be without a schedule. "Nuff said." Get busy.

The new cards will be \$6 instead of \$5 as heretofore. That will mean more money in our treasury and more money for our committee to work with.

I wish to extend every one of you a prosperous and happy New Year. CERT. 7.

Union Pacific R. R.

Nebraska Division, First and Second Districts—

The only news that seems of moment to me just now as I write, is the fact that I was called away on grievance matters and prevented from spending Christmas at home. But after working for the railroad a few years we lose track of Sundays and holidays, and I am comforting myself with the thought that a lot of the rest of the boys had about as little Christmas as I did.

Although I was among strangers on that day, I could not but notice the good nature displayed by everyone. Trains were late, stations congested as well as cars, while hotels were deserted, but whether there was a crowd or only the clerk and myself and a porter in sight, every one was good natured; everyone greeted everyone else with a smile and a good word. I wondered why it could not be thus every day. Everyone gets up Christmas morning with a determination to be cheery to everyone they meet. They actually exude good will toward all with whom they come in contact, and it spreads until life is a joy for one day anyway. Can't we carry that spirit into every day of the year? Especially in our work, can't we resolve every morning that so far as we are concerned nothing but good-will shall radiate from us that day? Surely the Savior did not mean to have good-will toward men only one day out of 365. This one day gives a glimpse of the possibility of that kind of a situation, and, at any rate, I think we should cultivate this virtue as much as possible. It will not only mean much to others, but we ourselves will get much more pleasure out of life. And we surely know we need something in our work to make optimists out of us. We can at least make this a New Year resolution, and while it lasts as such will be a good thing.

We were surprised Christmas day to receive the resignation of Bro. L. G. Ging as local chairman in Nebraska, which carried with it also a vacancy in the office of secretary of the general committee. Bro. Ging has not made known to us his plans and we, therefore, are not prepared to give his reasons for this action, but judge that he has plans in view for work elsewhere, since we know his heart is in the work of the organization and the committee of which he has been a member, full of interest at all times in any plan that would be for the betterment of any of the men. Bro. Ging is a man of good education, rather broad experience for his years and with an insight into future almost ideal conditions for the man of the station, which I wish he could stay by us and help work to secure. I regret that the company—not only this but all the railroads in the country—do not offer more inducements for such men as he to stay with them. If they would put such men in their stations and give them adequate help instead of making slaves of them, they would have something like adequate service in those stations, and their cry for "good agents" might be heard. But while Bro. Ging is a good worker for the future he does not neglect the present also, and as I was preparing to say in my year-end circular, has the only solid district on the division, unless at the last moment Bro. Horksey may be able to render a similar report. The district from Sidney to Cheyenne, on which Bro. Ging works, being the only absolutely solid district on the system, with every man working with an up-to-date member, and if we secure one more application before the end of this week, in which I am writing, the same can be said of the Third District, bordering Bro. Ging

from North Platte to Sidney. This is all by way of saying that Bro. Ging is of a type of man that the railroad could afford to cultivate for a position as agent, and that we regret to lose him off the committee, and should he resign from the service shall hate to lose him there.

For the present no appointment will be made as local chairman for the Nebraska Division, and I shall handle the grievances myself, although I shall probably appoint a man later to serve out the unexpired term, as I don't believe you care to go to the expense of an election just now. Bro. Z. R. Hook, of Manhattan, Kan., has been appointed secretary of the general committee.

Bro. Hans Jensen has accepted the position of cashier at Kearney, and Overton is again on bulletin. Bro. Jensen is a fully competent agent, and we hope this promotion is only the beginning of still better jobs further along. Under our new agreement he has every thing to gain and nothing to lose. If he goes ahead he does not need his rights; if he should be reduced for any reason he can assume his rights with us and still be taken care of. Here's hoping more of the boys now show a desire to forge ahead. Bro. Julius Hansen is relieving at Overton.

Bro. Mike Armstrong drew first at Kearney, and Lloyd Sampson third at that place. Mr. Wilson, a new man from the Q., doing the extra work, while the changes were being made. Bro. Stevens, on second there, laid off to celebrate Christmas, and was relieved by Mr. Flurry, a commercial man with a good fist and no card, which is a poor combination. We hope to change it if he stays.

Bro. W. C. Stevenson, of Pleasanton, secured the agency at Arnold, which still keeps the K. B. H. solid. Bro. LeGate, of Yutan, gets Pleasanton, while Yutan is on bulletin.

Bro. D. I. Price, who has been in Denver all summer for his health, is returning to work, but to date hasn't bid in anything yet.

Bro. F. S. Mann, extra at Grand Island, spent a few days about Christmas time in Omaha. Odd to see an extra man laying off at Christmas, but there were very few old heads off this winter. Don't know whether they are hard up or what. Probably that isn't the cause, but this may be the year when all their relations came to visit them. I know that is the reason why I was trying to stay home for the holidays.

You boys who are not showing interest in the Omaha Club are losing out. Fine meetings are being held every month, and this month a social and dance was held, which was a signal success. It was not a money-making affair, was free to members, music was furnished by our own orchestra, which is as good as any we could hire; the ladies furnished the refreshments, and good fellowship abounded, so I am told. As I was working in the office, I was unable to attend this one, but I was at the meeting held last month, at which there were thirty-five present, and I got enough enthusiasm there to run me for another month. Come on along next meeting.

Before you get this journal you will likely have received a circular with a resume of the situation January 1st, as regards Division 6 and a request for figures on express commission. We are receiving much correspondence about the express situation, and this note here is to remind you that if you haven't already done so, kindly send to your committee at once the necessary figures asked for in that circular, so that they may have them at their annual meeting in February or March. You can not expect your committee to take intelligent action on these matters and give them proper consideration for you, unless you give them the necessary dope. If you haven't complied with the request in the circular mentioned, this is a reminder to do it now.

— CERT. 217.

Wyoming Division, Seventh District—

Bro. E. A. Curtis, third Bitter Creek, called to Paris, Mo., on account of illness of his father, was relieved by Mr. English, from the Wabash.

Bro. Wm. Horton, first Granger, assigned first Red Desert, relieving Mr. Denton, who went to Black Hills, relieving Bro. W. R. Stedman, who resigned and returned to Oklahoma on account of the illness of his father.

Mr. Moore, third Wamsutter, transferred to Colorado Division.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown, third and second Red Desert, will line-up soon.

Bro. Kabes, first Table Rock, has resigned and is going to San Francisco. Bro. Decker, second there, also resigned.

Bro. Greer, second Tipton, assigned agency Ft. Steele.

Wyoming Division, Eighth and Ninth Districts—

Bro. F. P. Rowell bid in managership Green River.

Mr. Drummond, on first Granger, pending bulletin and Mr. Bagby, on third there, promise to line-up soon. Bro. Piers, on second, wants to lay off to go to Salt Lake.

Bro. Kennedy is back at Carter, after a month's work at Echo.

Mrs. Decker bid in Le Roy agency, relieved by Mr. Longstreth at Altamont.

Bro. John A. Johnson has left Evanston and gone East, relieved by Mr. Aldrich.

Bro. Jess Thomas spent Christmas at Evansville, Ind.

Bro. Grant Hix was a Salt Lake visitor recently.
JUDGE.

Canadian Pacific Ry.

NOTICE.

WELLAND, ONT., December 22d, 1913.

Bro. A. D. Anderson, of LaRiviere, Man., has been regularly elected as local chairman for District 4, Manitoba Division, succeeding Bro. J. R. Baker, resigned.

Yours fraternally.

G. D. ROBERTSON.

Saskatchewan Division, Districts Three and Four—

The second annual O. R. T. banquet for these two districts was held at the King George Hotel, at Saskatoon, on the night of November 27th. It was a big success, and General Chairman Robertson, who was returning from Seattle, characterized it as the largest banquet ever held in Canada, outside of conventions; there being over sixty telegraphers present.

The magnificent hotel was the mecca of every telegrapher who could possibly get away, and considering the train service it was a big credit to the telegraphers in Saskatchewan.

The dining room was decorated with Canadian Pacific mottoes, and at the end of the main isle a complete reproduction of a large Canadian Pacific railway passenger engine, weighing over a ton, equipped with electric head light and carrying green signals, was set up. The design was perfect, and the telegraphers were obliged to I. G. Trudel, general storekeeper of the C. P. R. at Moose Jaw for his kindness in having this made. The music was furnished by Miller's Regimental Orchestra.

Many officials of the railways in Saskatchewan were present and made appropriate speeches, recalling incidents of their early days; among whom were: Messrs. DuVal and Boyd, superintendents C. P. R., Saskatoon; W. A. Brown, general superintendent, and Mr. Warren, assistant general manager of Canadian Northern Ry., Winnipeg; W. H. D'Arcy, general claim agent C. P. R., Winnipeg; C. D. Fisher, veteran member of O. R. T., Division 7 (the man who represented the Grand Trunk Pacific telegraphers on the board of Arbitration this year), and C. F. Travis, also an old-timer, who with Mr. Fisher was on the first general committee ever convened on the western lines of C. P. R. Reference is made later on to the tragic illness and death of Bro. Travis. Chief Dispatchers Chapman and Collins were also guests, as was Mr. Humphreys, car system agent, Moose Jaw.

It was a great pleasure to the telegraphers to have with them Bro. G. D. Robertson, general chairman of the O. R. T., Division 7, who was returning from the American Federation of Labor convention at Seattle, and all were sorry that Bros. Quick and Campbell were unable to be present, but we hope next year that this will be possible.

M. H. McGeough, assistant general chairman, was toastmaster, and with a few appropriate remarks opened the proceedings, after the excellent menu had been sampled. He thanked the various officials for their presence and for their co-operation in allowing so many telegraphers away to attend this banquet.

The programme was as follows:

The King and Empire (God Save the King)—Orchestra.

TOASTS:

"The City of Saskatoon"—Proposed by H. H. Boyd, superintendent, Saskatoon. Response—His Worship, Mayor Harrison (unable to be present) and C. F. Fisher, Saskatoon.

"The Canadian Pacific Railway"—Proposed by J. A. Merkley, dispatcher, Saskatoon. Response from E. W. DuVal, superintendent, Saskatoon, and W. H. D'Arcy, Winnipeg.

"Our Guests"—Proposed by G. M. Cordingley, dispatcher, Saskatoon. Response from A. E. St. Laurent, F. S. Cahill, president Industrial League (unable to be present).

"The O. R. T."—Proposed by C. F. Travis, Saskatoon (taken suddenly ill and his place taken by Bro. McGeough). Response by G. D. Robertson, general chairman, Welland.

"Kindred Organizations"—Proposed by J. J. McGrath, Saskatoon. Response from Con. Spence.

"The Canadian Northern Ry."—Proposed by H. J. Humphreys, Moose Jaw. Response by A. E. Warren, assistant general manager, C. N. R.; W. A. Brown, general superintendent, C. N. R., Winnipeg.

"Toastmaster"—M. H. McGeough, Saskatoon.

"Auld Lang Syne."

Mr. Fisher was cheered to the echo when he rose to respond to the toast, "The City of Saskatoon," which was ably proposed by Superintendent Boyd. Mr. Fisher is known from one end of Canada to the other, where an operator can be found, and he gave many incidents relating to the early days when Bro. T. Pierson, our grand vice-president, was up in the West.

In responding to the toast, "The Canadian Pacific Railway," Superintendent DuVal said it was a great pleasure for him to be present at the annual banquet of the telegraphers. He referred to the pleasure all must feel in having Mr. D'Arcy, general claims agent Western Lines, present. He regretted the absence of General Superintendent Taylor, of the C. P. R., and read a telegram from him, in which he said he hoped that a very successful evening would be enjoyed. He also read a telegram from Grant Hall, general manager, C. P. R., Western Lines at Winnipeg, regretting that business engagements prevented him from being present, sending his best wishes to the telegraphers of Saskatchewan, with the hope that the banquet would be both pleasant and profitable.

Mr. D'Arcy, in responding to the same toast, gave a brilliant and instructive address, which was thoroughly enjoyed. He commented on the youthfulness of those present, and referred in glowing terms to the opportunities of the present-day to young men in Western Canada, and also touched on various subjects in which railway agents were concerned.

Bro. G. M. Cordingley in proposing the toast, "Our Guests," read a note from His Honor Mayor Harrison, who regretted that business prevented him from attending, and sent his best wishes. A. E. St. Laurent, of Saskatoon, an old-timer and a veteran telegrapher, responded to the toast in an able manner.

On account of the sudden illness of C. F. Travis, who was stricken down just as he was about to propose the toast, "The O. R. T.," his place was taken by Bro. McGeough, who called on Bro. Robertson to respond. Bro. Robertson, as usual, delivered a splendid address, complimenting the

telegraphers on the arrangements made for such a banquet and hoped that it would spread over the whole system.

Bro. J. J. McGrath proposed the toast, "The Kindred Organizations," which was responded to by Conductor Spence.

H. J. Humphreys proposed a special toast, "The Canadian Northern Railway," and it was fittingly responded to by Assistant General Manager Warren (who is an old C. P. R. telegrapher, and also W. A. Brown). He referred to the time when he first worked on the C. P. R., when there were only fifteen agents in Western Canada. He also paid a great tribute to "Dave" Campbell, our worthy third vice-president, and said he was the most brilliant and fair labor official that he ever negotiated a schedule with, and closed by expressing his pleasure at being able to be present with the telegraphers.

The banquet closed by all singing "Auld Lang Syne."

Immediately after the banquet, which closed at midnight, the telegraphers held a meeting, called to order by Chairman McGeough, who called on Bro. G. D. Robertson to address us. Bro. Robertson dealt with the main features of the recent big American Federation of Labor convention in Seattle, and with the O. R. T. work that would be taken up, following the convening of the general committee in Ottawa in January.

Bro. J. A. Merkley then arose and called attention, in a few words of appreciation, to the work of Bro. McGeough as assistant general chairman of the Saskatchewan Division, and spoke of the improvement in conditions they enjoyed and the satisfactory way the work was performed by the committee. Then, on behalf of the telegraphers of District 3, he presented Bro. McGeough with a handsome leather club bag, suitably fitted for traveling, bearing a silver plate suitably engraved.

Bro. McGeough, in replying, thanked the members for their thoughtfulness, but disclaimed any credit for doing anything but simply his work, declaring that it was a pleasure to him to be in a position to help along the good work.

Bro. McGeough was taken completely by surprise, and is indeed grateful to the telegraphers for thus remembering him.

It was a great shock to the telegraphers on this district to learn that C. F. Travis, who was stricken with paralysis while attending the banquet at Saskatoon, had passed away on Sunday morning, without regaining consciousness, from hemorrhage of the brain. He fell to the floor unconscious, just as he was rising to propose as a toast, "The O. R. T.," was taken to the Saskatoon Hospital at once, and Mrs. Travis, who was in Winnipeg, wired for immediately. He had been agent of the C. P. R. at Elkhorn, for a number of years, and was a member of the first general committee of the O. R. T. on western lines. He was later agent of the C. N. R. at Virden and Saskatoon, and a few years ago went into private business. The funeral took place in Elkhorn, Man., the following Wednesday. A funeral serv-

ice, held in Saskatoon in Youngs undertaking chapel, was largely attended by the telegraphers there.

Div. Cor.

Alberta Division, Crow's Nest Subdivision—

A banner meeting was held in Cranbrook, B. C., Sunday afternoon, November 23d.

The boys turned out from the extreme ends of the division and branches to see what our worthy general chairman, G. D. Robertson, looked like and hear what he had to say; and not one of them was disappointed in his tall, straight-forward and manly appearance nor in the message he brought us. He spoke in eloquent form for two solid hours, dealing principally with the circumstances leading up to the making of it necessary for us to take into our organization the clerks of the C. P. R., now on the agents' staff; the same as we took in years ago the train dispatchers and linemen.

Bro. Robertson showed clearly how dangerous it was, since the arrival of the telephone, to have a great number of unorganized men like the clerks sitting shoulder to shoulder with us in the same office, so closely allied to us in the same business; that the clerks today are the poorest-paid men on the road, and that the agents are held responsible for the work of such poorly paid assistance, it being almost impossible for an agent to keep a good assistant at the present wages. The meeting strongly endorsed Bro. Robertson's views.

Bro. Robertson also spoke in glowing terms of the work of the local chairmen and the members of Division 7 in bringing it to its present high standard, having had the most delegates at the Baltimore convention and the largest membership in America.

Several important decisions, pending for almost a year with Mr. McNicoll at Montreal, Bro. Robertson announced closed in our favor, which was received with gratification.

The schedule was discussed and a number of points cleared up, Bro. Robertson having everything right on the ends of his fingers.

The roll-call showed the following brothers present: Legault, Price, Murray, Wogtonoski, Wickwire, Brown (McGillwray); Brown (dispatcher), Fraser, Watson, Winters, Doner, Clark, Murphy, Bromley, Bourque, Bundy, Bancroft, Gitz, Whitehead, Howard, Sheldon, Spence, Thompson, McPhee, Burgess ("FW") and General Chairman Robertson.

Bro. Whitehead was the lone representative from MacLeod, Bro. McBride and a few other good men from that terminal being conspicuous by their absence.

At 18 o'clock the meeting adjourned to the Cranbrook Hotel dining-room, later to Ed Cline's private office, the meeting concluding about 2 o'clock in the smoking-room of the parlor car of No. 12.

Look out for the next meeting. CERT. 1412.

White River to Chapleau—

It is agreed by mutual agreement that Bro. Sullivan, the assistant correspondent, shall handle from Chapleau to Cartier, and that Bro. Bates, the

regular correspondent, shall handle from Chapleau to White River. Under this arrangement there will be no chance of repetition of items.

We had a big meeting in Chapleau on the last Saturday in November. A great many of the members came in from far-away stations. Among them were: Bro. Soules, Metagama; Bro. Beatty, Grasett, and other brothers from far-off points. These men are a credit to the Order, and when they come from those distant points it is somewhat of a reflection on those living within thirty or forty miles who, when they pay their dues, "halloo" loudest for their rights and for protection, and, after voting on a regular monthly meeting, refuse to come to it, after the brothers in Chapleau and our local chairman, Bro. Hogg, especially, do so much to make the thing go right, the latter even going so far as to put his clubroom at our disposal, which, with its added comforts, certainly makes our meetings a whole lot better.

Brothers, try to come to the meetings, and you will go home with the satisfaction of feeling that you did your part anyway.

We want a progressive lodge in the progressive town of Chapleau, and your co-operation is asked to make it so. It was written a long time ago, "Those who are not with me are against me."

It will shortly be Bro. Brown at Grasset nights.

Lochalsh nights closed.

Bro. Depew relieved Bro. Nesbitt, Missanabic nights, all fall while he was back East ill.

It will soon be Bro. Joseph, Goldie nights.

Wayland, Nicholson and Pardee closed nights.

Bro. Byrne is relieving Bro. Freeborn, Chapleau first, east on holidays.

All dispatchers are lined up but two new arrivals, who have their applications already made out. In another month there will not be a non on the district.

Bro. Leon Bolton is back East since Shumka closed.

Bro. Byrne, who left last summer and went to Ottawa, is back at his old haunts again.

Wayland agency has been cut out, putting Bro. Ruest temporarily out of a job. It is to be opened as a night office shortly.

Bro. Dickenson says the A. C. Railway at Franz is keeping them very busy.

Bro. Joe Bolton is going to Quebec to get married.

Bro. Dickenson is going East shortly. If they all chipped in like Dickenson we would have a better write-up every month.

Bro. Byrne's case—getting reinstated on the division with full seniority—was taken up at the last meeting, and every member present was in favor of giving Bro. Byrne back his rights on account of the delicate condition of Mrs. Byrne's health, which necessitated his coming back to this division. The boys all "came across" like true brothers and did all possible for Bro. Byrne in his present unfortunate position. We all hope Mrs. Byrne will soon be restored to health.

We are going to have a banquet in the new town hall as soon as the other dances are all over, and we're going to show them something. We'll

be glad to see all the brothers and sisters on our district at this banquet, and it's going to make the ancient Bacchanalian ones we used to have in the "Y. M." look like a prayer meeting.

Boys, come to the meetings when you can.

Do not think because you are alone in a small town that you are the only O. R. T. union operator in the world. There are thousands who are always ready with the glad hand to do their share.

Get any stray lamb you know of lined up, and don't forget your obligation: "No card, no favors."

CERT. 1287.

Lake Superior Division, District 3, Superior Lodge of Schreiber—

On Sunday evening, November 23d, another of our successful meetings was held in the hall at Schreiber, with more members present than at any heretofore. We were glad to see so many from the west end present, as it shows that they are commencing to take an interest in our work. We were also very glad to have Sisters Syberg and Hamel with us, as the presence of ladies always brings cheer into the hearts of all men, and more especially in the hearts of a few there, who could under no circumstances be happy without ladies present.

Bro. Warner brought up a matter which I am sure will prove of great interest to all members, both ladies and gentlemen—that of organizing a Ladies' Auxiliary in connection with our lodge. I am sure that every member will be strongly in favor of this, especially the married brothers, as it will make it possible for them to bring their wives with them when coming in to attend the meetings. Sister Syberg, Bros. Warner and Hawke were appointed a committee to take up this matter and get all information possible in connection with it. I will ask every member, both brothers and sisters, to give this committee all possible assistance to make the auxiliary a success, and I am sure everyone will be greatly benefited by it.

At this meeting it was decided to continue holding our meetings every month instead of discontinuing them until the spring, as was at first decided. I hope the cold winter weather will not discourage any of the boys. Anyone who is taking an interest in the O. R. T. will not let such a small matter as a snowstorm keep them away from the meetings. Remember the Order has done a lot for you, and will continue to better your working conditions if you remain loyal, and give the officers of your district your help by attending the meetings. The boys on this district are taking great interest in the Order that has proved of such valuable assistance in helping to bring our schedule to where it is today—second to none in the United States or Canada.

At the close of the meeting Bro. Hawke invited all the members and their wives to attend a banquet in honor of our lodge at the King George restaurant. At 10 o'clock we took our places at tables that had been prepared especially for us, and were soon doing justice to the excellent repast prepared by Madam St. Jean. After we had made short work of the turkey, chicken, fruit and other good things the tables were cleared, and

the following were called on to speak a few words before bidding each other "GN." Bro. Hogg, local chairman district 2; Assistant Superintendent Wilson, Chief Dispatcher Moran and Bro. Skaling. It was a pleasure to have Bro. Hogg present, as he made the trip from Chapleau especially to attend. Like our chief telegrapher, he does all he can for the good of our Order.

Past Chief Bro. Nicol, of Jack Fish, is on his holidays, relieved by Bro. Bennett, whose position days there has been withdrawn, as the coal season has closed, which makes it unnecessary to have an operator on duty besides the agent during the winter.

First Vice-Chief Telegrapher Bro. Lindsay has taken his wife for treatment to Port Arthur Hospital, relieved by Bro. Depew. Bro. Lindsay has the sympathy of every member on the district, who all sincerely hope Mrs. Lindsay will soon recover and be able to return to Schreiber.

Positions bulletined recently have been assigned as follows: Schreiber first wire, Bro. DeLong; second, Bro. O'Donnell. Nights—MacKenzie, Bro. Ross; Dorian, Bro. McDonald; Hemlo, Bro. Curran; Middleton, Sister Hannenan; Amy days, Bro. Gustafson; nights, Bro. Landry; Gurney days, Bro. Currie; nights, Bro. King; Cavers days, Bro. Westacott; nights, Bro. Dewar; White River second, Bro. Goodwin; third, Bro. Dean; Redlite days, Bro. Bartholomeau; nights, T. Dooley; King days, Bro. Lungdren; nights, E. C. Campbell; Schreiber first phone, Bro. Currie; Rossport nights, Bro. McKenna; Tarpon days, Bro. Lewars.

Day and nights—Blue Jay, Horn and Selim bulletined on account of putting operators at these points, due to staff system, and Hemlo nights on account of Bro. Curran resigning, assigned as follows: Horn days, T. Dooley; nights, Mr. Howell; Selim days, Mr. Lacombe; nights, Mr. Lake; Hemlo nights, Bro. McQuowan; Blue Jay days, Bro. Williams; nights, Bro. Walsh; Ruby days, Mr. Bourett.

Bro. Ross, on his holidays, has gone to England to visit his old home, relieved by Bro. Habicht. Anyone wishing application blanks or any information regarding membership fees, etc., will gladly be furnished by Bro. Hawke or myself.

Boys, the winter rush will soon be upon us in earnest. Be sure to give the dispatchers every attention for the safe handling of trains. Make our district one of the best on the system. The company appreciates good service.

The officers of this lodge take this opportunity to thank all the brothers and sisters for the kind assistance given them during the past year in making our lodge one of the best in the country, and wish all members and their families a bright and happy New Year.

Drv. Cor.

Eastern Division, District Four—

Our regular monthly meeting at Ottawa, Ont., Friday, November 28th, proved to be one of the largest in our history, owing to the fact that a "safety first" meeting was held in our hall just previous to ours. We did not find it necessary to coax for leave, and hope the officials will

find no more trouble in relieving when our meeting takes place.

After listening to several splendid speeches on "Safety First" by several renowned orators, including Mr. Miller, of Windsor depot. Our meeting was called to order by our esteemed chairman, Bro. Rooney. Others present were: Bros. Ritchie, of Alcové; Leslie, of Wakefield; Joe Moore, of Maniwaki Jct.; Anderson, of Hull; Hickson, of Campbell's Bay; Howe, Louttit, Stewart and Smith, of the terminals; Bro. Johnston, of Manotick; Burton, of Navan; Jenson, of Hammond; Matte, of Bourget; Cowan, of Pendleton; Larocque, of Alfred; Gemmill, of McAlpine, and Dubois, of St. Eugene. We would like to have seen Plantagenet, Vankleek and Rigaud represented, and know of no reason why one of the boys from each of these places were not present.

Bros. Carley, Blanchfield and Barnwell disappeared after "safety first" adjourned. We are sorry the "safety first" kept "Blanche" away from her for so long. If he will bring her with him next time, we will all give her the glad hand. We have yet to learn what the attraction was that took the other two away from our meeting.

Several discussions of interest to all took place, and we hope some benefit will be derived therefrom.

Get together, boys, and attend the meetings regularly. It means a lot to the Order and ourselves.

We are sorry to hear of the illness of Bro. Byrnes wife, necessitating an extended leave of absence, and sincerely hope the holiday will do them both much good.

All the bachelors among the terminals are becoming entangled in the matrimonial web. First Bro. McPhail, then Bro. Park; and Bros. Wardrop, Howe, Ellis and Blanchfield are looming up on the horizon as benedicts. All we ask is that we are given more notice of future events than we had of the last two. We all join in wishing Bros. McPhail and Park and their brides a long, happy and prosperous wedded life.

Bro. Gemmill, after a pleasant (?) sojourn at Low, has decided to winter at McAlpine, vice Mr. Deslaurier, indisposed.

Our popular "little" operator at "CD" is sure getting to be some "daisy."

"Bob" Ritchie has settled down in his new quarters at Alcové, and seems to be quite content with country life.

Bro. Craft is now enjoying a few holidays visiting the scenes of his childhood in Yankee-land. Perhaps he may have intentions, too; you never can tell. It sure looked as if he was in for it awhile ago.

The chief still has the same old relief team at N. Y. & O. Jct., viz.: Bros. "Blanche" and Le-sage, and they are making good. Both are still single, but Sandy Hill is an attractive place.

Hope the government can replace a couple of the staff when called upon to do so, although we know it would be rather "Tuff" to lose them. We

can do nothing better, than to wish them "God-speed."

Electric staff system is now being installed between Hull and Central depot, with Maniwaki Jct. as a side line. We have decided an electrician is necessary at Hull. "Joe" says he will lose too much fat performing such "cranky" exercise. Herb and Keith should worry, wind their music box and sing "In the Good Old Days Gone By."

It would seem as if our regular division correspondent had gone on a prolonged vacation. Perhaps he is in search of a helpmate for his declining years. If so we will gladly forgive him for his seeming neglect, and wish him joy. Who is she? Don't all speak at once.

Save \$6.50 of your next check, boys; it's due now. CERTS. 1324 AND 1057.

B. C. Division, District One—

Bro. Martin, agent Ducks, on leave, was relieved by Mr. Tibbs.

Bro. Robitaille, agent Salmon Arm, has just finished moving into his new station, which is said to be one of the finest on the western lines.

Bro. Wilson got Field passenger station nights, relieved by Bro. Becker at Sicamous pending bulletin.

Bro. Forbes bid in Cambie agency.

Bro. Ireland, agent Clanwilliam, on a six weeks' visit to the coast cities, was relieved by Bro. Foster.

Bro. Hanna, second "BY," resigned, relieved by Bro. Kennedy, from Cambie. Bro. Nichols, just returned from his vacation, relieving Mr. Britt, spare.

Dispatcher Bunnell, off on account of sickness, was relieved by Bro. Young.

Bros. Anderson and Ketchum, of Leancoil, are making a tour of California and other southern States, relieved by Bros. Withler and Williams.

Taft and Pritchard were mentioned as not being solid in a recent write-up. We are very glad to say that Pritchard is now solid and Taft is up to date since Bro. Calaghan returned. Our list only shows three nons on this division now, but we will probably have to wait for some time to eliminate them before our division is solid, as they seem to be hopeless cases. All the brothers who have done their duty and kept up to date should always remember, "No card, no favors."

CERT. 1499.

M. & O. Division—

On November 22d Bro. Z. Sansregret, of Point Fortune, Que., was stricken with a paralytic stroke. His left side is paralyzed and, as many of the brothers know, he has only one leg, his right leg being amputated above the knee, and he is very helpless. Brothers, read with me the 76th Psalm, and you will be comforted. Bro. Sansregret has the sympathy of the brothers on the M. & O. Division, and all wish him a speedy recovery, so we will see him at the meetings again.

A BROTHER.

New York Central R. R.

Mohawk Division—

I am very glad to see the interest the brothers on this division are taking in the Order. They certainly are a lot of live wires.

There hasn't been a write-up of this division for nearly six months. When we worked twelve hours we had a very large attendance at meetings, and every month there was Mohawk news in *THE TELEGRAPHER*, but since we have been working eight hours less interest is shown in the meetings. The first and third trick brothers should be able to spare a few hours once a month to attend and keep up the interest, especially the brothers located in Schenectady.

Bro. Schenmyer, of S. S. 5, has bought a small farm on the turnpike and is in the chicken business. Bro. Smith, of "CJ" tower, Central Jct., seems to be making a success in that line.

Bro. Coyne seems to have considerable business at the freight office in West Albany. Wonder what the attraction is?

E. O. Teller, first S. S. 2, got a raise of \$19.00 a month, along with the eight-hour day the Order secured for him. We should see that he gets a card as it will only cost him \$1.00 a month of that raise to carry it.

W. R. Sweet, second S. S. 1, has returned from his honeymoon spent at Los Angeles, Cal. Congratulations.

The phone gives out every once in awhile, and we have to fall back to the good old Morse. Understand a road in Texas has discontinued the use of the phone, and it may not be long before the roads in the East will follow suit.

Bro. H. A. S., second S. S. 4, bid in third at S. S. 3, and he and F. B. Smith have changed jobs until he moves to Albany.

Ex-Bro. L. B. Baker is on this division again. We hope he will soon be with us.

We notice on the bid sheet the name of E. C. S. If this is Bro. Ed., who worked at Vermont, we will be glad to welcome him again into the fold.

Since the installing of the dispatcher's terminal circuits between Rensselaer and West Albany the work at all signal stations between these points has greatly increased. The levermen at S. S. 100 have our sympathy, and we hope they will soon be granted eight hours.

Bros. Coonley and Keiser, S. S. 99, Rensselaer, are contemplating a trip to Los Angeles, Cal.

Bro. Barrett, S. S. 98, is a busy man these days answering the terminal phone.

Bro. Jackson, S. S. "C," also Bro. Hart, S. S. 1, have something on their minds these days. No more holding freights for the drawbridge, they go via the Air Line when the draw is open, or explain why?

Bro. Waters, S. S. 100, has his hands full these days. Understand the levermen at S. S. 100 have orders not to answer phone or bells on account of working twelve hours, but I wonder if the trains would move if they lived up to this order?

Bro. Fonsby, third S. S. 98, is not getting his usual six hours' rest out of eight "now-a-nights."

Bro. Hibach returned home after a short vacation on third S. S. 101. Too much smoke—not from his pipe, but from the locomotive.

W. F. S.

Hudson Division—

Brothers, have you paid your semi-annual dues? If not, get busy.

What will make the O. R. T. solid? Answer—Every eligible man and woman joining and keep joined. Are you doing your part?

Some of the brothers have a narrow idea of what the O. R. T. insurance means to them. After twenty-five years' service as a telegrapher, I am convinced that one of the best, if not the very best, rules of this organization is that every applicant must apply for insurance.

I have seen the time when we had no organization and no insurance on the railroad for telegraphers. Then the pay was so small we could not keep up a small weekly, industrial insurance.

What was the consequences? When an operator was called to the great beyond, and the family was left without the bread-winner, wives were compelled to take in washing or do scrubbing. Children of tender years taken out of school and compelled to work for a mere pittance, or perhaps placed in a home for the friendless.

Could that little woman, or those fatherless children, have very loving memories of the departed one? Although he was called a man, he was a man in name only—not being able to provide for the ones that he was responsible for bringing into the world and left destitute.

Brothers, the M. B. D. is a God-send to the operators, for I know if tomorrow or tonight the call came for me to go I could look in the tear-dimmed eyes of that little woman, whom I promised to provide for, and pass into the great beyond more peacefully, knowing that the O. R. T. would pay her one thousand dollars to tide her over, and perhaps save her from a life of drudgery and want after I had gone.

The meeting on December 16th was a very large as well as profitable one. A clam chowder supper was given by the chairman, and those who did not attend missed a great treat. Remarks were made by a number of the brothers and every one went away feeling that the Hudson Division was in a very flourishing condition at the close of the year of 1913.

We extend our sympathy to Bro. L. Bauer in the loss of his brother.

Bro. Boucher bid in S. S. 42 and is now located there.

Bro. Ellison, at Stuyvesant station, and Bro. Sweeney, at Stockport station, have had their week's vacation, relieved by Bro. Sutherland.

Bro. E. G. Smith, third S. S. 87, off for a few days on account of the sudden death of his mother, was relieved by Bro. Everett, from Hudson.

D. P. Shea, second S. S. 90, has been off some time, relieved by Mr. Klock.

Bro. Cannon, first S. S. 65, off for Christmas, was relieved by Mr. Jackson.

W. E. Smith bid in third S. S. 63 temporary.

Bro. Dedrick covered Poughkeepsie relief for ten days.

Bro. D. J. Burns, off for eye test, relieved by Bro. Everett.

The two drawbridge directors have resumed at Peekskill.

Bro. Mooney was relieved on first S. S. 41 by J. Smith. Bro. W. A. Smith is on second S. S. 37, vice Bro. Ayres, on first, vice Bro. Kiley.

Bro. L. B. Gaedeke, brother of the chief dispatcher, has passed the wire test.

Bro. Jackson, first S. S. 51, off a few days sick, was relieved by Mr. Carlson, extra from German-town.

Bro. Bauer, third S. S. 74, off some time on account of the illness and death of his brother.

The correspondent wishes all a happy New Year.

DIV. COR.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Our heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom, has deemed it best to call to her heavenly home the beloved mother of our esteemed and worthy brother, S. E. Briggs; in manifestation of our fraternal grief and sympathy, be it

Resolved, That the members of Hudson Division, System Division No. 8, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the bereaved brother and members of the bereaved family their sincere and heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of bereavement, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved brother, a copy spread upon the minutes of this Order and a copy forwarded to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

F. P. FRALEIGH,

R. L. DEDRICK,

G. C. HYATT,

Committee.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Our heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom and goodness, has deemed it best to call to the great beyond the mother of our esteemed brother, E. G. Smith, and we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well; therefore be it

Resolved, That the members of Hudson Division, No. 8, extend to the sorrowing members of the afflicted family and brother our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved brother, a copy to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication, and a copy spread on the minutes of this division.

H. GROUPE,

D. TAYLOR,

F. MCMAHUS,

Committee.

Harlem Division—

It is now Bro. Birchard, first "NW," and Bro. Birchard, Jr., second "HA."

Bro. Birchard, first "NW," spent Thanksgiving with relatives at Marion, Conn., relieved by Bro.

Smith; Bro. Jaggart relieved him while off on account of sickness in family and a sprained wrist.

Bro. Ferris has been appointed freight agent at White Plains, to succeed Mr. Mugler, who has been appointed supervising agent of the Electric Zone. Bro. Finelli has been advanced to first "WM" automatically to fill the vacancy created by Bro. Schwartz's temporary trial as ticket seller at Grand Central terminal, Mr. Miles covering Bro. Finelli at second "WM" temporarily.

Bro. Collins, first "BV," attended the opening of Proctor's new theatre at Mt. Vernon.

Bros. Alrutz, Rozelle and Collins, the three champion bowlers, have organized a team of five to enter the big N. Y. C. bowling tournament, and show the boys from the different branches of the service what the "brass pounders" can do.

Bro. Seaman, second, and Bro. Otis, third "NW," were recently relieved by Bro. Jaggart.

Brothers, on page 1879 of the November RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER you will note a very true statement in regards to carrying of mails by telegraphers and station agents to and from post offices. You will especially note where it says, "All those in favor of this proposition are requested to write President Perham to that effect," which I do not think would be a bad idea, as the mails are getting heavier every day in the year. If all interested in this movement would get together and each one drop President Perham his little note in favor of same, it would show that we are not forgetting the recommendation which our worthy president made at the nineteenth regular session of the Grand Division, which reads as follows: "That this session of the Grand Division express its disapproval of the requirements respecting telegraphers and station agents carrying mail between railroad stations and post offices, and hereby authorizes the president to take such legislative action as in his judgment may be necessary to correct the evil." "BOOMER."

Electric Division—

Bro. Ferris has been appointed freight agent at White Plains, N. Y., Mr. Mugler being appointed supervising agent.

Bro. Miles is on second "WM" until first is filled.

Bro. Bonin, back from the D. L. W., is now working extra.

Boys, keep right after the nons at your station until they are landed. Don't become weary in well-doing nor get discouraged. Remember our motto, "No card, no favors." By doing so we will show good results.

The nons at "KO" are still out, although we got them a raise in the last schedule.

Business is rushing, travel heavy, and lots of "boomer" operators floating around.

Bro. Donetz was awarded second "BV;" Bro. Heller, Fordham agency; Mr. Colihan, "CO," and Mr. Williams, third "MY."

Mr. Kirk has been appointed yardmaster at "YX," Mr. Fairman going back as night yard-

master, according to seniority. Mr. Williams is back in the tower service.

Mr. Hynes is at "KO" extra, and Mr. Smith at "FD." Mr. Borin at "WM" second, and Mr. Schwartz has the terminal job.

Bro. Alrutz relieved Sister Alger at "RD" on account of the death of her sister.

"CE," Div. Cor.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The Divine Ruler of the universe has come into our midst and removed the sister of Sister Alger; therefore be it

Resolved, That we bow in humble submission to the power over which we have no control, and extend to the bereaved family the heartfelt sympathy of the members of Division 8 of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, a copy spread on the minutes of the division, and a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

H. D. MURTY,

J. E. JAGGER,

H. K. MOSS,

Committee.

Michigan Central R. R.

East Toledo and Bay City Divisions—

D. S. Sutherland, for many years superintendent of the East Toledo and Bay City Divisions, died suddenly, December 18th, at his home in Detroit. He had occupied the honorary position of general agent for two years.

Our schedule negotiations are at the point where the local management announces that at present nothing can be done to increase expenses. It is therefore necessary for us to turn our negotiations over to the organization who, at the proper time, will advise us when to take the next step and what it will be. The membership should be advised that there is nothing to be discouraged about. There is a little temporary lull in business, caused by the readjustment of the business of the country to the changes consequent upon the new tariff and currency laws. When these have become operative and prices are adjusted to the new conditions, business will settle down to new and greater stunts than ever before.

The men represented by this organization are badly underpaid, and readjustments must come. The firmer we stand up for them the quicker they will be ours. You may rest assured that nothing is being left undone, and that every man from local chairman to president is on the job, and the schedule will be revised at the earliest possible moment.

We are greatly rejoiced to hear of the splendid victory won by our brothers on the old Grand Trunk Division No. 1. They are now practically up to the Canadian Pacific and are beckoning the rest of us to greater heights.

This is but another example of what can be done through this organization by the employees

of any road if they will stand together and put some "pep" into their actions. The writer would respectfully call this to the attention of some men on our own line who are prone to be too easily satisfied. We are only praying that the same lightning that has struck the Grand Trunk will fall upon a few others in this vicinity.

Our regular meeting on the third Monday in December brought some surprises. We had talent enough present, which, if spread out would have spiced up several meetings. The negotiations of the Pere Marquette telegraphers are being argued before the United States district court here at Detroit, necessitating the presence here of the Pere Marquette general committee, also Third Vice-President Campbell. It happened that General Chairman Robertson, of the Canadian Pacific, was also here, and we were blessed by visits from all of these brothers. General Chairman Knister, of the Pere Marquette, gave one of his characteristic talks, which are so much enjoyed by our members. General Secretary-Treasurer Adair, of the Pere Marquette, followed with some helpful remarks. At this juncture Bro. Campbell and Robertson entered, and, all being anxious to hear news from the field, Bro. Campbell was asked to speak. The writer has always found our third vice-president's talks interesting, but never so much so as in this instance. It was in reality "heart to heart." We were told of the happenings in the field that were pertinent to our interests, and given splendid counsel and advice upon our own particular situation. Some details of the recent Grand Trunk settlement were given, which, as may be imagined, were listened to with interest. It was with great regret that we heard Bro. Campbell is soon to retire from our ranks to enter law practice at Winnipeg; but he will not be separated from our counsels entirely, as in a private way he is to be a sort of counsel in general for Canadian Pacific Railroad employees. He will also be accessible to committees of this organization for help at any time. We wish for Bro. Campbell every success in his venture, which he richly deserves.

If we must lose Bro. Campbell, there is no other man known in our section whom we would rather have succeed him than the man who has been selected—Bro. G. D. Robertson, general chairman of the Canadian Pacific. Bro. Robertson is not only the most successful general chairman in the organization, but a splendid fellow in every way, and we believe that the great work of our retiring vice-president will continue unabated under the new. Bro. Robertson gave us a short and interesting talk.

General Chairman Culkins was with us and explained the situation as regards our negotiations at present. He spent the day in Detroit, listening to the Pere Marquette proceedings before the district court.

There were a goodly number of members present, but had it been noised around that we were to have the attractions the attendance would have been trebled. Let this be a warning to those who do not attend regularly. You never know when

you may have a treat. At any rate, you will be well repaid any time for attendance.

Bro. George L. Foran and Josef Ferriott, of the Towermen, cheered us with their presence.

Bro. G. J. Shoup and A. B. Allen, of Oxford, ventured down.

I have a short supply of news from the field, so if you are disappointed, that is the reason.

Born, to Bro. and Mrs. Martin J. Carey, a daughter. Congratulations. W. H. C.

Saginaw and Mackinaw Division—

Bro. G. H. Stokes, extra dispatcher, is back in "DI," Bay City, after relieving regular dispatchers.

Bro. C. S. Lauber is at Swan Creek, pending bulletin, Mr. Gullede resigned.

Bro. L. V. Whitney, third Bay City, "WS," bid in third hours at Lansing.

Bro. Wagoner, third Lansing, bid in day hours at Gaylord.

Bro. O. E. Gilbert, extra "DI," Bay City, for so long, landed third hours Bay City, W. S.; Bro. C. Poole relieving third Bay City W. S., while changes being made.

Bro. S. B. Cook relieving first Gaylord until the arrival of Bro. Wagner, later to Otter Lake relieving agent there.

The new seniority list shows 144 men on the three divisions, and about 98 per cent good O. R. T. men. Mr. Hagerty, agent Cheboygan, heads the list, starting in 1875.

Bro. Gordon, agent Sterling, off three days, relieved by Mr. Anderson, relief agent.

Bro. H. H. Allen, third Roscommon, bid in third Wolverine, Bro. Stokes going to Wenona third. Bro. Valley, at St. Helen, goes to Alger agency.

Boys, send in a few news items so we can have a good write-up each month. We all enjoy reading the news items for our division; what you send in some one will get the benefit of and you will get the benefit of what some one else sends. It is more than one can do to take in the happenings of the whole division. Bro. Van is still on the trail each month and picks up his share, and we hope a few more of the boys will do the same.

Don't forget to pay up your dues and get that new card promptly; every little bit helps and we will need it before long now.

Don't forget about sending your remittance advice slip to the local chairman, so that he can keep you booked up-to-date.

Bro. Goldie, agent West Branch, has been laid up for the past two months, having been run over by an auto and had several ribs and his nose broken. The accident occurred at night, and the driver of the auto had no lights. If Bro. Goldie was not a total abstainer, we would not be wondering so much as to how it happened. Bob.

West Joliet and Benton Harbor Divisions—

Bro. Kingsley, dispatcher, has resumed after spending twenty days in Michigan and Chicago; Bro. Pfeifer, dispatcher, is back on first and Bro. Herron, dispatcher, relieved Bro. Green, dispatcher, on vacation.

Bro. Anderson, off ten days getting married, has again resumed duty at "SI," Kensington. He was relieved by Bro. Derflinger, and he at "TV" nights by Mr. Cole.

Bro. Bradford, who has been relieving Bro. Murphy at "DO" Chicago, is back on third Galien again. Operators at Galien are handling the head-in switch to eastbound siding since December 1st, which means \$5 per month for each of them. From fifteen to thirty barrels of fish are being shipped from St. Joe to Chicago now every evening, which makes the transfer at Galien very heavy.

I want to thank the boys for their very liberal donation of items this month, and hope we will never lose sight of that necessary part we all should play, for every little bit helps.

Mr. Watson, relief agent, is relieving Bro. Hunt, at Baroda, on vacation. Div. Cor.

Michigan & Chicago Ry.

This is a new road, running from Battle Creek to Allegan and from Kalamazoo to Grand Rapids. The Grand Rapids-Kalamazoo Division is just being finished, with about fifteen miles to ballast yet.

The ballast trains haul dirt from Richland gravel pit to Montieth Jct., and switch off onto the new line from there.

The Allegan Division is being made ready for third railing in the spring, and the entire line will then be operated by electricity, although steam will be used for switch engines.

J. T. Northrop, formerly of the M. C. R. R., is now chief dispatcher for this line, located at Richland, Mich., the temporary dispatcher's office. Dispatcher's office will be built in a new junction depot, to be erected at Montieth Jct., the junction of the two divisions in the spring and both divisions will be dispatched from there.

Bro. Sam Helt remained with this company at Doster.

F. S. Sheen, an old M. C. man, landed Yorkville agency when Lathrop resigned to study dentistry at Ann Arbor.

W. H. Miller, formerly ticket agent at Lansing for the M. U. T. Co., is agent and operator at Richland. N. P. Piper, former agent for M. U. T. Co. at Battle Creek, is agent and operator at Gull Lake Jct.

John Hiscock is joint agent and towerman at Richland Jct. for this line and the C. K. & S. Ry.

Leonard Gilligan, from Kalamazoo, is operator at gravel pit. J. C. Daugherty, from the G. R. & I., is operator and pumper at Montieth Jct. He has been having trouble with pump there, and gravel trains have had to go to Gun River for water.

This division has no telegraph lines, but uses phones. There is no Sunday trains, and minimum for operators is \$50 per month. Some of the agencies are better paid.

L. R. Young, formerly assistant traffic manager of the Michigan Buggy at Kalamazoo and at one time an operator on the L. S. & M. S., is agent at Allegan. He has a helper, as has Agent Piper at Gull Lake Jct.

The head of this company is F. W. Brown traffic manager, an old M. C. ticket agent and telegrapher.

There is no organization on this line yet, although a few of the men are members, and perhaps it would not take long to line the thing up.
CERT. 201.

Pennsylvania Ry. Lines East.

Williamsport & Susquehanna Division—

Never before in the history of this division has the outlook been so bright as it is at present. We have built our membership up from almost nothing two years ago until today we have a membership that we may well be proud of, both as to numbers and life and enthusiasm. The membership in general are working more than they ever did. Everyone seems to think it is up to him to get busy and keep up the good work and try in a small way to keep up in the pace set for us by our ever-hustling local chairman, who seems to never tire, but just keeps on working almost day and night.

The brothers of this division, by contribution, purchased and gave to our worthy local chairman, Bro. A. C. Grieb, a handsome roll-top desk for a Christmas present, and at the same time as a very small token of their esteem, respect and love for him and appreciation of the work he has done for us; and we hope and trust that it will unite us all more closely in brotherhood. May the bonds of brotherhood and brotherly love never break nor even weaken, but instead ever grow stronger. Bro. Grieb was very much surprised when he received the gift, and he certainly appreciates it very much not alone for the usefulness of it, but as a memento of his relations with us in this work. At the same time it was "just what he needed." It was presented to him on Tuesday, December 23d, by a delegation consisting of Bros. C. S. Dieffenderfer, C. C. Fenstermacher, C. R. Dugan, C. F. Wasser and J. C. O'Donnell. All brothers were invited, but on account of the very bad weather that day, no others came. It was a complete surprise to Bro. Grieb, and he says he can not see how we kept it so quiet. He was so delighted he could not make a speech, and desires to express his thanks in this way to every brother who contributed and wishes each and every member and family a happy, prosperous new year and many of them.

There are so many changes among the men on this division that it is hard to keep track of them all, so if we miss some, you will know why.

The following are recent bids: Bro. J. I. Klingenberg, first "KI;" Bro. W. D. Gresh, 12-hour day trick "HY;" Bro. C. R. Dugan, third "RO;" Bro. R. S. Frey, third "KI;" Bro. R. L. Miller, 12-hour night trick "HY;" Bro. H. E. Boyer, third "SV;" Bro. F. W. Wetzel, third "SY;" and Bro. W. S. Minnier, second "VI."

It is now Bro. H. J. Engle, second "RV," making that office solid. It is very gratifying when you count the numerous "solid" offices on this

division, and before another month passes we will have several more of them.

Bro. L. E. Stewart, second "B" tower, and wife spent his December relief day in Philadelphia, taking in sights and doing Christmas shopping.

Local Chairman Bro. Grieb spent his December relief day around Sunbury and "Norry," looking after the few nons around there.

Bro. A. L. Grimm is on second "DR" during the prolonged absence of H. T. Mitten. There are some nons around there and at "OJ" for Lee and Bro. Shaffer to work on.

Bro. L. W. Auchmuty working "BQ" while up for bids, and at first "RF" during the prolonged absence of I. F. Troutman.

Bro. I. C. Herritt, third "GD," spent his December relief day at his home at Jersey Shore.

Bro. S. B. Wilt, Relief No. 5, helped his father-in-law butcher recently, relieved by Bro. C. A. Fenstermacher. Suppose he got some pork products and is now enjoying the delicious sausage and buckwheat cakes.

Bro. S. W. Reichenbach, third "HU," while out gunning recently had a narrow escape from being shot, the bullet giving him a hair-cut.

Bro. M. J. Snyder, third "RF," spent a day recently in Philadelphia, doing his Christmas shopping.

Bro. C. C. Spade, first "GD," off two days helping "Pap" butcher, relieved by E. D. Meckley. Another brother feasting on sausage and buckwheat cakes.

Bro. H. F. Hubler, second "RK," spent his relief day in Sunbury.

Bro. W. S. Minnier seems to be very attentive to that little blue-eyed lassie. Better watch out. "Muggsy;" dangerous shoals; been a number of our brothers married recently.

Now, brothers, I must appeal to you again in this matter of correspondence. I must have more news from you if you want a good write-up each month. One can not know what is going on all along the line unless some others help out by sending some news to him. Suppose you were all busy with Christmas this time, but remember the correspondent is just as busy as you are and likes to have a little time to enjoy the occasion, too, and it is a little too much for one brother to try to do this alone. Please send me what you know or can find out; even one item from each brother would make a very nice write-up; try it.

Bro. S. H. Young, second "AQ," is again confined to bed. He was better, was able to be around, but is now confined to bed again, having suffered a relapse. He has the sympathy of the brothers.
STEVE.

Allegheny Division—

It is certainly encouraging to receive a few items from the boys along the line, and I assure you that same is appreciated by me, as it is the hardest task for a man to make a write-up when you have nothing to do it with. I am sure if some of the brothers had to do it for a few times that they would soon get tired of their job and give it up for good, with a few complimentary remarks

added on the "Qt," but such is not the case here. I have always tried to have a write-up in the journal whether I received any help from the boys along the line or not, and I wish to take this opportunity to thank those who have helped me out in the past year with a few items each month, and earnestly hope that they will continue the good work the coming new year, and also hope that some of the others will also take an interest in this work and help out, for every little bit helps and is appreciated.

I also wish to take this opportunity to thank one and all for the assistance they have rendered me during the past year, which has been a very trying one indeed, and it is certainly gratifying to me to see so many good, loyal brothers paid up to date as we have on this division at the close of 1913. I earnestly hope that you will give me your support and assistance the coming year as you have in the past, and I assure you that by so doing we will have a better organization on the division at the close of 1914 than we ever had before in its history. While we have a few during the last term who did not pay up, some did not drop out intentionally, being compelled to do so on account of financial circumstances, and are coming back in again as soon as they can get the necessary cash to do so, but there are a few who are getting "cold feet."

We must build up our organization to a percentage strong enough so we can demand something like the other brotherhoods. It has been explained time and time again that those who drop out hurt themselves by dropping out more than the organization, and those who have no good reason for doing so should consider this.

I hope each brother on the division during the new year will appoint himself a committee of one and try and land one new member during the year, or as many more, if there are any none left. Get the man working next to you. Be a real union man, and get out and hustle and boost the organization this new year, working for the interest of one another, for the common good of all.

The cost to join Division 17 is: January and July, \$9.00; February and August, \$8.25; March and September, \$7.50; April and October, \$6.75; May and November, \$6.00; June and December, \$5.25. The above includes initiation fee, \$3.50, and dues for the balance of the term, which is 75 cents per month, and also includes \$1.00 initiation fee into the M. B. D. or insurance department, but does not pay the assessments which accrue after your application has been approved by the insurance committee. All applicants must take out insurance when taking membership in the Order unless their age limit lets them out, or they are rejected by the insurance committee. Write me and I will gladly give you any further information necessary as well as supply you with application blanks upon request for same. Let's all get busy and make this division as near solid as possible by the end of 1914. I believe it would be well to start the new year by applying our motto, "No carl, no favors," and by so doing perhaps we could convince some of these old hard-shelled

nons that if they desire favors that they must get into the fold and help in the good work.

Bro. Buff Smith bid in second Sandy. Barras, first "HY," off six weeks visiting in the West, relieved by Bro. Luttrell, second "UN," and he by Bro. J. M. Campbell, extra.

Bro. C. B. McCoy bid in third "NB."

Bro. C. O. Will is back on extra in "K" office.

Bro. George, second, off a few days rabbit hunting, was relieved by Bro. Frank McNamara, extra.

Bro. Watson, extra, on first Monterey a few days.

Bro. G. N. Shoup bid in second "FO" tower, vice Mr. Armfield, who went to the Salamanca branch and later bid in first Sandy.

Bro. F. P. Murray, our old reliable, bid in first trick "BO."

Bro. Parke displaced from first "PA" tower by former agent at Parker, G. M. Sloughnehoupt, went to first "MN," displacing Bro. Conley, who went to third "PA," displacing Bro. E. E. Johns, who went to third "FO," vice Bro. Miller, extra.

Bro. C. A. Shuster displaced Bro. F. A. McElhinney on third "CH," who relieved him on Phillipston first until bid in.

Bro. F. A. McNamara, extra, third Trunkeyville and Tidioute, relieved Bro. H. M. Curran, third "WD," a few days.

Bro. W. W. Hall, of Vandalia, spent his relief day in Buffalo.

Bro. Persall transferred back to third Quaker, relieved on second there by Extra Flower.

Bro. Pringle was relieved a few days by L. L. Brown, extra.

J. M. Wells, first Salamanca, on vacation, was relieved by R. B. Caldwell, extra.

It is now Bros. Seitz at West Hickory, Thompson at Trunkeyville third, and Crawford, first at Rockmere, and more to follow the first of the new year. Extend the hand of fraternity to above new brothers and make them feel welcome and at home in the Order, and show them that we appreciate their membership.

A great deal of interest is being displayed over the entire system at this time in the "get together move," and I hope all brothers will help to bring this matter before all the brotherhood men. I have been trying to get joint brotherhood meetings on this division with all the brotherhoods, but so far have been unable to do so. A large and enthusiastic joint meeting was held at Altoona on the twenty-first, with the attendance of 1,200 at the afternoon meeting and about 1,000 at the evening meeting, where the "get together move" was discussed thoroughly by Grand officers of the different brotherhoods. One of the special features of the meeting was to warn the men from joining this new so called Pennsylvania Railroad Employees' Mutual Benefit Association. Stay away from this association. It is another fake organization with the Pennsylvania Railroad behind it.

Your dues and M. B. D. assessments are now due. I hope you will send them in as soon as possible, and by so doing keep yourself in good standing as well as protect your loved ones, as

death is most uncertain and comes unexpected, so in order to protect your beneficiaries pay your dues promptly.

I hope the brothers will let me have a few items for the next journal. Several of the extra or relief men promised to send me items for this write-up, but am sorry to say that I failed to get them. I hope they will make good for the next journal. Let me have the items about the 20th of every month, and help out in the good cause.

With best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year to all.

CERT. 18.

Allegheny Division, Low Grade Branch—

Bro. J. L. Crawley, extra on Shannon 'first, vacated by Bro. Steinbrook, who bid in third Bell.

Bro. E. D. Craig, second "AW," bid in first there, vacated by Bro. Bain, who received the agency there, vacated by the death of the late Bro. Welch. Bro. Bundy, extra, on second "AW" until bid in.

Bro. Buzzard, second Shannon, on ten days' hunting trip, was relieved by Extra Stewart.

Bro. L. D. Segui, third "DA," is spending thirty days' vacation with his mother in Petersburg, Fla., relieved by Extra McWilliams.

Bro. Carey was off a few days recently on a business trip to Buffalo and other points.

Extra Dixon is on third Tyler, vacated by Sister Shannon, who became the wife of former-Bro. Joice, agent Reynoldsville, on Thanksgiving day. We extend hearty congratulations to the happy couple.

Bro. Hepler, extra, bid in second Rock Run, vacated by Bro. Keating, who bid in third "AW." Mr. Kissinger, first Rock Run, off sick, was relieved by McWilliams and McEntyre.

Mr. Giddings, first west end, off a few days recently on account of serious illness of his wife, was relieved by Bro. C. W. Robertson.

Bro. Young, who had been relieving Agent Winslow at Oak Ridge for some time, has returned to second Mayport.

Bro. L. D. Cable, second Bell, is on third Rose, vice Bro. Carberry, appointed ticket clerk and operator at Ford City. Extra McCracken, star outfielder, Virginia State League, relieved Mr. Showalter, second Rose, who returned to Kinbrae.

Agent Williams, Rimersburg, transferred to Parker as agent.

Bro. McGarity, second "NA," attended the dance at Summerville given by the high school there, relieved by Bro. Crawley.

C. L. K.

Baltimore Division—

The Order of Railroad Telegraphers has had laws enacted, shortened the hours, raised the wages, and bettered the conditions of telegraphers in general, and is still endeavoring to put the wage of the telegrapher and station agent where it belongs, among the highest paid wage-earners in the country. If the men engaged in the profession will see the wisdom of joining the organization and doing their part to help it will only be a short time when this will become a reality.

We are making progress on this division toward solid organization. Each month we add one or two new members, and if all will just help a little we would soon gather in the rest.

Our meetings are well attended and are interesting, because we make them so. Each member present has something to say which is instructive and helpful. This is the way union men are made, by learning what labor unions do, and what they stand for.

Local Chairman Fidler and Bros. Farcht and Smith went non hunting recently with good results. Good work, boys, go again.

Bro. R. E. Lloyd has resumed work at "JA."

The pass question is troubling many of the boys who live in Pennsylvania.

General Chairman Miller has returned from the American Federation of Labor convention with much interesting news of the progress that organized labor was making throughout the country, and the boys all enjoyed his talk as usual, as he always has an interesting message. Bros. L. F. Kurtz, N. G. Tracy and G. B. Snyder, at "V," and that bunch of O. R. T. Talbotts at White Hall are some good union blood and are always right up to date.

Have you paid your dues yet? If not, tell your local chairman why.

A happy New Year to all.

"Tom."

Philadelphia Division—

Quite a few members have been added to our rolls recently, and the man outside of his fraternity on the P. R. R., Philadelphia Division, is something of a curiosity. We welcome the newcomers, and trust the sum total of fraternalism has been augmented by their accession.

For we must be fraternal, brothers. In the last analysis every action must be actuated by selfish motives; but let us be wisely selfish. And the most enlightened selfishness teaches the lesson that the masses of the people should do away with the body-killing and soul-killing competition among themselves.

Unions of workers are co-operative societies which in many ways increase the remuneration and lighten the burdens of its members, and that worker who spurns the organization and fails in the duty of being one of its units is truly a renegade to his kind.

The world is hungering and thirsting for brotherhood. Let us live up to the opportunities, be brotherly and make our world brighter—a better place of habitation.

The joint co-operative meetings of the five railroad brotherhoods, held at White Hall, Harrisburg, and Trenton recently were well attended by a number of members from each organization, and were a decided success. Those who were so unfortunate as not to be there missed a rare treat. However, there will be similar meetings in the near future at different points, so that all may have an opportunity to attend and become interested in the co-operative movement which, without a doubt, is the only true solution of materially bettering the working conditions and promoting

the fraternal and social spirit of these five organized bodies.

Bro. S. S. Christ is working extra in the superintendent's office at Harrisburg.

Bro. C. W. Melchor, local chairman, is doing extra work at the assistant trainmaster's office.

Bro. J. K. Leyder has just returned from a three weeks' hunting trip and reports game plentiful.

Bro. W. B. Maulfair is doing extra work at "M.Q."

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The benign and gracious Father has seen fit to call to his everlasting home our beloved brother, H. M. Stevens; in memory of our departed co-worker and in sympathy with his relatives and friends, be it

Resolved, By the members of Division 17, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that we extend to the members of the family of our deceased brother our heartfelt sympathy in their hour of bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of the deceased brother, a copy spread upon the minutes of the division, and a copy forwarded to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

C. S. MELCHOR, Local Chairman.
G. M. ESHELMAN, Asst. L. C.

CARD OF THANKS.

Duffryn Mawr, Pa., Dec. 2, 1913.

To the Members of Division 17, O. R. T.:

We wish to express our great appreciation and sincere thanks to the members of Division 17, O. R. T., for the heartfelt sympathy in our recent bereavement in the loss of our beloved father and husband.

MRS. LULU STEVENS AND FAMILY.

Buffalo Division—

Bro. H. W. Quested bid in third "BC" block station.

Bro. C. S. Simmons is now local chairman for this division and ready to receive all applications and give information to all the nons as to the workings of the Order and initiation fees.

We hope to have a lot of new members in line by the next write-up. Brothers, don't wait for me to write to those nons next to you. Get after them and secure their applications, and it won't be long before we will have a strong division. Make yourself an organizer and send in your application. If you haven't the blanks write to C. S. Simmons, local chairman, Keating Summit, Pa., for blanks and any other information you may want.

Bro. H. R. Brown was off three days on account of sickness in his family, relieved by J. V. Slavin, extra.

Brothers, send a few notes from the north end or from any place to the local chairman before the 22d of the month. Every little bit will help to have a better write-up for this division.

CERT. 2003.

Sunbury Division—

It is time to pay dues again. Let us all be prompt and thus help ourselves as well as the organization. I have tried to let the membership know all that I know. I understand our case is pending with the industrial commission, and it will probably soon be handling it. The outcome of the situation on the Pennsylvania Railroad means a future living wage, better treatment, etc. Taking away the passes through the new law means an outlay for local trips—another additional expense—and unless you help to keep up the organization you might get back to the days when you had to ask permission to go out of town for a few hours; so get busy and remit your dues promptly to Bro. G. E. Nightingale, Newfield, N. J.

Bro. Walter Robinholt was off a few days on account of sickness.

Quite a little excitement was stirred up over the report that the relief money was to be refunded.

I wish to thank all who have rendered me their support during the past year, and wish to say that I will stick if I am the only one left on the road. I carried a card when there were only four on the road and can still carry it, regardless of what the outcome is.

CERT. 11.

Trenton Division, North End—

Wilburtha second was bid in by Bro. Harry Black; Niece third by Bro. H. C. Wilson. "CA" third is now open for bids.

Assistant Division Operator W. H. Wilmot's office was moved from Trenton to Camden, N. J., his former office having been made into an up-to-date telephone exchange. While correspondence and telegrams are being signed by Division Operator G. A. Cross, Mr. Wilmot has his say, same as heretofore.

Lambersmith "FH" office is abolished as a train-order office; business moved from up stairs down, with Mr. C. Adams, agent-operator, in charge. See that he holds an up-to-date.

William Wilmot, Jr., received "RN" first; Mr. Kays, "FJ" second, and Mr. Yelland went to Hudson yard. It is said that the latter has the case on appeal per rule No. 5, regulations governing telegraph operators.

Belvidere and "NE" offices are now open daily.

It is now Bro. Chas. Hendricks at "MO," and three others also below Lambertville are now in line. There's a reason.

Although the day was stormy when the joint brotherhood meeting was held in Trenton, N. J., there were over two hundred present. Bro. Simanton, Bro. Aughenbaugh and others were present from this end.

We trust that the report in regard to a certain operator along the division having a student is untrue. Student teaching should be a thing of the past.

Newspapers in Trenton say that the Pennsylvania Railroad is to abolish telegraphy.

Before many moons two tracks instead of one will pass your offices, increasing your work. Labor is worthy of its hire.

We would thank Bro. Daniel Smith for a few inkings of what is taking place north of "PG."

Another milestone has passed. A happy New Year, brothers. See how many nons you can get during 1914.

We hope Bro. Harry Black, while in the "roaming field," will line them up at "WB."

In 1908 this division was 95 per cent solid O. R. T. The first thing you were asked then was to show your card, and it will be the same way by the time 1914 goes by.

Don't forget to pay your dues for the coming six months. Remit the money to Bro. Nightingale, Newfield, N. J., and the M. B. D. part to Bro. Quick, secretary and treasurer, St. Louis, Mo. Send money order in each instance.

Bro. George Wharton, besides doing relief duty, is teaching the right "dope." Keep up the good work, brother.

Brothers, "bury the hatchet" and act like men by making your brotherhood all it stands for.

Brothers in Pennsylvania received notice that commencing January 1st free transportation for their families would be discontinued including points within the State.

The November journal stated, "A circular was sent over the road regarding an increase in wages." This was a typographical error. It was a *petition*, but no increase was received. Bro. Salters must have been misinformed in regard to the raise the first of the year.

If millionaires are kicking about the high cost of living, is there any reason why an operator should not on \$60.95 or \$57.70? No danger of the income tax affecting us at those figures.

Walter Maitland, formerly a member of the safety committee, has been put back to telegraph work. How about a card for a New Year's gift? You know where they can be secured. If not, ask Bro. Austin or some brother on the lower end.

Signalmen are still carried for the Pennsylvania on the north end. Petitions are worthless unless backed up by a solid membership.

Brothers, take a few minutes of your time to send the correspondent some items. They will be appreciated.

It will take only one more in many of the offices to make them solid. It is unnecessary to name them.

Your correspondent wishes to convey to the brothers and fellow telegraphers a happy New Year.
Div. Cor.

Trenton Division, Lower End—

It is noted with great interest that the boys are putting "No card, no favors" into effect, no matter what department a person is in. That is the way to make 'em all feel that it is worth while to have an up-to-date card.

New members are coming in so rapidly that we sometimes wonder where they are all coming from. Keep up the good work, brothers, and we will soon be solid.

The holding of the "joint brotherhood meetings" is having a good effect all along the line. It is a far-reaching master stroke that will eventually mean a schedule. Let us do our best to line up all the nons by January 1, 1915.

The morning and evening meetings held in Goff Building, Camden, December 17th, were a success and well attended. One new member joined at the morning session. The meetings were addressed by Bros. Miller, Weinrich, Rex and Hutton, and their addresses were thoroughly enjoyed. The prospects of a schedule never looked as bright as now. Get every non to join, and the good old O. R. T. will do the rest. All it needs is our undivided support.

"BJ" Mt. Holly second is becoming quite a student factory. The man there has always said he was going to join, and you see how he is doing.

N. S. Haines, second "BU" Burlington, has had a bad set-back with his ankle. We hope for his speedy recovery.

Howell Smith bid in first "MJ" East Burlington; Frank Hedrick, third "RU" Burlington, and Joe Slinner, first "FG" Trenton extra.

The concerts that Bros. Reeves and Steinmann, Edgewater Park, give us on the telephone Sundays beat all the pipe organ and brass bands you could put against them, and it doesn't cost us anything to enjoy them.

Trenton branch is nearly solid.

Bro. Chas. Kirchner, second Riverton, has gone South. We wish him success.

It is now Bro. Villinger at "UN" Labor street, Trenton.

One of the "GS" men has been taken from the committee and put back telegraphing. He was formerly a brother and local chairman of this division.
Div. Cor., Cert. 666.

W. J. & S. Division—

On Wednesday, December 17th, we had two very interesting meetings—one in the morning, the other at night—with a pretty fair attendance. Boys, you should all try to get out now to the meetings and find out first-handed what is being done.

We had several brothers from the P. T. Division of the right kind of stuff—fair enough to acknowledge that they got "stung," and are now with us heart and soul.

On the New York, Baltimore, Central and Schuylkill Divisions, and in fact all over the whole system, the boys are beginning to realize that they must come in with us to protect their own interests.

We added a few more members in December, and if all come over in January who have promised we will make a very good showing on this division.

Keep after the men you are working with and get them to thoroughly understand that the only way to get what is due us is to carry an up-to-date card. We hope Bro. Hitchner can line up those fellows at Pitman after January 1st.

Every man should come out to the meetings and bring all the nons they can along. We can then show them that we are trying to benefit all concerned, and they may then realize what we are doing for them and do the right thing.

The alliance with the other four brotherhoods is another incentive for those not in the fold to come over and get a card.

It certainly was encouraging to have some of the gray-haired veterans give us the benefit of their own experience at the meetings and show us that the way to get what belongs to us is to join the Order and back up our officials. It was certainly inspiring to hear them and know that they will now turn on all their energy and help to make up for lost time. This getting together means success, and we will soon see the results.

Our delinquent list is the smallest we ever had, only two or three not yet paid up, and our prospects for new members early in the year is fine.

The industrial commission will no doubt soon have the hearings in our case well under way, and it is now absolutely necessary that we back it up with a solid membership. Get after those who have promised to come in, and we will surely win and get what we are entitled to.

The vacation season is over now, and all have settled down to business.

C. H. Vaughn, extra agent, relieved the agent at Woodstown for his vacation and found some work there.

Agent McDougall, off sick for some time, was relieved by Extra Agent Marks.

Bro. Mendenhall recently accepted South Vineland agency. The former agent there was not a member.

It is now Bro. Evans at Pitman, and Bro. Norcross at Vineland. We heartily welcome them.

A telegrapher on the Camden Terminal Division recently served time for allowing his leverman to answer the telephone. Brothers, answer the phone yourselves; it may save you suspension.

Mr. Sutton has returned from his furlough, and is now at "P.R."

Campbell, of the Canada Terminal Division, is in Broad street, posting for a job there.

Bro. Geo. E. Nightingale, our general secretary and treasurer, has been in bed for over a week with a bad case of rheumatism. We know the brothers will bear with him until he is able to get out again. W. W. Carr is relieving him.

A misunderstanding in dates caused Bro. Miller to miss the morning meeting and he also missed the night meeting.

Joe Corsiglia bid in second Clayton, bringing him right home where he started many years ago. Don't fail to remind him of his promise to join in January.

Bro. D. R. Lee, of Berlin, spent December South with his folks.

Bro. W. P. Delaney is laid up with a bad case of blood poison in his hand, and is unable to work.
Div. Co.

New York, Chicago & St. Louis R. R.

Cleveland Division—

The November meeting at Bellevue was well attended and was quite a lively one. Among other subjects that came up was the matter of train registers, that is, how the conductors should register their signals at different points along the line. New instructions have been issued upon this subject on the Fort Wayne Division, which it would be well for the brothers to familiarize themselves with, as they can often discover errors in train registering and possibly save the company the expense of an accident, to say nothing of possibly saving the limbs or the lives of the train and enginemmen. I heard of an accident happening recently on a western road, near Salida, Colo. (I think), at a division point, where the passenger train carried signals into this terminal but had no signals out of the place. When the operator at the depot transmitted it to the yard office it seems that he said, "the train had no signals in and out." A freight train pulled out against the second section of the passenger train, which resulted in one of the worst accidents that the company ever had, killing a large number of passengers. Be careful, boys. Remember it is always the unexpected that happens on a railroad, and in helping the company you advance your own interests.

I heard the operator in the superintendent's office of the Cleveland Division recently call a non-agent-operator about thirty minutes in order to get a message to a train that should have been at his station. When he got him the train had gone. I am glad he was not a member of the Order. All the business going to this very busy office was held up for thirty minutes while the operator in the superintendent's office was calling this non to find out about the train.

Brothers, when you hear your call, answer it. Remember that to be prompt gives a chance for the wire to be used to its capacity at the same time giving your brother-operator a chance to clear up, and promotes a good feeling all around. Have in mind all the time that it means something to belong to the O. R. T., that it stands for good service, which incidentally means more respect for our Order.

Pay up your dues quick. If we all do this at once it will likely save some assessments.

W. A. STOVER, Bellevue Yard,
C. R. T. 142.

Buffalo Division—

E. W. Hull, former clerk at Westfield, has been appointed agent at Brocton and given a clerk and operator, which was bid in by John Wanda, formerly messenger at Conneaut.

Ripley telegraph position temporarily closed, the agent handling his own messages. One trick at Erie passenger station also discontinued, the office being closed for six hours a day.

Business has been very heavy lately, as high as twenty-four east-bound through freights a day passing over this division. If the advertised de-

pression is pronounced as published, the Nickel Plate is extremely fortunate in securing business.

Bro. "Shorty" Norber bid in third at his favorite city, North East. Bro. Morris, of North East, has returned from a trip to New Orleans. Being a real old Southerner, he was very much pleased with his sojourn in the Panama Gateway.

Bro. B. P. Cobb, relief agent, relieved Bro. G. B. Seeley, of Angola, while he was at Buffalo on jury duty.

Bro. R. J. Halliday relieved Bro. Misiner on second Angola a few days.

Sister Edna Chapman, of Moorhead, and Bro. A. J. Cobb, of Harbor Creek, have closed a large grape season, and are back on usual business again.

Bro. R. O. Waddell is back at "MX" Conneaut from his old home in Pittsburg, where he was called by an accident to his mother, who is again in usual health. His wife, however, has not yet returned and "Wad" is running a bachelor's hall. He would be delighted if some of the boys would ask him out for a feed while the rabbit season is open.

Bro. A. B. Jackman, of Lakeview, has severed his railroad connections, and has gone into the grocery business at Buffalo.

Owing to negligence on the part of the members of this division, we have, for several months past, received very little publicity in our journal, and I would ask that each member co-operate with me in securing news for our monthly publication. Get busy and let the other fellow know that we are on the job. All communications must be in my hands not later than the 16th of each month.

Div. Con.

New York, Ontario & Western R. R.

Southern Division—

To answer the many inquiries regarding seniority rights and that it will be better understood: You will note a great many are shown upon our lineal list that are not qualified as operators. It was intended that a star be printed before their names, indicating "not qualified as an operator," but through an error of the printers it was omitted. Therefore, only those qualified by taking the wire test and medical examination are entitled to bid upon the telegraphic positions and hold no rights as such until such qualifications are recorded in the superintendent's office.

This I thought well to mention, as in the future it may avoid disappointment of one that may bid on a position, not being qualified, are under the impression their rights are holding for such positions, as shown in the lineal list. The next revised list will indicate who are not qualified, and for the present if any desire this information, by sending their list to me I will mark those on the Southern Division.

Notices will soon be out for the next semi-annual payment of dues, also the insurance in the M. B. D. Let me again urge upon you, please do not neglect them beyond the limit, February 28th. Bear in mind that being delinquent in either forfeits your membership in both, therefore, to be on the safe side, pay your dues promptly. It is the

best investment you can make. The committee, you must admit, can not work with the same energy for the nons that they do for the members. "In union there is strength." Do not get delinquent. It makes a lot of unnecessary work for your secretary and local chairman. I appeal for your co-operation.

The prospects are now good for a five per cent advance in freight rates next March. That means better times for the Railroads and more encouragement for the employees.

Our wage schedule is something for Division 20 to rejoice over, comparing with the other roads and considering the time we have been organized. So get after the nons and make the O. & W. 100 per cent.

The two-day-a-month law is being tried in the courts, the matter is in the hands of district attorneys of different counties. Bro. Pierson will see that we are given a square deal, and I trust we will soon be enjoying its benefit.

How about a Ladies' Auxiliary for Division 20. Don't you think we should get one organized? Would like to hear from the members and local chairmen as to their ideas.

C. L. Cook, Local Chairman.

Bro. R. B. Wright is now on his new position, second Walton; Bro. Carswell, second Meadowbrook; Bro. Barnes, second Roscoe; Bro. Schadd, third Northfield, and Terwilliger, first Fallsburgh.

Bro. F. A. Wood spent a week before Christmas with his parents at Munnsville, relieved by Bro. B. F. Maybee, second Apex, and he by an extra.

Bro. Mulley was around posting on the towers in December, Bro. Carswell having landed a steady job.

Bros. Kerwin and de Graw, of Wheeler's tower, are working each other's tricks temporarily. Fish and de Graw, first and second at same place, celebrated the fifth anniversary of the installation of the electro pneumatic plant at that tower, December 20th, also the fifth anniversary of their entrance upon their present positions.

We hope you all had a merry Christmas, as we ourselves did, and that we all shall have a prosperous and happy New Year.

Now once more I want to say that if you want to see any news from this division it is up to you fellows to send in your news items before the twenty-second of the month, so I can get them together and mail them by the twenty-fifth.

Div. Con.

Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Ry.

Second District South—

This district is gradually but surely growing in strength, as the few who have not carried an up-to-date card are coming in and lending a helping hand. Solid organization is our aim, and in due time we will be one of the strongest divisions in this section of the country, and the few dollars spent in obtaining a card, and keeping in line, will prove a good investment. The time is very fast approaching when the telegraphers of

the country will be recognized as one of the most important links in the chain of railway progress, and when that time arrives the telegraph operators can hold their heads up and look any man in the face, knowing that the return glance will not be one of scorn or pity. It's coming to us, it's our just due, and we expect to see the time when the operators of this grand old U. S. A. will be on a par with the other leading railway organizations, especially in respect to wages received and concessions granted. But there is but one way to realize these predictions and hopes, and that is for everyone to lend a hand and make the Order of Railroad Telegraphers second to none. We have the ability, our services are required, and now all that remains to make our influence felt is numbers, and the present outlook in that direction is very bright.

The November bulletin issued by our newly appointed division operator, W. H. Brant, has created considerable comment, but would suggest that each brother read it carefully, word for word, note the suggestions which may appeal to you personally for betterment, and act accordingly.

It is now Bro. B. F. Ward, Tipp City second trick, and he can now join us in our bear dances or do anything that any other brother is allowed to do. We are all glad to have him with us.

On the evening of November 28th Robert Dunn, 64 years old, crossing watchman at St. Johns street, was struck and killed by some train, supposed to be No. 96, going into the yards at about 5:30 p. m. "Uncle Bob," as he was known by every employe on the division, left his flag shanty at about that time for Eureka street, where it was his duty to put up a switch lamp, and when within a block of his own shanty and about fifty feet north of Kibby street, either the engine pilot beam or something projecting from engine or car struck him, and when found by passers-by he was dead. He had been employed by the C. H. & D. for about fifteen years as watchman, was a faithful employe, well liked by everyone, and the news of his untimely death was sadly received by his many friends and acquaintances.

The new law in Ohio forcing railway companies to pay their employes semi-monthly has for some reason been violated, and as a result operators at Lima depot, "AK" tower and "BU" cabin were short their pay checks for the first half of November up to December 3d.

Considering the fact that we are required to pass a 634-question examination; that we are about to be initiated into the mysteries of the manual block system; that each day brings forth its bulletins, together with examination books and cars, and the double telephone and telegraph systems, we are surprised that we haven't become a bunch of raving maniacs instead of level-headed operators. Keep your nerve, boys. They say a fellow can learn to like "almost" anything.

During examinations on the car several amusing things took place. The different interpretations of rules were quite unexpected, but in many instances were excusable inasmuch as most of the employes had never worked under a manual block

system and several had not yet seen the new rule book. But with Examiner Coates on hand to explain those points not clear to the boys, all got by with credit, and a second examination would be a snap. Under the new ruling it's "one train at a time and that handled well," and there will be no trouble, but it's good policy to not try to put two trains where but one ought to be. The block works very well—if you do not have to account for delays.

The attendance at the examination car, where mostly second and third-trick men held forth, proves without any doubt that Lima could muster a goodly attendance for an O. R. T. meeting, and I would suggest that as soon as our general chairman returns from the East that we give this a trial. Such gatherings are the organizers of friendship and acquaintance that otherwise would not be brought about for years. Personal encounter is always more productive of such things than the long-distance gab that, without these meetings, is our only mode of acquaintance. Of course, should there be a meeting at Lima, someone would have to chaperone Bro. Nichols, of Cridersville, for he got lost and missed the examination car entirely, and when found was wandering around a motorcycle shop trying to find out who it was that put "gas" in gasoline.

Two tricks at Anna, Ottawa first and Leipsic Jct., on north end, are on bulletin.

It is now time for the payment of dues for the term January to June, inclusive, and I hope the boys on Division 21 will be right in line and secure their cards early and get after the non-members and see that they get in the wagon and help make music. Their non-membership not only hurts those who are striving to better conditions, but the greatest injury is to themselves. "Safety first" applies to more things than the B. & O. and C. H. & D. Railways. If a boat were to sink with yourself on board, a life preserver would be your most urgent need, and if the operators of the country would realize that an up-to-date card was a "real life preserver" for the operators, that card would be your first thought. Dues, including \$1.00 to M. B. D., January 1st to June 30th, inclusive, \$9.50. Blanks are all ready to mail, Let's have your requests.

Mr. Jones is the new man on Anna third, and Mr. Bush is the new man on Sidney first, relieving Bro. Shine, who is in a Columbus hospital. Bro. Shine has been having his troubles for the past year or more, and every brother sincerely hopes for his quick and permanent recovery. Secure his hospital address, brothers, and drop him a line. Cheering words are appreciated by anyone confined in a hospital ward, and the brother would be pleased to receive a note from any of the brothers.

Let's have a little help, brothers, on these notes. Every little helps. CERT. 207.

Springfield Division—

Bro. J. V. Cummins, second Moorefield, off two weeks hunting, was relieved by Mr. Drake.

We hope to call Operator Clark, first Moorefield, "Bro." in the near future.

Business seems to be picking up on the Springfield and Indianapolis Divisions now, as they are running 55 and 65-car trains out of Moorefield. Seems like the 400 class battlers will be running to Montezuma in the near future. Someone made this noise.

Bro. Seng, second Montezuma, is having quite a time motor boating and hunting.

It is rumored that the manual block will be put on between Indianapolis and State Line shortly. This will give us more offices.

The schedule is being delayed on account of the officials refusing to give us an increase.

Bro. Grimes was relieved on second Tuscola, while off hunting, by Mr. Perkins, who bumped Mr. Vickory, third Hume. Third Shops cut out; Bro. Hornbeck bumps first trick man at Decatur. Mr. Aikman is back on second Hume.

W. E. Gossert, car man, spent Christmas with his folks at Decatur, relieved by V. R. Thomas.

Bro. M. E. Oxley, first Montezuma, is attending school at Valparaiso, Ind., taking a scientific and classical course, and will later take up the study of law. We wish him success.

We were very sorry to learn of the death of Bro. D. E. Greene's brother at La Place. Bro. Greene has the sympathy of the entire division.

Best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

"B."

Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry.

Coast Division—

A very successful meeting was held in Labor Temple, Seattle, presided over by General Chairman Bro. Soyster. We were favored with speeches from President Bro. Perham and Bro. Alexander, from the Southern, who covered the hard struggle on that road for schedule and final results. He was in turn followed by General Chairman Robertson, of the C. P. R., representing our Canadian brothers, who are governed by such an enviable schedule. Bro. Miller, general chairman of the Pennsylvania, was next. In introducing the speaker Bro. Soyster described him as an "orator of exceptional eloquence and the man who brought the 1913 convention to Baltimore when it had been lined up for Seattle." Bro. Miller certainly came up to all that was said of him, and more, and, although he is working against big odds, we feel certain he will be successful in bettering their conditions in the near future.

The meeting was attended in part by Mr. Robinson, Bros. Owens and Olson, Seattle; Bros. Church, Martin, Leamy, Teary and Wooten from the main line; Bros. Lang, Grummell and Nisonger, Tacoma; Bros. Stewart, Barrett, Boylan, Clover and several others from the Tacoma line, and some old-timers, since retired.

R. F. Rader, the boy at "TC" who handles the "37" sheet and makes a fuss when she's not on time, was relieved on vacation by Bro. Lang. The rumor that "R" became entangled in the matrimonial web has not been confirmed.

M. J. O'Connor, wire chief Tacoma, while working a trick on the branches, was relieved by Bro.

Nisonger, and he by Bro. McAllister, first Bismarck.

Bro. Grummell, while in the hospital undergoing an operation, was relieved by Bro. Lang.

Bro. McAllister has returned from "TC" to Bismarck. Bro. Schmitz from the W. U. at Portland, whom we lined up at "TC," has "hiked" for the South.

Bro. Kidd, agent North Puyallup, on a trip East, was relieved by Bro. Boylan.

It's now Bro. Wood, agent Kent, on a trip South, relieved by Bro. Napier, and he on second by Mr. Sutton, from the freight office at Tacoma, who also relieved Bro. H. J. Johnson, second North Puyallup, on trip home.

Bro. Barrett bid in third Auburn, Bro. Ciora going to National Agency. Bro. Taylor drew second Cedar Falls, and Bro. Martin, in order to get with his old friend J. Q. Adams, bid in third Laconia.

Bro. H. McKinnon, "S" Seattle, bid in third Keechelus, and Bro. "Y," of "S," bid in third Tacoma Jct. Bro. Roselle, who was also caught by the cut at "S," took six months' leave and went with the O. W. R. & N. at Aberdeen. Bro. Switzer, also of "S," went to Malden relay several weeks and then bumped Mr. Snyder, second leverman Black River.

Bro. W. A. McKinnon, who bid in Monroe, after sizing up the clerical work, maintained he was "not up on that stuff," and took three months' leave, going with the Federal Telegraph at Seattle.

Bro. Wells, third "JN," bid in Salsich Jct. agency, Bro. Merritt returning to extra list.

Bro. Farley at "FD" first, Bro. McKay laying off.

Bro. Cronk, who relieved Agent Kent a few days, also relieved Bro. "Scoop" Kinnear, on a deer hunt.

Bro. Chadderson, of Whittier, spent a few days in Seattle, relieved by Bro. Cronk.

Bro. Willsey at Monroe pending bulletin, Bro. Johnson later receiving it on bid.

Bro. Fishburn landed third "SJ," where the boys are all working in the box-car "abode," due to the recent burning of the station.

Bro. Pope, Black River tower, received Keechelus agency, Bro. Snyder going to "BI." C. H. Dahlke received this on bid, but could not be located.

Bro. Blume, first Cle Elum, off a few days, was relieved by Bro. Lang, recently returned from a trip East. Bro. Nash, who accompanied him as far as Ortonville, is still at his home in Terre Haute.

Bro. Church, while partaking of Thanksgiving turkey in Seattle, was relieved by Bro. Boylan.

Mr. Sutton, pulled off at Mineral, went on extra. Bro. McEntee, second Kapowsin (discontinued), went to Salsich Jct. extra.

Bro. Bingham. Everett, on trip East, relieved by Bro. Snyder, a new man from the N. P.

Bro. McEntee, who relieved Bro. Clover, agent Kapowsin, a few days, was relieved on second by Bro. Boylan.

C. Otto, formerly first "SJ," who attributes his inability to carry a card to "poor crops" or the "great depression throughout the country," relieved Dispatcher's Clerk Phillips and later bid in third "SJ."

Third Trick Dispatcher Peterson has returned from his trip East. All the boys are glad to see "Pete" back again.

Bro. Olson, bumped at "S" Seattle, returned to his regular position, Bro. Erland going to Enumclaw to relieve Bro. Hogan a few days.

Bandera closed, Bro. Willsey going to Monroe extra, Bro. Cronk taking the extra list.

Bro. Larson, affected by the cut at Tacoma, who bid in North Puyallup, is on three months' vacation, trying the real estate business. We all wish him success. R. F. Rader, his relief, was later relieved by Bro. W. H. Lang.

Bro. Steiner, from Laconia, bid in Duvall agency.

Bro. Gordon, agent Cedar Falls, after attending car-breaking case at Butte, took a vacation to California, relieved by Bro. O'Hern, from freight office Tacoma.

Bro. Wooten is now publishing the daily at Cedar Falls, and Bro. Martin the daily at Laconia, the *Bugle* supplying the boys on the hill with some classy news. The latter recently, in a somewhat lengthy statement, bemoans the loss of Mayor Steiner, who did so much towards bringing prospective settlers to the metropolis and left recently for Duvall.

Bro. Kelso, first Cedar Falls, claims he has been offered \$50,000 for his mining interests in Washington, but we hail from Missouri.

Bro. and Sister Leamy, Rockdale, spent Thanksgiving in North Bend, relieved by Bros. Erland and Lang, who on departing were treated to a royal spread by Mr. Carew, of third there. He promises to start the year right by purchasing a card.

Bro. Church, third Keechelus, is anxiously awaiting the approach of summer, when he can make a "wad" escorting the tourists around Lake Keechelus.

In preparation for big game, Bro. Terry, at Garcia, has adopted a wolf hound.

Bro. Taylor, second Cedar Falls, attributes the loss of several pounds to "baching" while his wife spent a month in California.

Second Trick Dispatcher Leahy "CPS," was relieved by Mr. Wallick a few days. Mr. Wallick, formerly chief dispatcher "CPS," has been in Alaska gathering nuggets during the past summer.

Snow, second Argo "CPS," was relieved by Lovejoy a few days on account of illness.

Bro. Adams, second "IA," bid in first Laconia, vice G. J. Clayton, there pending bulletin.

Mr. Owens, second Bismarck, and Sister Clover, first Kapowsin, recently pulled off on account of the abolishment of log runs, makes Salsich Jct. the only night office on the T. E. Some of the snow offices will probably be opened shortly, which will take care of the extra men.

Our committee called on the officials at Chicago for a meeting on December 8th. Stick by the

committee, and if it comes to a vote, do the right thing.

During the time Dispatcher Allen was troubled with a severe cold we were treated to several nights' work on the good old Morse. She sounded good, and we regret that we can't have more of it.

O. M. Weister, from "GN," relieved Bro. Reynolds, agent Keechelus, who was called to Seattle.

Mr. Maddox, new man, who relieved at Laconia, Rockdale and Keechelus, later went on work train, but was bumped by Bro. Cronk on his return from a hunting trip.

Bro. Reynolds, former agent Keechelus, recently reinstated, bid in second Laconia.

If the boys continue to show the interest sending in notes that they have recently we will be able to have a good write-up. Send them in by the 20th.

CERT. 3024.

Missoula Division—

On special election held in November for local chairman, Bro. Geo. L. Dean, Falcon, Idaho, was elected vice Acting Chairman Bro. E. P. Brink. We all wish our new chairman the best of success, together with a happy and prosperous New Year. I feel sure that Bro. Dean will have the aid of every member on the division. Let us assist him in lining up the nons and getting the division on a sound and firm basis.

The following appointments have been made by Local Chairman Dean: Committee to act for the division, Bros. G. L. Dean, W. F. Marshall, A. G. Smith, R. O. Clark and Sister Mrs. C. M. Van Antwerp. Let's stand by this committee and push with the energy of a football team. Correspondent for the division, Bro. W. Harold Glover, Falcon, Idaho. All are asked to assist and give him all the news possible and promptly that it may reach him in due time for each month's write-up.

Sister Miss Anna O. Stewart, formerly at East Portal, now Mrs. M. L. Kight, and husband, spent their honeymoon in Seattle. We wish them a happy and prosperous life in their new home, where'er it may be.

Bro. and Sister E. P. Brink, visiting at his home in Deer Lodge, will also visit in Iowa while on vacation.

Bro. L. V. Maxwell, of Saltese, visiting at St. Maries, Idaho, has gone to his mother's ranch near Portland, Oregon, for sixty days. Bro. Mickey Griswald, of Saltese, spent the holidays at Clinton, and is now on a six weeks' visit at his old boyhood stamping grounds in Wisconsin. We understand he is going in search of a lassie he left behind, and wish him many happy days in his little white cottage by the wayside in Saltese.

Sister Mrs. Barlow, Clinton third, is on a three months' furlough. Bro. Ralph Coon bid the trick in, and Bro. H. H. Brown, just rehired out, relieved him at Ravenna nights.

Miss Bessie Paine, extra, third Bryson, who has been visiting in Missoula and Seattle, has gone to Brainerd, Minn., to spend the winter among relatives and friends, leaving behind many friends, who will greatly miss her. Bryson closed.

Sister Mrs. Lillian McCormick, formerly at Bryson, is on a three months' leave to her home in Seattle.

Bro. G. B. Aldrich and wife are visiting in Seattle, relieved by Bro. W. J. Smith.

Bro. A. F. Wilkins, of Missoula, at East Portal for several months, is now on an extensive vacation. He spent Thanksgiving with his people in Missoula and later visited Butte.

Sister Mrs. Dahlene, St. Regis second, on four months' furlough, has moved to her new home there.

Sister Mrs. Dean, East Portal, was a recent Missoula visitor.

Sister Mrs. Palarske, of St. Regis, is on six months' vacation on her ranch near that town.

Sister Mrs. C. E. Tyndal, of Drummond second, on vacation, was relieved by Bro. W. J. Smith. It is now Bro. C. E. Tyndal again. We are glad to have him back.

Sister Mrs. C. M. Van Antwerp, agent Falcon, Idaho, has returned from a pleasure trip through the eastern and northern States with her niece, Sister Miss Zelda Trimble, second Falcon. They were in Boston, Albany, N. Y., points in Illinois and Wisconsin, also Montreal and Niagara Falls.

Sister Miss Kate Ray, Superior third, spent a few days recently in Seattle, Tacoma, etc.

Sister Miss Eva Kent, Adair first, went to Butte recently to meet her sister, Mrs. May Nichols.

Bro. W. H. Glover spent Thanksgiving in Missoula with friends.

Bros. Clark, of Roland, and Skinner, of Adair, had a swell trip to Saltese lately.

Bros. Dean and Clark went deer hunting recently at Tarkio without success.

Third Trick Dispatcher Hill has been riding goats lately and is now a square man.

Bro. Dean drew second East Portal, vice Bro. A. M. Peterson, resigned.

Miss Maud Martin is on third Roland relieving Bro. Betts, called to Missoula.

Bro. Sellers is now on second Haugan relieving O. F. Peterson, relieving Bro. Maxwell, agent Saltese.

Mr. Leach bumped Mr. Hughes on third at Huson, who is relieving his brother on second for three months.

Miss Lena Huibretza bid in third Falcon; Sister Miss Vivian Smith, third Kyle; Sister Margaret Ray, extra St. Regis, vice Mrs. Dehlene, off three months.

Bro. W. Cullen, from Tarkio, closed, bumped Mr. Leach, first Gold Creek.

Recent additions to our membership are: Mr. and Mrs. Tyndal, Drummond; M. J. Emmert, Haugan; Miss Kate Ray and Mr. Ray, Superior; G. B. Aldrich, Garrison; S. W. Sowden and Mr. Waters, Avery; Miss Vivian Smith, Kyle; Mrs. R. O. Clark, Roland, and W. F. Marshall, Deer Lodge.

Mr. Estep third at Haugan, Miss Lena Huibretza and Gary Hughes will soon be with us, and it will only be a short time until there won't be a non on the division.

A new step taken lately is for each operator on the division to donate twenty-five cents a month for maintaining the local chairman's office. It is necessary that the local chairmen have a typewriter and possibly a few other things, and he should not be expected to use his own money any more than the other operators. An account of all money received and expended will be kept and a statement issued when requested. When the local chairman's term expires the money on hand and other material will be checked over to his successor. We hope that every one will send his twenty-five cents every month and remit for the first six months or a year in advance as there is no money in the treasury and some is badly needed at once.

The local chairman, the committee and the correspondent wishes all a prosperous New Year. The former expects to go over the division soon and would like to see every operator at the station. You will be notified when he goes over.

Greetings to all. W. HAROLD GLOVER,
Div. Cor., Cert. 2695.

Columbia Division—

Don't think because you don't hear any noise from the committee that it is not on the job. It's slow work and can't be accomplished in a day.

Forces are still being reduced. Bro. Stephens loses Herrick office, closed 1 a. m. to 7 a. m.

Pumper at St. Joe pulled off and Bro. Smith will swell his princely salary by the amount allowed for pumping.

One man pulled off at Tekoa, agent now working a six-hour trick. Bro. F. L. Hayes jerked out of Malden relay days bid in Tekoa first; when it was abolished he took second, Bro. Kirkpatrick taking third forcing Mr. Barry out.

Mr. Jose, in Malden relay nearly four years, was caught in the reduction. Only three men there now; a couple of months ago there were six.

Bro. R. R. Murphy bid in second Manito, vice Bro. Schlatter, unable to hold regular position on regular seniority list.

Rosalie third abolished, Bro. Horn bumping Bro. "Slats" at Herrick.

Bro. A. Walden has resumed at Pine City agency after six weeks' illness.

Bro. J. H. Vassey, who relieved Dispatcher Curren several weeks, lost out on account of third trick dispatcher having to work both ends.

Bro. Kinney, second Othello, is on vacation in California.

Bro. M. J. Campbell, agent Thorp, is laying off, relieved by Bro. Thompson. CERT. 910.

Rocky Mountain Division—

There are rumors that more operators are to be laid off and telegraph offices closed. The conductors, being so accommodating as to solicit orders on the block phone at every blind siding and closed telegraph office they come to, enable the officials to do this.

Bro. Jake Schaeffer has gone to Amherst on the Great Falls line. Bro. J. L. Du Houx, back

from a three months' vacation in the far East, is now at Hoosac.

Bro. Bothmer, second Two Dot, is on vacation; relieved by Mr. Reed.

Ex-Bro. Maggett, first west end dispatcher Three Forks, on thirty days' leave, visited at Lennep a few days and left for his home in North Carolina for the holidays.

Bro. Phare, third Sixteen, has returned from a thirty-day vacation. Bro. Horejs, who relieved him, bid in first Summit temporarily.

F. P. (Doc.) Byrne bid in second Three Forks, put on to relieve Bro. Clark of his too numerous duties, which also cut down his three hours' overtime per day.

Bro. E. S. Bleichner is relieving Bro. Hughes, second Lombard. Bro. Bleichner relieved on third by Bro. Harmon, a new arrival.

Bro. Riddell, from Great Falls Line, is relieving Bro. Phare on third Sixteen while Bro. Phare relieves Bro. Curn on first, who went East for the holidays.

Several offices closed on Great Falls Line and a number of men laid off. The work up there is about completed and should create a number of "bach" jobs when opened for traffic in the spring.

The new depot at Lennep is now completed and moved into December 3d, in honor of which Bro. Peacock and Sister Francis showed up for work in their store clothes. Much disappointment was shown when Bro. Bradley showed up in the regulation uniform—wool shirt and overalls.

Bro. Sill, at Summit, recently assisted in the capture of a bold desperado who robbed Engineer Shaw's house at Three Forks.

One dispatcher cut off at Three Forks and a third trick operator and report clerk put on. C. G. Brown, the dispatcher reduced, now working third there until bids are up.

Butte Relay "GS" Office—W. W. Glaze, of Hoosac, bid in temporary vacancy, but resigned before accepting. Bro. N. P. Hansen is now employed by Yukon Telegraphs at Ogilvie, Y. T. D. R. Snyder bid in temporary vacancy during Bro. Massing's absence. Third Wire Chief Bro. Faucher, on two weeks' vacation with his folks in Michigan, was relieved by Bro. Gallivan. Second Wire Chief Bro. Charley Gray, who spent his holidays on the coast, relieved Wire Chief Potter, who spent Christmas holidays in Spokane.

Bro. M. E. Spencer, agent Willow Creek, on thirty days' leave, relieved by Bro. W. A. Horejs.

Bro. Geo. Redding, who lost out by Finlen being made a twelve-hour day and Dawson a twelve-hour night office, bumped Bro. W. F. Monthey, third Donald. George spent the holidays with his folks at Lexington, Ky.

Newcomb is to be made a twelve-hour night and Janney a twelve-hour day office. Dawson and Cedric are twelve-hour night offices and Moyne will probably be in the same list soon making Ringling a twelve-hour day office.

In the *Employees' Magazine* for December appears the following article addressed to Conductor Thos. O'Brien and Brakemen C. J. Buck and J. E. Manley: "For your prompt and heroic action on

the night of October 27th in stopping Train 94, coming into Grace, due to air valve on Engine 8500 being defective, I wish to hereby extend to you my highest commendation. A serious catastrophe was averted by your efforts, which I know were thoroughly appreciated by the management of this company. It is gratifying to know that we have employees of this caliber who are not found wanting when put to a test. I take pleasure in giving you due credit for this in our Employees' Register and am also extending to you my personal thanks for 'staying with the ship' as you did. (Signed) W. H. Molchoir, Superintendent." We all coincide with the spirit of the superintendent's letter. No. 15 was on its way up the mountain, which was the serious catastrophe averted by No. 94 being stopped. This incident and another recently when a car got away from Grace and, starting down the mountain, was derailed at Cedric by the operator there being notified to open the switch, is a strong argument in favor of maintaining a full force at all stations on mountain grades. This should receive some consideration from the "Safety First" movement; for when the word is given out by the management to cut down the expense of operation, or in normal times when the management will not approve additional expense, the local officials are powerless. Div. Cor.

Musselshell Division—

Bro. L. A. Copp relieved Bro. G. F. Rediske, third Ryegate a few weeks, later relieving Bro. J. C. Foster, first Ryegate, a few days, and then went to his assignment third Roundup, relieving Claude Mitchell, extra.

Bro. C. W. Erther assigned ninety-day vacancy on first Baker, relieved on second there by R. T. Davis, who later relieved Bro. Copp on third Ryegate and then bumped Bro. Olson on second Mildred temporarily.

Bro. W. A. Aasve relieved Mrs. Oconnor on second Carterville a few days, later relieved R. T. Davis on second Baker temporarily, and then went on a vacation. Bro. J. H. Cawley, assigned Delphia days, relieved Bro. Cook, who then bumped Bro. Warman on third Shawmut.

Bro. C. H. Richards, extra, relieved Bro. T. E. Crandall, first Ismay, a few days, also relieved Bro. R. R. Russell, agent at Saugus, a short time.

Sister Hayes returned from an extended visit with relatives in Seattle and resumed duty on second Sumatra, relieving Bro. H. J. Thompson, who bumped Claude Mitchell, Heritage nights, until that trick was pulled off, and then bumped C. L. Burke, third Calabar; Mr. Burke assigned ninety days' vacancy on second Baker.

Bro. C. H. Burnworth, assistant general chairman, after some time spent in lining up the Puget Sound Lines, attended a meeting of the Milwaukee sub-committee in Chicago. Sister Burnworth handled the agency at Ingomar during his absence, with Bro. Heise on second and Bro. Leo Thiel on third.

Bros. Wells, Wallace and O'Brien pulled out of the relay office on account of reduction in force. Bro. Wallace assigned second Miles City yard,

but is working for the Western Union in Miles City temporarily, with Bro. O'Brien filling in at the yard, bumping Bro. J. H. Jesser.

Bro. J. P. Kennedy assigned Kinsey agency and E. J. Miller assigned Mildred agency. Two nons at Mildred now—only ones on the east sub-division.

The following brothers took their vacations during the holidays and went home to eat turkey: Bro. W. F. Corcoran, Bascom days, relieved by Bro. W. A. Aasve; Bro. Dorner second Terry, relieved by Bro. Richards, and Bro. W. E. Berger, third Ismay, relieved by Claude Mitchell.

Understand the relay office at Miles City is to be pulled off entirely. This will do away with Wire Chiefs Doherty and Maille. Pretty hard on these brothers as it will be necessary for them to take an "OS" job at quite a reduction in salary or get out of the service altogether. One dispatcher also pulled off in Miles City office. The unlucky man being P. G. Kearney. Dispatchers T. E. Corbett and A. O. Veitch, first and second tricks on west end, working through three hours each. C. C. Johnson, first east end, working a lap trick, and A. C. Kohlhasse, third west end, with M. G. Pence, third east end. J. C. Anderson, extra dispatcher, is back on the side table job. Jack, while working as extra dispatcher, became well acquainted with all of the operators and is now doing his best to see that each of us get a square deal. Right at the time of reductions he handled some pretty complicated deals and followed the schedule as near as he consistently could thereby saving much of the confusion and dissatisfaction among the operators which had previously existed in that office. CERT. 2446.

H. & D. Division—

Recent appointments: First tricks—C. O. Swanberg, Fargo; H. A. Parsons, Webster; Bro. W. H. Swan, Sumpter. Second—Bro. E. C. Canus, Norwood tower; Bro. B. A. Shea, Hennipin avenue; R. F. Williams, Chanhassen; S. Simonsen, Webster; C. H. Fabel, Hector for ninety days. Third—W. L. Meyer, Wegdahl; Bro. C. C. Malek, Renville.

Mrs. W. J. Maloney, wife of Bro. W. J. Maloney, agent Hopkins, died December 16th, after a brief illness. The remains were taken to her old home in Iowa for burial. Bro. Hamilton, who relieved Bro. Maloney, was relieved on first there by Bro. Collins.

Bro. Chas. McReynolds relieved Mr. Fosneo on third double-track switch when he accompanied his brother to Minneapolis for an operation.

Bro. Johnson, third Montevideo dispatcher's office, on two weeks' vacation visiting Fargo, Minneapolis, etc., was relieved by Mr. Nelson, from third Montevideo yard, relieved by Mr. Young.

A great reduction in forces, owing to the decrease in business, has been made during the past two or three weeks in all departments. Webster, Bird Island, Renville, Cologne and Hopkins third taken off, and the agents at these stations now have to work a trick. We hope business will soon pick up and the brothers thrown out of work put back again.

Many train crews have also been pulled off, and most of them are now made up entirely of conductors, the younger men having taken vacation until business increases. Trains are handling full tonnage during this nice weather, and the chief dispatchers sit back and smile.

The beginning of the new year is a good time for the nons to start in right by joining the O. R. T. When we look back over the year just passed, and even farther back, and think of the benefits secured for them by the O. R. T., we feel that they as well as we have a great deal to be thankful for. With their help greater and better results can be secured this year. It is certainly to their benefit as well as ours that they become members, and we should get to work in earnest and see that they are made to see this as we do.

Bro. J. P. Walsh is relieving Bro. Churchill at Holmquist, on vacation.

Bro. C. O. Johnson, of third Milan (closed), is now on third Appleton.

Bro. Russell was on second Montevideo yard a few days while Bro. Ronning was sick.

The writer attended a "get together" meeting at Montevideo, but the engineers and firemen seemed to be the only ones having grievances and theirs are so numerous that a telegrapher would die from old age if he waited his turn to voice his grievances at one of these meetings.

Boys, send me any news you may know of. It will be appreciated and we will enjoy the journal so much more with a write-up from our own division.

A good New Year's resolution is "No card, no favors." Live up to it and it will increase our membership. CERT. 1866.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased an all-wise and loving Father to call home the beloved wife of our brother, W. J. Maloney; and

WHEREAS, The years that hurry by,
Each bringing bright or somber scenes,
Each with its joys that can not last,
Of hopes and fears and vanished dreams,
Passing swift to be enrolled
With all the thousands gone before,
To make the total, when 'tis called,
And time shall be declared no more.
Among the sheaves that each shall give
To swell the rich storehouse of heaven,
No sweeter fruit, no brighter flower,
Than her whose life today was given.

Resolved, That while with so much gone
Of life and love, we still live on,
To let her life forever be
The symbol of our charity;
Until in life's late afternoon,
Where cool and long the shadows grow,
We all must walk to meet the night
That shape and shadow overflow.
We can not feel that thou art far,
Since near at hand the angels are,
And when the heavenly gates unbar,
We'll see her welcome, beckoning hand.

And Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent the bereaved brother, a copy spread upon the minutes of Division 23, and a copy mailed THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

H. S. DEMING,
H. T. ROBB,
T. W. WEST,
Committee.

River Division—

The new automatic signals were put in service between Hastings and Red Wing at 2 p. m., December 13th, closing Indio and making one-man stations of Etter and Eggleston. Lamoille and Richmond are also one-man stations now.

Bro. Roy Kenyon will do the dispatching at Newport for the next six months. Bro. J. P. Leahy is relieving him at South Minneapolis, and Bro. Cliff Kenyon is relieving Bro. Leahy at signal tower.

Bro. Martin, Lake City, was held up recently and the depot robbed of \$90. Robbers are thought to have escaped in motor boat across Lake Pepin to Wisconsin shore.

Bro. Jack Marron, lower yard, was very indignant when he found someone had "balled up" the pay-roll and he did not get any check for November.

Bro. J. F. Sainsbury, who lost out when second Lamoille closed, relieved Bro. Maloney at Wabasha a few nights and then took third at Minnesota City permanently, displacing Mr. Knutson.

Chelsea, closed in the reduction craze, was opened again in two days.

Bro. Lakeman, second St. Croix Crossing, has gone to Michigan on two weeks' vacation, relieved by H. J. Ward, from Hastings yard, and he by young Tackaberry, from Frontenac.

Christmas and New Year's past and no signs of snow. Skating and swimming at the same time in St. Paul. Tennis in Minneapolis, and a big baseball game at Lexington Park, St. Paul, December 14th. Not so bad for a Minnesota winter.

Mr. Pickle, at "VD," while helping out in Mr. Sexton's office, was relieved by a brother heavy-weight from "C" office.

Bro. Peterson resumed second Hastings on December 13th, displacing Mr. Soules, extra.

Bro. Jack Feil resumed second Kellogg, displacing Mr. Winters. Bro. Jack and his friend made good on their hunting trip up North, bagging two good-sized deer and the largest moose shot this season. When we said that Jack was a crack shot with that new gun we were giving it to you straight. We were lucky enough to secure a photo of the boys and their game for the boys to see.

Mr. Winters bumped Mr. Maynard on second Whitman.

Dispatcher Harry Vogel, on six months' vacation, is being relieved by Bro. Harry Peed, from Newport.

C. & C. B. in Iowa Division—

Bro. P. H. Curran, agent Portsmouth, who laid off recently on account of sickness, relieved by Bro. E. L. Nunn, died November 30th, leaving a wife, three sons, a 12-year-old daughter, a

mother, four sisters and two brothers. His son LaVere is a train dispatcher at Malden, Wash., Walter is a telegrapher at Council Bluffs, and George, the other son, is on a homestead in South Dakota.

E. F. Grossman, one of the east-enders, was assigned to third Elberon.

The new double track has been extended at various points along the line, and many night offices have been abolished.

Rumor has it that a telegraph office is to be installed at the interlocking plant at Elberon by the C. & N. W.

The double track east of Marion is in use from Lost Nation to Marion. Ten work trains still out on account of good weather.

Mr. Stone relieved at Covington nights by Mr. Welch, from Neola.

Bro. Farnham, Council Bluffs yard second, is on a three months' lay-off.

Bro. Parmenter, Browns second, off a few days, relieved by Mr. Hutchinson.

Bro. M. A. DeVoe, Marion, off on account of sickness, relieved by Bro. Dove.

Mr. Fox, Delmar Jct., off a few days on account of sickness, relieved by Mr. Sorg.

Mr. Leaman now dispatching third trick at Marion, vice J. W. Held, moved to Milwaukee with his family.

Bro. N. N. Embree, agent Madrid, while visiting his mother in Ohio, was relieved by Bro. Oleson, Council Bluffs yard first.

The interlocking plant has been moved from Martelle to Lost Nation, adding considerable extra work to the force there.

Nellie May, daughter of Bro. N. C. Iles, at Keystone, succeeded in capturing first prize and was awarded a silver cup at the baby show held at that point recently.

Bro. Campbell, Oxford Jct. second, appointed to the Wheatland agency six months. Bro. Mac Stuart, agent Elwood, gets Oxford Jct. second six months, and Bro. W. T. Bright, third, gets Elwood agency six months. CERT. 1408.

Wisconsin Valley Division—

Second Star Lake taken off, Bro. West going back to third Merrill.

Boulder Jct., a new station, opened with M. Obrien, formerly bill clerk at Wausau, as agent.

Bro. W. E. Herman, agent Hazelhurst, on a vacation, was relieved by Bro. Blanchfield, later relieved by Mr. Parker on account of sickness, who also relieved Bro. Sternitzke, second Mosinee, a few days.

Third Tomahawk closed, Bro. Burlingham going to Mather as agent.

Bro. Heath, second Merrill, was off a few days on account of his mother undergoing an operation, which, we are glad to hear, was successful, and that she is improving.

Business is rather slack owing to the late fall and no snow so far—something very unusual for this neck of the woods. We are looking for things to be booming in a short time.

CERT. 1110.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Him, who giveth and taketh away, to take unto Himself the beloved wife of our friend and brother, A. I. Lathrop, and

WHEREAS, Our brother is now overwhelmed with a great burden of grief, such as death will inevitably bring to us all; therefore be it

Resolved, That the profoundest and most heart-felt sympathy of the undivided and collective membership of the Wisconsin Valley Division, No. 23, be and is hereby extended to Bro. Lathrop in this his hour of great sorrow; be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to Bro. Lathrop, a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication, and that they also be placed upon records of the division.

R. E. SCHULTZ,
W. F. VAN GILDER,
W. H. BURLINGHAM,
Committee.

CARD OF THANKS.

To the Members of the O. R. T.:

We received such a beautiful floral piece, "The Gates Ajar," from the employes in the station and telegraph department of the Wisconsin Valley Division. Of all the flowers sent they were the loveliest. We do not know how to convey our deep appreciation of them. MRS. C. G. HANOVER.

Prairie du Chien and Mineral Point Divisions—

Bro. Child has returned to Hanover from a two months' vacation to Portland, Ore., and the Far West, relieved by Bro. Doyle, of Gratiot, who is now relieving Bro. Tegan at Albany, Wis.

The local chairman was especially favored recently with a visit by Bro. Lathrop of Bridgeport, and Bro. Regan, of New Glavis. He wishes more of the brothers would drop in whenever they have a day off.

Bro. Millard and wife, of Lima Center, visited the lady's parents at Orfordville, Sunday, November 23d.

Bro. Wichman and wife, of Stoughton, were in Janesville recently, enroute to Belmont to visit relatives.

Bro. Reisel, agent Lone Rock, has been taking a much needed rest, relieved by Bro. Gunderson, of second trick, and he by Extra Richter, who later relieved Bro. Jaeger, agent Woodman, a few days.

Bro. Thatcher, Eagle third, is a frequent visitor at McFarland.

Train Dispatcher E. M. Dousman, Milu, was relieved on second trick a week by Extra Dispatcher G. S. Davy.

Bro. Chas. Neuman relieved Bro. Shore on third Lone Rock while he relieved Agent Hubbard at Richland Center.

It will soon be Bro. Orth, second Stoughton.

Only one non now on Mineral Point Division. Let us get him and make it solid. There are still a few nons on the Prairie du Chien whom we should induce to come across in order that we may get good results.

The hours at Janesville have been changed. First trick, 6 a. m. to 3 p. m.; second trick, 3 p. m. to 12 midnight; third trick, 9 p. m. to 6 a. m., in order that the latter could be in lower yards from 9 p. m. to 12 midnight to handle the stock trains. Bro. Fish is on second Janesville pending bulletin.

Bro. Sekhart, second Madison, away for the holidays, was relieved by Extra Merster.

Bro. Hitchcock, McFarland second, relieved Mr. Allen on first while Extra Bro. McDonald did the second trick act.

Traffic was blocked several days on the Richland Center Line on account of No. 66 derailling eight cars about one mile west of Gotham. Derricks from Milwaukee and Madison cleared the debris. Div. Cor.

Missouri Pacific Ry.

Central Kansas Division—

It has been six months since this division had a write-up in THE TELEGRAPHER. The writer has been exiled in the wilds of Colorado for several months and is not familiar with all the changes, but believes that a little news is better than nothing at all.

Those lucky enough to get vacations were: Neale at "CG," going to the coast; Lemer at "GO," to Pueblo, Kansas City and Omaha, and Ramsey at "MO," to Geneseo.

There are two new faces in "JN," Schaffer transferring to McGee, Ark., and Williams laying off, also some changes in the dispatcher's office.

Bro. Johnny Sorrels, agent Hope, is still on the sick list and improving very slowly. Bro. J. M. Johnson, of Geneseo, is also on the sick list. There is a new man there on second.

Bro. Boolinger at Osage City is as snug as a bug in a rug in that new depot.

Bro. Hanson bid in Claffin third, Bro. Thigpen bidding in Elmo.

Had a nice visit with Local Chairman Neale recently, who reports everything running smoothly, everybody happy and business good.

Our old friend, "Mr. Bond," has been pretty busy on the division the past year. It makes little difference how long you have been in the service or how good the service rendered has been, if some time in the past twenty years you have done something that was not just right "Mr. Bond" is right on the job, causing a loss of time, worries for our officers and trouble for the employers. When an employe has been unjustly discharged he is certainly within his rights if he asks for an adjustment. That is why we are organized and want justice done. But when the party knows that there is no merit to his case and that he was at fault he is only wasting his time and embarrassing the chairman who handles his case. And no good can come of it.

Some of the good brothers on the Rock Island have evidently crossed their wires in regard to the \$95.00 minimum on the Rio Grande. There may be several jobs there that pay \$95.00, but don't go to Colorado expecting to get such wages. The Rio Grande is hiring men all the time both

in Denver and Pueblo, and such would not be the case if this minimum were in effect.

The division is in good shape, but there are still a few outside the fold. There is no excuse for being a non under present conditions, and if each member will do a little missionary work we can soon get this division solid. The nons are not all new men either, there are still a few old heads among them.

The parcel post is a great thing, but it is not safe to mention it to an agent at all.

Any one on the division having any notes for THE TELEGRAPHER kindly send them to Bro. Neale at Council Grove and he will forward them to me. It is hard to get notes from the east end. Some one there please send them in.

Next month we will be in closer touch with happenings on the division and can give a better write-up. "GI," Cert. 2309.

St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern Ry. *Valley Division—*

It is a mighty difficult task to get all the news on this division as I was but recently appointed correspondent by the local chairman and am a new man on the road, so I am not well acquainted with the members and their happenings. If the boys will just drop me a line of just any old thing they know I will gladly appreciate the kindness.

Bro. H. H. Bryan has returned from the Rock Island and resumed as telegrapher at Dermott, the heaviest ticket job on the pike. Bro. Hale, from the D. & R. G., bid in second there, and Bro. Pierce is back on third again.

On account of the heavy cotton' business, also a late crop, box cars are in demand, and many of the agents are robbing the big long drags for a few to supply their needs.

A cotton clerk has been given to the agent at Parkdale this season, as well as many other places.

Bro. E. J. Stuttsman, from Memphis, formerly with the Soo Line at Superior, Wis., is relieving Mr. Dunham at Higgins.

Bro. T. C. Clover, second Portland, while off a few days was relieved by A. J. Fern, of East St. Louis, and Bro. T. A. Carson, first Portland, off thirty days, was relieved by Bro. Bryan.

Bro. Guse, third Montrose, off fifteen days, was relieved by Bro. Watson.

Bros. Barker, agent Montrose; Carson, first Portland, and Culpper, first Bonita, were Monroe visitors Sunday, December 7th. Bro. Carson, while visiting his son there, stumbled and fell, breaking several ribs.

Bro. Barker, agent Montrose, visited the Portland office force December 11th, and secured Mr. Wall as a member.

Bro. McGraw and wife, of Collinston, ate their Thanksgiving dinner with Mrs. McGraw's parents at Pine Bluff; relieved by Bro. Bryan.

J. R. Gullala made a trip over the division recently and gave instructions regarding the bulletin boards being posted.

Chief Dispatcher Rogers, on a month's vacation, was relieved by Dispatcher Lamb, relieved by Bro. Cunningham, of Argenta.

Mail the proper amount for your dues and your M. B. D. assessments at once and get your new card; also see that your neighbor or the man working with you pays up and save the officers unnecessary work by prompt payment. Remaining up to date is necessary for the protection of our loved ones and ourselves. Div. Coa.

St. Louis & San Francisco R. R.

Southwestern Division—

I am indeed glad to get a few items from the west end, and hope to be more successful in securing a more extensive write-up for the next issue. I wish to thank Bros. D. W. Lowe and J. R. Jones for the assistance rendered.

Bro. N. D. Pritchett, first Snyder, who has been confined to his bed for more than a month with typhoid fever, we are glad to learn, is steadfastly recovering, and hope he will soon be able to resume his regular duties. He is being relieved by Bro. D. W. Lowe, relieved by Bro. Cavin on second Snyder, who later returned to third Lawton, relieved by Bro. Spencer.

Bro. M. T. Russell, agent Eldorado, bid in Mustang, and Bro. D. L. Estes, agent Headrick, bid in Eldorado agency. Bro. O. F. Nowlin, cashier-operator Eldorado, bid in first Altus. Bro. J. R. Jones, Division 126, relief at Eldorado and Altus, bid in Garnett agency, and Bro. G. C. Hill, same division, is relieving on Altus first. Bro. C. E. Simmons, agent Mustang, bid in Vinita third, and Bro. J. J. Cowden, agent Depew, bid in Headrick agency.

Bro. R. M. Page, on three weeks' vacation at his old home in Dickson, Tenn., was relieved by Bro. F. Shartell.

Bro. Floyd Tolleson has returned to Bristow first from a pleasant vacation to the Southeast.

Bro. C. F. Lewis bid in Kellyville agency, relieved by Bro. E. Heffner on second Catoosa on bid, and he on third there on bid by Bro. E. G. Sheldebar, from the extra list.

Bro. V. E. Martin, of Vinita, bid in second Afton, and Bro. W. S. Stuart bid in first there, vice Bro. G. F. Wallace, who bid in Granby days.

Bro. Wallace Morgan has resumed duty on third White Oak after a short and pleasant vacation. 01

Bro. Jack Gardner, agent Garnett, bid in third Redfork, relieved by Bro. Jones at Eldorado.

Bro. Paris, phoner at Verdigris, is now in the B. and B. department. We all wish him success.

Bro. Al Creason, extra, bid in second Peirce City. Bro. T. R. Stott has resumed third there, after enjoying a short vacation.

Bro. C. L. Hougham, who relieved at Granby and third Peirce City, is now at Seneca, relieving Bro. W. G. Mullens, relieving Bro. Delaplaine, agent Ritchey, taking in the sights at Kansas City.

Maurice Mullens, relieving at Seneca, has resigned to go to school.

Bro. C. B. Dreibelbis has resumed as agent Seneca, after a pleasant trip in the British Northwest, where our brothers on the Canadian Pacific are enjoying a good schedule, being 100 per cent strong, comprising the dispatchers, agents, telegraphers, telephoners and linemen, with a minimum of \$80, and Sunday overtime based on the pro rata salary received per month—the \$80 at twenty-six working days per month equaling \$3.08 per day; overtime based on same scale, and a fortnight vacation per year, with compensation, for all employees with three years' service—a schedule worth having. We congratulate our energetic Canadian brothers. The eight and nine-hour law does not affect Canadian telegraphers.

Bids were received recently on two of our most popular agencies—Afton and Vinita—which looks encouraging to our good brothers.

With the beginning of the new year our motto is, "Get one new member," if you can locate a non. They are few and far apart.

I am sorry there are so few mentions of the happenings on the west end, and hope to have a write-up of the entire division in the next issue. I earnestly implore all brothers to send me what items they can pick up. I try to keep in touch with all the happenings, but it is impossible, and all help will not only be appreciated, but esteemed a favor. Just mail 'em to Seneca.

I wish all members would read again, and those who have not would read, the article by our worthy brother, Cert. 238, page 1881, November TELEGRAPHER, entitled "The best investment I ever made." It is fine and worthy of mention.

CERT. 1727.

River & Cape Division—

Brothers, we should get together and appoint a correspondent for this division. There are a lot of good men who can handle it, if we would only ask them to do so. Three of the other divisions were represented in the November issue, so let us see if we can't have a few items from this division. We have a pretty good-sized bunch of members, and we should wake up and send in all the items we can to the local chairman, who will see that they are published if you get them to him by the twentieth of the month. Another thing—when you are talking to a non show him that it is to his interest to join, and keep after him until he signs up and gets a card.

Menfro, Barnhart, Crystal City, Puxico, Oran, Benton, Osceola, Bassett and Delta were on bulletin recently, but I am unable to say who bid them in except Menfro and Oran, which were secured by Mr. Young and Mr. Luckman, of Delta and Puxico. We should keep the local chairman advised of all the jobs filled on bulletin, so he can help us get in the nons, who are being benefited by our schedule.

Now, let's all get busy and see that we have a write-up in each month's issue of THE TELEGRAPHER. Talk to the other members along the line about this, and see if we can't arouse more interest in the Order for the good of others, as well as ourselves.

CERT. 2154.

Baltimore & Ohio R. R.

Wheeling Division—

Littleton, W. Va., December 20, 1913.

To All Concerned:

Bro. J. B. Springer having resigned on account of moving to New Martinsville, Bro. H. L. Clelland, P. O. address Kingmont, Va., has been appointed L. B. of A. for the Eastern District, Mannington to Winona, inclusive.

Bro. Springer leaves but one "lonesome" for his successor to work on, which is hard to beat, but Bro. Clelland is equal to the occasion, and says his district must be 100 per cent strong.

Fraternally,

C. L. ALLENDER, Local Chairman.

Connellsville Division—

R. E. Sanders, agent Markleton, called home on account of the serious illness of his father. We hope for his speedy recovery. He was relieved by H. E. Shade.

C. G. Gundrum, third "HK" tower, is spending two weeks' vacation with parents and friends at Beaver Springs, Pa., relieved by E. T. McMullen, of Division 82.

P. P. Hauger, first Rockwood, accompanied by his wife, visited friends in Pittsburg recently.

E. F. Willis, second Hyndman, while on a three weeks' vacation, was relieved by N. M. Harcle-rode.

G. A. McGarry has returned and is doing relief work over the division.

We are glad to hear Chas. Brady back at "HK" tower second, after several weeks' absence on account of sickness.

H. C. Dawson, first Markleton, has resumed duty, after an illness of two weeks with pleurisy.

T. Edwards, second Markleton, is on vacation, relieved by O. G. Getty.

Div. Cor.

New Castle Division—

We would like to see ex-Local Chairman Bro. Purdy at our next meeting.

Uncle Biff proposed to Aunt Sophia and was accepted for better or worse. Will announce date later. Cigars, Uncle.

Mr. Tardoff bid in West Farmington, and it was closed December 15th on account of the closing of lake navigation. Chardon closed latter part of December. Snake Division did the heaviest business this year ever known in the history of the B. & O.

Lots of extra men on hand now.

New Castle Jct. first is up for bid. Hope some good Order man secures it.

Remember our motto.

Our meeting on November 29th was well attended, fourteen being present. Glad to see the boys becoming interested, but we missed Bro. Marshall.

Bro. Sofronev, with the steel gang, was laid off and spent Christmas with his wife and her parents in Jersey State.

Mr. Hennen, who has resumed on second "BD," promises to soon take out a card.

Our local chairman is now in the chicken "biz." His intentions are to break the egg trust.

A telegrapher who can afford to have a horse and buggy should be honorable enough to help the organization that advanced his salary and enabled him to buy them by joining and helping to pay its expenses or be made to understand the meaning of "No card, no favors."

Bro. Green, first "WE," was off several weeks.

This division will probably be equipped with automatic blocks shortly.

Akron Jct. is a one-trick office again.

Your correspondents hope that all will live up to their New Year's resolutions, especially "No card, no favors," and each of us strive to give our chief better service.

Make it your business, brothers, to see that your side partners have an up-to-date card, and encourage all extra men to secure one.

UNCLE BIFF AND FIANCE.

Baltimore Division—

Bro. J. M. Line landed second Germantown; Bro. J. W. Crump, Jr., second Barnesville; Bro. C. T. Rogan, second Riverside, and R. A. Hunter, second Silver Springs, on bulletin. Vacancies advertised: Second Bay View, Dickerson and East Brunswick third, and first Mount Airy.

Bro. E. B. Cunningham and E. E. Bowers now have the relief jobs.

We regret exceedingly the loss of Bro. Jesse Spurrier, of Mt. Airy, a staunch member for many years. His children and friends have our deepest sympathy.

The good work of securing the nons has been very satisfactory on this division during 1913. Let's begin the new year with renewed zeal and do as well, if not better, during 1914.

Each member should forward his dues promptly and secure a new card at once, and also see that the nons are encouraged to do likewise and get out of the old rut they have been traveling in so many years.

The best way to show us that they desire to be our friends is to join the O. R. T., and by thus affiliating with us help to upbuild our profession and protect themselves and their loved ones. This should appeal to them as a duty, if presented in the proper light, and they should be urged to take this important step without delay.

Wish you all and your dear loved ones a bright and happy New Year.

GEO. W. CRUMP, JR., Cert. 641.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish, through the pages of the RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER, to thank the members of Division 33, O. R. T., for their kinds words of sympathy and beautiful floral offerings at the time of our deep sorrow—the death of our beloved brother, J. Mitchell Hammersla.

His Sister,
MISS NORA B. HAMMERSLA,
North Mountain, W. Va.

Pere Marquette R. R.

Chicago District—

It is with regret that we announce the death on December 15th of Bro. James E. Bowerman, first Michigan City, who has been ill for several weeks. He was laid to rest December 18th by members of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers and the K. of P., of which he was also a member. Those acting as pall bearers for the telegraphers were Bros. F. J. Thrall, of Coloma; L. A. Warren, of New Buffalo, and C. Joslin, of Michigan City.

Bro. Jacob, of Grand Rapids, who had been instructed to forward Bro. Bowerman a bouquet, had a wreath sent instead for the funeral, which was very nice in design. Mrs. Bowerman thanks the boys of Division 39 for their kind remembrance.

Passes were requested by Bro. Jacob for himself and a party of fifteen, to attend the services, through Superintendent Mulhern, and Mr. Gordon's office furnished them promptly and cheerfully.

The brothers who attended were: A. Jacob, Grand Rapids; L. L. Watson, Waverly; J. W. Harris and C. L. O'Brien, New Richmond; S. J. Bessey, Grand Junction; H. E. Ward, Bangor; V. J. Ryan and D. V. Quigley, Hartford; J. E. Green, Watervliet; F. J. Thrall, Coloma; F. M. Ward, Bridgman; L. A. Warren, New Buffalo; Emerson Miller and L. H. House, Porter, and W. H. Rutz and C. Joslin, Michigan City.

Bro. Bowerman was at one time local chairman of the Chicago District and also acted as past chief telegrapher in the division room. He had many friends and was always ready to take the stand for his fellow-man.

Bro. Rutz is on first Michigan City pending bulletin. Hart and Sawyer are also pending bulletin, and there are many other changes too numerous to mention, more or less only temporary.

Our committee has been in Detroit several times in the past two months giving the court their evidence in our negotiations for a new schedule, which we hope will soon be forthcoming.

Don't forget that united we stand and divided we fall, so brethren pay up your dues and don't let them linger along.

It is now Bro. E. W. Issacson at Zeeland, Mich., and we trust that the few remaining nons will start the year right by dropping in line. CERT. 499.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Our heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom and goodness, has deemed it best to call to the great beyond our esteemed brother, James E. Bowerman, and we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well, and

WHEREAS, We realize that in the death of Bro. Bowerman we have lost a true and loyal brother; therefore, in manifestation of our sorrow and fraternal sympathy, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the Pere Marquette Division No. 39, extend to the sorrowing relatives our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in

this sad hour of their bereavement, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved family, a copy spread upon the minutes of this Order, and a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

CLARK JOSLIN,
L. A. WARREN,
F. J. THRALL,
Committee.

Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.

Indiana Division, C. & O. Lines—

Bro. F. M. Peoples, assistant chairman, was relieved by C. S. Smith, on vacation. He expects to have his district solid Chicago to Jonesboro.

Bro. L. H. Warvel, Beatrice nights, assigned to Fowlerton first, relieved by Mr. Smith.

Dispatchers E. C. Murphy and T. M. Minor relieved by Extra Dispatcher W. R. Eckard.

Bro. M. G. Dancy, resigned, is now in the L. E. & W. dispatcher's office at Peru.

Bro. M. D. Wood, of Fowlerton first, assigned to Richmond third, relieved by Bro. Geo. Shanklin.

Bro. R. F. McKinley, a new man from Division 151, extra at "DR" tower and third Fernold. Bro. Hammer, from latter position, assigned to second "DR" tower.

Bro. O. D. Lamm assigned to Brighton third. L. H. Sullivan bid in Sweetser agency, relieved at Okeana by F. H. Littell, later regularly assigned there.

Mrs. J. J. Wooley bid in second Peoria.

Business is very good at present on account of traffic being diverted to this line from other roads diverging from Cincinnati account of yard congestion. Several second and third tricks put on and Medford or Henry may be made a three-trick job.

Bro. J. F. Burke is at Bath agency pending its assignment.

The Grand Trunk boys received a good increase in pay by the efforts of the members. We had better get "25" or we will shortly be the lowest paid telegraphers in this territory. Let us pay up our dues promptly. Get in the nons and back up our committee to the finish.

G. L. FREED, Div. Cor.

Erie R. R.

Cincinnati Division—

It is with deep regret that we chronicle the death of two of our most devoted members, Bro. I. H. Lutz, of Ashland, Ohio, and Bro. F. L. Lary, of Broadway, Ohio, both of whom passed away on the morning of December 19th. Bro. Lutz had been sick for some time, but it was not thought serious until he took a sudden turn for the worse. Bro. Lutz was a good worker and it was the height of his ambition to see the Order prosper. Bro. Lary, who was sick but one day, was a firm believer in organization and always ready to do his share of the work. His three sons are all knights of the key and he was proud to know that

all three were good union men. What is our loss is heaven's gain. Bro. Lary worked over thirty-nine years for the Erie, being sixty-one years of age. He had many friends on the road and in the community in which he lived. CERT. 20.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, to call home our beloved brother, F. L. Lary, and

WHEREAS, Fully realizing our great loss, we feel unable to express in words our heartfelt sympathy; therefore be it

Resolved, That the members of the Cincinnati Division of Erie System, Division 42, humbly submit to the power over which we have no control, and extend to Mrs. Lary and three sons, Bros. Clyde, Clare and Cecil, our sincere sympathy, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to Mrs. Lary and her three sons, a copy spread on the minutes of the division, and a copy be sent to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

W. H. HUSTED,
J. B. CRAWFORD,
H. L. LIEBHART,
Committee.

Mahoning Division—

Jones, off account sickness, relieved by Copier Smith.

Miss Emma Fugman visiting relatives at Leavittsburg and Kent, Ohio.

Owens off, relieved by Lacy, second.

W. H. Husted, general chairman, was a recent visitor in Youngstown and Meadville. Several of the boys called on him while in Youngstown.

Local Chairman Fenstermaker ate his Thanksgiving dinner in Newton Falls.

Marshall is in an office by himself now, the general yardmaster's office being too crowded.

"MA" tower closed for winter; this puts Yoder on second at "MX" and Swartz on second at "G."

Bacon is on his honeymoon, visiting points of interest in Detroit and Canada.

Miss Ethel Wilcox was a Cleveland visitor during the holidays.

Carless off, relieved by Weigle, extra.

Daily, off a few days, was relieved by Extra Roberts.

Marvin off sick, telegraph office closed and clerk installed.

The many friends of Dick Noble are glad that he is improving and will soon be back on the job.

C. W. Weimer is now with the Standard Oil Co. at Cleveland.

G. N. Grimm has gone into the chicken business, having recently purchased some blooded stock at a poultry show.

"YO" office is being rewired to comply with the State fire chief's orders.

W. W. Marshal and friend called on friends at Warren, Ohio, recently.

The Erie expects to depress the tracks through the city of Youngstown about the first of the year.

Miss Blanchard, Heckman, and Henry, from "HF" dispatcher's office, visited the Park Theater at Youngstown recently.

H. M. Detrick was married Thanksgiving day. Congratulations.

Third "JU" closed several times lately on account of the shortage of operators.

Understand that the automatic block signals will be working between Leavittsburg and Pymatuning about the middle of January. This will probably close a few towers and start the bumping process.

Sharon freight office closed as a telegraph office, Detrick going to "SQ" first and Buck Riley to second "WH." "BILL SYKES."

New York Division—

Bro. Sweeney is back on second 44 "JY," and Bro. Nat McGrady is back at "SJ."

Bro. Clifford, of Tuxedo, is now at Arden feeding Mrs. Harriman's bears.

If we had the actual financial support of the nons instead of their doubtful moral support, results would be vastly different when our committee goes in. A "moral" coward is in many respects worse than a "physical" coward.

Mr. Rielly bid in second "GB." Patsy and the sheriff should get busy on him now, so we can call him brother.

Bro. Roach back again, and is covering third "JD," until advertised.

There is a new man on third "MQ"; no excuse for him not hearing the gospel with two brothers there. We should all try to make this division solid. A little co-operation on the part of everyone, "one new member apiece," talk organization whenever the opportunity presents itself, and the gain will more than repay us for the efforts we make.

Bro. W. A. McNamara bid in third "NJ," and Bro. Albert Stevens third "JD."

Bro. McGrady was relieved while absent by C. F. Barley, on second "SJ."

Bro. Pitketly, third "SJ," off a few days, was relieved by Mr. Noonan.

Several new members taken in during December and several asking for application blanks. Looks as if we are going to start the new year right. Keep the good work going, brothers.

Bro. Lorden is back again after a siege with asthma. He was relieved by Bro. A. A. Donnelly.

Any member who has not secured a book of the new schedule write Bro. Coleman and get one.

Dispatcher Smith was recently disqualified as a train dispatcher. If he, as well as some others, had remained in the Order, our committee could have taken up their cases and adjusted them. Such treatment should awaken them to the fact that they need the protection of the Order at least as long as they remain in the business.

The regular meeting at Jersey City Monday evening, December 15th, was very well attended and some very interesting business disposed of. This is the place, brothers, to bring your troubles and have them threshed out and put through the proper channels to get results. Some of the

boys living right in Jersey City, however, do not attend the meetings, while the boys out on the G. L. and other side lines and from thirty miles out on the main line come regularly and keep posted on what is going on.

The morning and night meeting called for Suffern recently to give the boys west of there a chance to attend, had to be postponed owing to our inability to get a suitable room. Date and time to suit all concerned will be arranged for after New Years, when we hope to have it on a Saturday to get the boys home on Train 51. Watch for the notice and bring all you can with you.

A 90-foot electric turntable is being erected at "SF"; understand when completed the "K4" engines will be put on some of the "SF" locals.

Brothers, if you have any complaints to make of any kind whatever come to the lodge room and make them known and cut out the "hot air" on the outside. There are many matters of moment requiring our earnest attention.

Thanks to the brothers who sent me items. Someone do likewise on the side lines and west of "GB," so we can have a complete line-up each time.

Here's to a happy New Year to all, hoping 1914 will be a banner year and will see us solid New York to Chicago.

CERT. 85, Div. Cor.

Canadian Northern Ry.

Thirteen new members received into Division 43 in November, ten by initiation and three by transfer.

G. H. PALMER,

General Secretary and Treasurer.

First District Western Division—

The heavy movement of grain is about over for this year, and a record was established for rapid movement of the largest crop in the history of the Canadian Northwest, and the successful movement of this enormous supply of grain for the world was largely due to the good work of the telegraphers.

Quite a number of changes in dispatching office at Dauphin, Bros. Roberts and Davies securing first and second tricks on branch lines at Edmonton, and Bros. W. G. Robinson and F. Musgrave securing second and third tricks main line at Dauphin. Bro. E. G. Delano still holds the night ticket agency at Dauphin, and may he long remain in that position which he fills so capably and to the great satisfaction of the traveling public.

Bro. J. D. Murphy bid in Bowsman, Bro. C. Edling Wadena and Bro. W. Humphries Invermay.

Bro. L. S. Parkinson, on the relief job, is anxiously waiting for some one to leave a real good station and give him a chance to settle down and enjoy the comforts of home life.

A very happy event, in which a former dispatcher at Dauphin was a leading actor, took place on Christmas day, and I think his plunge

into the troubled sea of matrimony will encourage one or two more of his friends in our ranks to make the same jump in the near future. They will all have our very best wishes.

CERT. 52.

Western Division, Second District—

We are glad that Bro. Talmey is able to be back at work again, after being off some time on account of getting badly burned.

Bros. Bryce and Hurley are busy raising poultry on their farms.

Bro. Baker, Duck Lake, was off for a few days' rest recently.

Mr. Bedard, Marclin, and our old pal, Armigate at Blaine Lake, are still without a card. Get busy, boys.

It will soon be Bro. Braithwaite at Leask.

There have been so many changes lately that it is hard to keep track of all of them. Several new agencies opened recently.

Bro. Otto Higgins secured second trick dispatcher's position at Saskatoon and Bro. Dineen the relief job. These vacancies were caused by Bro. Hurd stepping into the chief's chair, our late chief having taken the trainmaster's position on Third District.

Bro. Wolf, of Craik, secured Polwarth station, but after looking it over decided not to make the transfer.

Bro. J. D. Healy bid in Hanley station and Bro. Memzies secured Bethune, and Chinook and Cereal Alta agencies and first and second tricks branch line positions at Edmonton, are on bulletin.

The fine weather this fall has helped the empties situation and there will be very little grain to move after this month, with the exception of what the elevators are holding in store, until navigation opens in the spring.

We had a very successful meeting at Saskatoon the last Sunday in November, eighteen being present.

Bro. Hall was the only one who sent me any notes this month. Buck up, boys.

CERT. 111.

Western Division, Third District—

We are solid and like to have a good write-up every month, therefore send us your notes not later than the 20th, so we can get them in before the 28th. Call "FD," who will handle them.

Bro. H. Bennett is relieving Bro. Waterfield, agent at Islay, on a trip East.

Bro. Stephen, a new man from the Penna., at Fort Saskatchewan nights, will transfer to this division; also Bro. Hamilton, Humbolt nights.

Langham days closed, Bro. McArthur going to Chipman agency pending regular appointment, vice Bro. Foss resigned. Good luck to him wherever he may go. He is a good man whom we hated to part with.

Bro. Potts, from the East, relieved Bro. Fizer. Lashburn nights, gone to Paynton agency, vice Bro. Carter, called East on account of sickness.

North Battleford is now solid, Bro. Shaw first Bethune, from third, recently appointed to second, and Harrington on third pending bulletin, with Bro. Douglas as agent.

Bro. Strong got Big Valley nights and Bro. Given the agency on bid. Bro. Morgan, from Lloydminster, went to Munson days, a new position just opened.

Bro. O'Farrell, second "MO" Edmonton, to Quebec on holidays. Don't know whether "Mike" intends to bring her West or not. Bro. Ashby, agent Red Willow, also on a trip East, relieved by Bro. Laroy.

Bro. Hicks has Cardiff mines agency, a temporary position recently opened.

Mr. Bruce, at Waseca agency pending bulletin, promises to come in soon.

Chipman and Waseca agencies, Big Valley days, third North Battleford and first trick dispatcher branch lines, now open for bids, are first-class positions for some of our good brothers to land.

Bro. Healey, relief agent, on two months' vacation to Ottawa, will likely take in "Lover's Lane" and "Major Hill Park" while in that city.

Bro. Elliott, from "MO" Edmonton, to Vegreville days, Bro. Brenton nights. Mr. Matthews, the agent there, won't listen to reason.

Bro. McConnell, agent Langham, gave a big spread in honor of Bro. McArthur before he left there to relieve the agent at Chipman. Our worthy Bro. Stenenson was there with a big speech.

Can now call Agent C. H. Elger, at Edam, brother, which makes Sturgeon River Sub solid.

Understand Bro. Smith, agent Laird, has squared it with his lady friend from Radisson, and that wedding bells will soon ring; also that Bro. Sherman, Radisson days, will also take one of the Radisson girls. Better make it a double wedding, boys.

Bro. T. Davis and Bro. G. A. Roberts bid in first and second dispatcher tricks, branch lines, out of Edmonton. Bro. Francisco, dispatcher third hours "DK," on holidays, relieved by Bro. Roberts, first branch, and he by Bro. P. J. Morgan.

CERTS. 950 and 986.

Dauphin Section—

A very enthusiastic meeting was held at Canora on November 23d. There were some very interesting discussions, everyone taking part, showing they were alive to the interests of the O. R. T. There were but few grievances, which the chairman has been requested to take up with the general committee at its next meeting. Bro. McLeod made all the necessary arrangements for the boys at the hotel and for the holding of the meeting and saw that none wanted for anything, not even a cigar. The hospitality shown the boys will be well remembered, and all join in hoping the time will

not be long until we can hold another meeting there.

The following members were present: Bros. Brownridge, Cloutier, Jefferys (lineman), O'Farrell, McLeod, Butler, Ross, Murphy, Keays and Vashbinder, also E. Kurtz, agent G. T. P., Canora. It was decided that the next meeting would be held at Dauphin in January, date to be announced later.

Did you notice the turnout from Dauphin to the meeting of the O. R. T. at Canora, November 23d? These C. N. R. passenger trains will not wait for anyone, not even the dispatchers.

Some of the O. R. T. boys should be on the stage singing, others should be public speakers, instead of operators.

Bros. T. Davies and G. A. Roberts have gone to Edmonton to take first and second on the branches at that point. Their tricks on the main line at Dauphin filled by Bro. Buchanan, second, and Bro. Musgrave third.

Bro. J. D. Murphy got Bowsman on bid, relieved temporarily by Bro. L. S. Parkinson, who by the way is not married yet.

Bro. McPhedrain, of Ethelbert, who had such a severe attack of rheumatism lately, has, we are glad to say, recovered.

Bro. J. J. Martin and Bro. Hunter are handling the north lines now.

Bro. Craven, from Swan River, is expected to spend Sunday here shortly and his arrival is anxiously awaited at a certain house two blocks south of Main street.

There are a lot of trains moving now owing to the few night offices open. We must stay awake, boys, and give the dispatchers good service, so as to make the best of the facilities we have.

A debating society has been organized among the railway boys at Dauphin, and quite a few heated discussions have already taken place, especially when a certain party forgets his piece and is accused by Bro. Palmer of communing with the spirit world.

Bros. Eddy and Shepherd were obliged to double a few days recently at "DA," on account of the shortage of men.

Bro. Cloutier, at Kamsack, contemplates a trip to Dauphin at this time during the holidays. This will give the rest of the boys on the line an idea of what the Dauphin girls are like. By the time this meets your eye Bro. G. A. Roberts will have been here all the way from Edmonton and captured one of them, and we understand Bro. Hunter lost his heart to the girl in the bake shop at Swan River the time of the meeting up there.

If any of the brothers happen to pass either Bros. Buchanan, Palmer or the chief's house and hear any loud talking, they in all likelihood are not abusing their wives, but merely practicing for the weekly debate.

Hope to see you all boys, at the next meeting soon to be held at Dauphin.

F. M., Div. Cor., Cert. 574.

Central of Georgia Ry.

Atlanta District—

The last quarterly meeting in Macon was pretty well attended, but several who could have been there were conspicuous by their absence. We hope to see the "exiles" at the January meeting, as there are many important matters coming up at these meetings that are of interest to all.

It is now Bro. C. P. Hutchings, second Irving, and the same desirable title also applies to Carter, on third there.

Mr. Brady, third Jonesboro, a newcomer, promises to join in the near future. We are glad to have those who served so faithfully on the extra list.

We are pleased to note that Sister Margaret L. Frier is back on first Forsyth, after considerable illness.

Bro. O. S. Travis, first Belt Line Jct., on a trip to Birmingham, where he seems to have something tied out, was relieved by Bro. Ansley, and he by Bro. Fennell at Whitehall street. Bro. Pyron, second Whitehall street, is learning the interlocking plants at Belt Line and East Point, so he may pick up extra work. We are glad to see this, as we have been without an extra man at East Point for a generation, and the only way to get off was to die or get very sick.

Don't get frightened. The noted call "V" at night is just some of the new "buggers" getting some main-line practice, so get your old No. 6 and add a little to the wakeful melody (?).

The other night some good brother, who accidentally let one of his "muley cows" mount the rear of the South Atlantic Limited, found that he had broken his neck while dismounting at a certain station not very far west of Macon, to grab a "noted non." We all join in sympathy.

Congratulations to Bro. Pope, Forest Park, and Bro. Hill, Belt Line Jct. We are trying our best not to be envious, and hope their having turned benedicts right against our strong advice may not bring them to grief. —————
CERT. 481.

Southwestern Division—

Business is good, plenty of extra operators, and not many changes taking place along this division.

We are glad to learn that Bro. Morgan, who has been in the hospital for several weeks, is improving and will soon be with us again. J. M. Harrell, from the W. U., relieving him on third Terra Cotta, promises to come in pay-day. Bro. Treadwell, first Terra Cotta, visiting relatives at Clarksville, is being relieved by Bro. Rowell, extra.

Bro. Holland, second Rutland, spent several days hunting and fishing with his father recently, relieved by ex-Bro. J. N. Jackson, who will soon be with us.

Bro. J. Hamilton, from the Grand, who relieved at Echeconnee several weeks, is now with the G. G. & F. at Cordele.

Bro. Fuller, third Fort Valley, is on the Perry agency pending bulletin, relieved by Bro. Bigbie, extra.

Bro. and Sister Mathis, agent and first Paschal, are on vacation, relieved by B. C. Adams and J.

N. Jackson. Mr. Adams is now farming near Paschal, but we hope he will renew his membership while doing relief work.

Sister Lamar is relieving Sister King at Butler for a few weeks.

Bro. Ellis, ticket agent Americus, has resumed work, after spending several days in New York.

We regret to learn that Bro. Harden, agent Oglethorpe, is away on account of sickness.

Bro. Morrison, of Brownswood, made a flying business trip to Macon recently.

Bros. Slappy and Anderson, of Albany, were on the sick list recently, and Bro. Vestal is visiting relatives in Mobile.

The meeting held in Macon recently was not as well attended as it should have been. However, those present had a very enjoyable time, and a good deal of business was gone over. Nearly 400 notices were mailed, but when the meeting was called to order there were less than 30 present.

Another general meeting will be held there in January. Matters of importance to all will be discussed, and all that can possibly do so should attend.

There are several nons left on this division that we will have to carry over to the new year. I wish space would permit the excuses furnished by one of these men in the last twelve months. All of us would lean back and laugh. At the same time we wonder how men with the brass and nerve they possess manage to be contented with a small railroad job.

Mr. M. Gilbert, second Terra Cotta, has not had a card for several terms. However, we hope he will begin the new year up to date. I hope to be able to print the names of the three or four remaining nons in next month's TELEGRAPHER as members.

Div. Cor.

Denver & Rio Grande R. R.

Green River Division East—

Mr. Stone, helper second, has gone back to Arkansas, relieved by Mr. Moore, from Green River, who will be with us next month.

Mr. Knox, from the S. P., is the new man on third Price.

Bro. Brown, second trick dispatcher, has returned to Green River second, vice Mr. Moore.

Bro. Johnson, Mounds; Bro. Severson, Westwater, and Bro. Wilson, Woodside, are all on vacation for the holidays.

New men at Woodside, Mounds and Price.

Mr. Imhoff back to third Fruita, vice Martin on second, Thompsons and Cunningham on third. Bro. Cantley resigned; gone back to Denver.

Bro. Blyth on agency Westwater during Severson's absence.

Mr. Grubbs, Fruita, bid in Sunnyside cashiership, vice Mr. Norgard, resigned.

Lots of "boomer" operators passing over the division now. There doesn't seem to be a very great demand for them West the last few months. Better hold that little job of yours, boys.

Wish you all a happy new year. "Q."

Southern Pacific R. R.

O. R. T. Headquarters,
Southern Pacific Division No. 53.
Hotel Argonaut.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 2, 1913.

All the local chairmen, correspondents and members who were thoughtful and kind enough to contribute toward a write-up in the November TELEGRAPHER, that old Southern Pacific Division No. 53 might be properly represented, are surely to be praised and congratulated.

Boys, I surely want you to know that I am exceedingly proud of you. I have gone through the November number carefully, and, throwing all prejudice aside, I find that no division has excelled or outranked the old S. P. boys in the extent of their write-ups or in the excellency of their work. However, I regret that four districts out of fifteen were not represented, but I feel confident that the boys on these districts will take new interest in their work; that the splendid work of the boys on other parts of the system will be a stimulus to them, and that they will see to it that no part of the old Southern Pacific, from Portland and Ogden to New Orleans, will be without proper representation in the official journal in the future.

There are many of you who deserve particular mention for the splendid work you have done, but, for want of space, I shall withhold personal or individual compliment, knowing that those who lend themselves so unselfishly to the work of humanity are well content in the satisfaction of knowing that they have done their best without money, without price, and without the hope of material reward.

Since being advanced from local chairman of the Coast Division to general chairman, at the resignation of Bro. Lester last January, this is the first opportunity I have had to speak to you through the pages of our TELEGRAPHER, while you have received a number of circulars from me in that time.

With the splendid assistance of Bro. E. J. Manion, fifth vice-president, your general committee was enabled, after many weeks of negotiation, to secure for you a splendid working agreement, with shorter hours and a handsome increase in wages, and it goes without saying that you will now do all possible to render good and faithful service to the Southern Pacific Company and to assist your local committee in rounding up the non-members, helping to impress upon them the importance of thorough organization and unselfish loyalty to the members of their craft.

It should be our endeavor to make the O. R. T. on the S. P. not only the strongest labor union in the railroad world, but also one of the staunchest fraternal orders in the world. Fraternity should mean as much to us as to any other organization with "fraternity" engraved upon its banners.

I am very proud to bear membership in three other fraternal orders as good as the best, but none can take precedence over the O. R. T., which has meant so much to myself and family in shorter

hours at work and more time to spend at home and also more money to enjoy spending together.

I will close with my heartiest good wishes to all.

Fraternally,

JNO. E. COWGILL, General Chairman.

Portland Division—

Now that the new schedules have been distributed all members should familiarize themselves with the rules and working conditions and advise the local chairman of any irregularities which come to their notice.

Remember that the new agreement provides that telegraphers will make and forward two copies of all bids for positions, one copy to be returned to the applicant as an acknowledgment. Overtime slips should be sent in promptly for all overtime worked, and if rejected should be referred to your local chairman. Have had several complaints recently where overtime was rejected on account of telegraphers not notifying the train dispatcher so that it could be shown on train sheet. While our agreement provides that we shall be paid for all overtime worked, yet telegraphers should be very careful to comply with instructions issued from the superintendent's office or they are subjected to discipline.

We now have one of the best schedules in the United States and should show our appreciation by giving the company good service and also remain loyal to the Order which has secured these better working conditions.

It is now time to pay dues for term ending June 30, 1914, and I hope that all members will pay up promptly. Get your card early and always carry an up-to-date.

We have a few nons and delinquents left on this division who should now do the right thing. There is no reasonable excuse for staying out, now that their conditions have been so materially bettered by the new agreement.

I would appreciate it if all members would assist me in lining up the few nons and delinquents. If a new man comes to the division find out if he is a member, get his certificate and division number and date paid to and send to me so that we can transfer him to Division 53. If a non-member do not let up until you have landed him, advising me so that you may be furnished with the necessary papers. Let us keep active and alive to our interests now that we have a good schedule.

Any brother on the Los Angeles, Coast or Western Division desiring to exchange rights and positions to the Portland Division should write Bro. R. Hickman, Wolf Creek, Oregon.

Bro. V. N. Fields is on vacation visiting friends in Ohio.

Bro. A. Brunker, our steady bug man, nights at Grant's Pass, is on vacation to Kansas, and it is understood that he is to bring a lady back to Sunny Rogue, River Valley.

E. D. Woodburg, chief clerk in the superintendent's office, is visiting his folks in Georgia.

Traveling Auditor W. A. Harrison has been transferred to California, so the boys will not

be looking for him to jump off the train and grab their cash drawer.

Bro. E. A. Miller, of West Fork, got him a cook, but could not find a place to live, so he bid in third Junction City. Seems as if everybody is doing it nowadays. The brothers must be taking advantage of the new schedule.

W. A. Perison, of "KC," has gone East on account of his folks' sickness. It may be some months before he returns; relieved by a man who signs "D" and can certainly handle the business.

Five Sundays and a holiday in November made it look very good for our checks. The committee certainly did some good work and should be congratulated.

Those who have not paid their special assessments should do so at once.

A. S. Rosenbaum, agent Medford, was on the sick list for three weeks. Bro. A. F. Noth, of Medford, was called to Wisconsin for three weeks on account of his mother being sick, relieved by Bro. G. M. Leslie on the ticket job, and he by Mr. Darrow, from California.

It is now Bro. O. C. Purkeypile.

Bro. J. F. Knøx, from Hillsboro, who relieved Bro. P. A. Nelson when he bid in Carlton, later went to Timber on bid, which has been abolished, and he is now relieving Bro. Henning at Woodburn.

The Giants and White Sox played ball in Medford November 17th in the rain. Bro. Noth had a grand stand seat.

W. W. Harvey, the P. F. E. man, is now traveling out of Portland. The boys regret his leaving, as he can furnish P. F. E's when nobody else can.

Thanks to Bro. G. M. Leslie for news this month. Would be glad to have items from different parts of the Division. With the assistance of the members we can have a good write-up each month.

T. M. Boyd, L. C.

Western Division—

Jonas Rhorer received second "OW" Oakland Pier, Bro. Turner going on third after several days' leave; Bro. Dyer, displaced on third, displaced Bro. Moreland, second at Davis, who went to Calistoga to relieve Bro. Miller, off for a few weeks. Bro. Walker at Calistoga, displaced by Moreland, bumped Bro. Gilliland at "Sink" days, and Bro. Alexander, extra, bumped Bro. Batschie, nights, who had relieved Fothergill on "Sink" nights. Too many extra men—twelve on list and all wanting work. Fothergill went to Avon agency, relieving Bro. Harrington.

Had the pleasure of attending a very interesting meeting at San Jose the ninth and was disappointed that only four Western and three "BD" San Francisco members were present, owing to the poor train service out of San Jose, making it hard for the boys to get back that night.

Many interesting and entertaining talks made by the boys that did turn out, and we all enjoyed ourselves. Our worthy local chairman, Bro. Ward, acted as chairman and did the honors in fine shape, and General Chairman Cowgill and General Secretary and Treasurer Koppikus gave us fine

talks. Quite a number of sisters and ladies were there and enjoyed the meeting very much.

Hope we can hold a meeting in San Francisco or Oakland soon, as the boys can get into S. F. and get home that same night.

When the applications promised for the January pay day materialize our percentage on the Western will be at least 90 per cent. Still a few are getting the benefits secured for them by the organization and should do their part by getting a card. Members on the line working with them can do a great deal by personal talks and letters to those at other stations. The cost is small for a few letters and the increases in our splendid schedule should make each one of us an enthusiastic booster for more members. The man on Niles, who was given an increase of over fifteen dollars a month, secured by the Order for him, has not yet made good his promise to me in September to join. The trainmen are taking an interest in who are "OK," and we all know what they think of a non. It might be well when these hard cases show up to put the trainmen next and much good might be accomplished, for they get in touch personally with these men. Wish the members on the Niles end would get after this man and see that he gets a card.

Coley at Napa Jct. still keeps the dollar a month that it would cost him for a card, also the extra pay secured for him. He had an hour taken off his day's work and does not forget to put in the overtime for the holidays added to the schedule to take the half day allowed. The remaining non-members on the division are all open to argument, and will no doubt soon send in their papers.

I did not receive a single note from anyone this month, and not in a position to get all the changes. I would like to receive some news from the boys on the line and have some one act as correspondent. Don't forget this is the month to pay your dues and "do it now." The member that keeps putting it off until he becomes delinquent is not as good an Order man as he should be, and is what makes our poor showing. Most of the nons belonged at one time but dropped out. Expect more notes next month than I got this time; also more applications. LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

San Joaquin District—

A good, old fashioned meeting was held at the Union Labor Temple, Los Angeles, Saturday evening, December 13, 1913, with about fifty members present, including four members of the Ladies' Auxiliary. General Chairman J. E. Cowgill and wife were present, and Bro. Cowgill opened the meeting by appointing Bro. Steer, of "HU," as chairman, who made us an interesting talk regarding the advisability of holding meetings at least once a month, and put it up to the opinions of the members present. No decision was reached, however, and the subject was held over to be discussed at the next meeting.

Local Chairman Bro. W. E. Blume, of Cameron, and Bro. M. B. McMullen were the only members present from this division. This is to be regretted as there should be more interest taken in these

meetings, and there are a number of members located between Mojave and Saugus who, with a little effort, could make arrangements so they could attend each meeting.

There is to be another meeting held in Los Angeles in January and notice will be given all members in ample time for them to secure relief if it is necessary, and we hope to see more members present.

Bro. Gipple, of Saugus, on the sick list for a few days last month, was unable to attend the meeting at Los Angeles.

Bro. W. B. Haines, of Division 49, relieved Bro. L. E. Lehmer as agent Famoso, when transferred to Travers.

The orange season in the valley is over. Nine tricks were closed December 20th, and the extra men are having a rather hard time just now, but it will not be long until the business is normal again.

Bro. C. E. Wilent transferred from Lindsay agency to Ducor agency, relieving D. D. Shepherd, who relieved Bro. L. C. Harmonson at Tranquility.

Bro. N. P. Gidley, manager at Mojave, while off making his Christmas purchases in Los Angeles, was relieved by W. A. Troutman, who promises to be with us soon. Ex-Bro. Andrews also promises to come back this month. We will be glad to welcome him.

One man was cut off at Lang and one at Ravenna recently on account of slack business, partly due to the floods in Texas tying up the roads in that district, causing the business to be routed via Ogden.

Bro. O'Neill, of Lindsay, spent the holidays in and about Los Angeles. Bro. J. A. Gamble, switching in the Mojave yard, also spent Christmas week in Los Angeles.

The large silver cup presented to General Chairman Bro. J. E. Cowgill by the members of the San Joaquin Division was displayed at the meeting in Los Angeles, and comments of admiration were heard from every one. Bro. Cowgill expressed his appreciation of the beautiful gift, and the sentiments of appreciation of the members that accompanied it.

I wish to thank Bros. G. A. Sears, of Bakersfield, and Collins, of Ravenna, for items contributed this month.

Bro. O. D. Day, of Walong, had his place of business cut off from the outside world for a few hours recently, caused by someone cutting the cable from his car.

Bro. P. P. Kendrick is on third Woodford temporarily, awaiting assignment. Our new Bro. Sharp, from Woodford, is now on third Lang.

Bro. Jerome O'Neill is still at Lindsay extra.

Bro. D. P. Gibson relieved Bro. P. E. Turner at Tehachapi, who bid in second there. Bro. F. S. Whitson, of Tehachapi, took assignment at Porterville when the change was made.

Bro. J. T. Juve, of La Rose, called East on account of sickness of his father in Arkansas, expects to remain several months.

Bro. Frank Nejedly, on the sick list a few days, is able to work again.

Bro. R. B. Mould, now cashier at Famoso, very seldom goes to Bakersfield Sunday evenings any more.

We have not heard a word for three months from the live brothers in the valley who used to send items for our write-up each month. I can not give the write-up I would like to if I do not get the changes, etc.

Bro. M. Krombeck, of Bakersfield, ate his Thanksgiving dinner with friends at Bealville.

One of the Bakersfield papers states that all the telegraph operators in "K" office are going to purchase motorcycles the first of the year. That is a fast bunch.

Let one of your New Year resolutions be to remit your dues for your card at once.

A new switchboard of the latest type has been installed at Mojave, with Bro. N. E. Gidley as manager. These are improvements long needed there.

Bro. Slagle, from the I. & G. N., is acting agent at Seales on the Jawbone.

G. C. Frederick, on third Caliente, will be with us next pay day.

As a whole, this division can put up a fairly solid front, and new members are coming in almost every day, but there are still a few who have not yet decided to come in. There certainly can be no excuse for anyone now, considering the substantial raise we have obtained. So let us all try to have them start the New Year right.

The brothers of this division presented our general chairman, Bro. J. E. Cowgill, with a loving cup as a token of our appreciation of his successful efforts in our behalf in securing the revision of our schedule. A letter from Bro. Cowgill to the local chairman states that he is going to arrange a meeting at some point on this division in the near future, that he may thank the brothers personally for their kindness.

Members who have items for publication in THE TELEGRAPHER will please mail them to me before the 22d of the month..

M. B. McMULLEN, Mojave, Cal.

Los Angeles District—

General Chairman Cowgill has appointed me to succeed Bro. Eddie Mulvihill as local chairman of the Los Angeles Division. Bro. Mulvihill has been local chairman for a number of years, but, on account of Wilmington growing to such an important station, he was forced to give up his work and devote his entire time to his duties to the company. He has done splendid work for the Order, and we regret to lose him.

On account of Bro. Reid having so many other interests to look after, and on account of my being located so close to him, he has suggested that I appoint someone on another district to act as committeeman, and I have selected Bro. P. J. Coyle, agent Newhall, in his place.

Bro. C. H. Owens, who has been local secretary for so long, suggested that, on account of his being so far removed from the main line, that I appoint someone in his place. Therefore, Bro. Paul Walter, third trick El Casco, has succeeded him as

local secretary. I regret very much to lose these two good brothers from the committee, as they have been in the game for a long time, and have certainly rendered valuable service for the Order. Bros. Walter and Coyle have had a great amount of experience along these lines, and I am sure we will have a very pleasant administration together.

I ask every member to appoint himself a committee of one to help out in organization work, also to keep me advised of anything not in accordance with our agreement, and under no circumstances violate it yourself.

Now is the time to resolve to do better, while the stimulating effects of our recent increase is being enjoyed. Let us show that we appreciate it by giving the company the best there is in us, leading them to more highly value the class of service we perform. Our troubles are usually the result of inattention and neglect, brought about by the failure to secure the required amount of sleep while off duty, or a lack of interest, or inattention to duty.

Be sure to render all bids in duplicate, so one copy can be returned as a receipt.

During the past two years entreaty has been made to every telegrapher on the Los Angeles Division to become a member of our organization, but, unfortunately for all concerned, there were enough non-members to prevent a genuine success from taking place for the benefit of the telegrapher and station agent combining positions, in which the greatest amount of intelligence is required in the performance of their duties. How can a man draw his Sunday overtime and increase in wages, work shorter hours, and enjoy numerous other concessions and never contribute to such an organization as this? We must make a clean sweep and get every desirable non into the Order. Write letters, and every chance you get speak to them about it; show them the benefits they are enjoying, and ask what they have done to bring about these benefits.

I wish to find a good, live member to act as local correspondent—one who is centrally located or on the extra list. I will do all I can to assist him. Anyone knowing such a member, please advise me.

I respectfully call your attention to the following extracts from our agreement. Please read and study them, and if you do not understand, write me, and I will endeavor to explain their meaning: Article 4, sections (b) and (c); article 5 in its entirety; all of article 9; article 10, section (b); article 21, sections (b), (e) and (f).

There was a very enthusiastic meeting held in Los Angeles, December 12th. Unfortunately, I was not located so I could attend, and the minutes of same have not yet reached me, so I cannot give a very intelligent account of it; but I understand there was not a vacant seat in the hall. The ladies were invited, and all had a very pleasant time, as well as a profitable meeting. I only wish we could have more of these meetings, as they are the life of an organization.

The recent changes of which I am advised are: Bro. W. A. Post from Oxnard to San Bernard-

ino, temporary, relieving A. J. Locke, to Fillmore on bid; temporary position at Colton abolished, Bro. H. L. Earl to Beaumont second, relieving Bro. T. J. McDonald, to Florence agency on bid; Bro. A. M. Hammond from Redlands Jct. second to Indio third on bid, relieving Bro. J. H. Davis, to Iris first on bid; Bro. J. C. Locke relieved Bro. O. H. Weight, second Shorb, temporary, to Redlands Jct. third on bid, relieving Bro. M. H. O'Connell, to Ogilby second on bid, relieving Bro. A. H. Ernst, to Ventura second temporary, relieving Bro. C. L. Robeson, to Riverside Jct. second, relieving Bro. H. F. Mead, Division 53, Mackinaw, Mich., transferred to Palm Springs temporary, relieving H. E. Conway on third a few days.

Other recent appointments on bulletin: Nordhoff, B. F. Jones; agency Guasti, Bro. J. H. Sargent; third Burbank, Bro. I. B. Carl; temporary Edom, C. L. Friddell; Oxnard first, A. J. Russell; Ontario third, Bro. R. E. Loomis; Pomona first, Bro. J. W. Craig; San Pedro temporary, Bro. C. G. White.

The result of the vote on merging the H. & T. C., the H. E. & W. T. with Division 53 was almost unanimous in favor of it.

Bro. Cowgill and the reduced general committee of the Sunset Central Lines are now in session in Houston, Tex., preparing a schedule to present to the officials of those lines.

A special election will be called within the next two months to elect a permanent local chairman for this division to fill the unexpired term of Bro. Mulvihill. In the meantime all communications intended for the local chairman should be forwarded to me.

A. M. HAMMOND, L. C.,
Indio, Cal.

Coast Division—

Bro. Werner is the only one who gave me any news this month. Even the cards I sent out were not returned, and it seems to be mostly wasting money to send them. It only takes about a minute of your time to fill in the return portion and mail it, so let's have a good write-up next month. Of course, everyone on the division is more or less acquainted with what's going on, but the boys back East who have been here with us appreciate them.

Business is picking up on account of having more rain around Salinas and south of there during November than for several years. Normal service was resumed on the Coast Division November 5th, the boys all going back to their old places. "Spuds" are going out rapidly from this center of the potato-raising country. Good ones are bringing \$2.50 a sack, and fancy ones better prices. The farmers seem to be getting about their share of what's coming to them now, and I suppose they are entitled to it.

Bro. Oakes, Ben Lomond, on vacation, was relieved by Bro. Kenyon, who later relieved Bro. Mabie, of Los Gatos, on a trip to Canada.

Bro. "Bill" Heney, first Gilroy, a "live brother," has gone to the Northwestern Pacific. We wish him success.

Bro. Werner, returning from Fresno relay office, relieved Bro. G. R. Smith as assistant agent Los Gatos, who went to his assigned position, second Gilroy. Bro. Barney McCosker, taking his assigned position, first Gilroy, was relieved at Gaviota by Bro. May, and Bro. Kott, extra Gilroy, went to his assigned position, first Redwood.

Bro. Berry, agent Campbell, on vacation, was relieved by Bro. Kenyon, who also relieved Bro. Harrison, agent Colma, on vacation.

Bro. Ward, returning to his regular position, San Jose "SJ," relieved Bro. Moore, who went to Surf, fishing.

Bro. Chapin, a member of this division since its infancy, now holding a non-schedule position, has been taking a few days off. It is always a treat to meet this veteran brother of the key. Notwithstanding he receives no benefit from the Order, he takes particular pride in keeping an up-to-date card, which should shame any non who has been receiving continual benefits through the instrumentality of the O. R. T.

That staunch old "vet," our local secretary, Bro. Taylor, agent Ocean View, on vacation, was relieved by Bro. Fuller.

Bro. Stewart, agent Gilroy, resigned, relieved by Bro. Young, agent Gonzales, and he by Bro. A. B. Sisson.

Bro. Heistand, Pajaro (Watsonville Jct.), off a few days on account of the illness of his mother, was relieved by Bro. Dan Sullivan, who later relieved Mr. Bell at King City.

Regards and best wishes to all.

"HS," Cert. 1558.

Tucson Division—

On December 15th General Chairman Cowgill, on his way to the lines in Texas and Louisiana, stopped over in Tucson for one day. That evening Bros. Cowgill, Stanley, Butler, Lieux and Williams met in Bro. Cowgill's room at the Heidel Hotel to talk over the schedule and some of the phases which affected Tucson "UN" office. The differences were all straightened out by Bro. Cowgill calling on the superintendent and coming to an understanding on the questions involved. Several of the boys from on the line wanted to get in, so we could have a larger meeting, but, owing to the way trains are on our new time-card, they were unable to do so. Mrs. Cowgill and Mrs. Butler were also present.

An intoxicated passenger, put off the train at Sibyl for refusing to pay his fare, began throwing rocks at the train, when E. M. Joyce, the agent, forced him into his office and held him until a special officer went after him.

E. J. Tilley, first Deming, relieved by Stevens from third, vice Mr. Wheeler, while Mr. Tilley was called to Texas on account of the illness of his wife.

H. F. Albert, from Lanark, relieved E. M. Joyce, second trick Willcox. Joyce goes to Tucson.

L. L. Angerson, relieved by W. T. Brinley, first Lordsburg, to Tucson, makes seventh man, on account of the heavy business caused by the strike

of trainmen on the G. H. & S. A. L. J. Whybrew, second Lordsburg, resigned.

O. M. Shreve, first Maricopa, on sick leave, relieved by L. L. Anderson, from Tucson.

An attempt was made to rob the Tucson ticket office by a masked robber November 20th, about 1 a. m., but Thomas Dempsey, night ticket agent, when ordered to "deliver all the money," jumped behind the safe and called for help, scaring the would-be robber away.

Charles H. Eva, "UN" assigned dispatcher's trick in "DS" Tucson, vice Mr. Howard. Mr. Foster relieved Mason, who relieved Fuller. Mr. Cassidy on day chief and Fuller on night chief on account of Mr. Wilson in Los Angeles stringing time-card 74.

Mr. Arntzen, a new man, relieved H. F. Albert, second Willcox, whose father is seriously ill.

L. J. Lieux, second wire chief "UN," relieved C. E. Taylor, days, who goes to San Francisco to start a course in the Harriman Practical School of Railroadng. Lieux relieved by B. W. Doyle, from Patagonia.

Jesse C. Long, first Benson, relieved by A. M. Meacham, from third Benson, while spending the holidays at his home in Nebraska. Meacham relieved by Kochman, from Mescal.

C. E. Welsh, from Willcox, relieved A. Holliday, first Picacho, who bid in Bowie, relieved C. A. Cates, on leave of absence. H. A. Henderson, extra agent Steins, relieved by J. F. Hoover, from second, goes to Willcox.

G. E. Wilson, Red Rock; B. D. Mahoney, Jaynes; W. E. Hettinger, Esmond; O. L. Spaulding, Mescal, were recent Tucson visitors.

J. W. Christian, first Willcox, relieved by C. E. Welsh, from Simon, on vacation. Mr. Bostick, third Willcox, promises to line up this month.

F. V. King, "CY" Yuma, was going out of the business, but, having just received an increase of \$13.75 a month, has changed his mind. We should see now that he gets a card.

W. H. Johnson, from Willcox, assigned second Simon, vice C. E. Welsh.

B. W. Doyle, from Lordsburg, relieved by Anderson, was in Tucson taking examinations. Doyle to Patagonia to relieve Agent Stone.

E. M. Joyce, from Willcox, relieved M. J. Kochman, Sibyl. Kochman to assignment, third Mescal.

O. M. Shreve, returned from sick leave, relieved L. L. Anderson, first Maricopa. Anderson to Lordsburg.

M. J. Kochman, assigned third Mescal, bumps J. H. Cloonan, who relieved I. F. O'Malley, second Aztec, who opens new third there.

A. C. Duffy, returning from vacation, relieved W. E. Hettinger at Vail, who returned to Esmond, relieving O. L. Spaulding, who goes to Mescal to relieve Kochman.

R. E. Badger, assigned second Aztec, bumped J. H. Cloonan, third trick, displacing I. F. O'Malley, to his assignment at Casa Grande.

C. A. Oleson, new man, relieved D. H. O'Brien, second Sentinel, to Yuma.

Three new members received on the division during November. It is now Bro. B. E. Acre. Div. Cor.

G. H. & S. A. R. R., El Paso Division—

Assignments: Marathon agency, R. E. Petross; Marathon third, N. Cheek; Marfa second, G. W. Haas; El Paso ninth, Graves; El Paso tenth, Kelton; El Paso eleventh, Williams.

Vacancies: Ft. Hancock agency and third trick, Marfa third, Valentine second and Sanderson second and fourth.

Bro. E. A. Joyce, who has been in the hospital Dieu, in El Paso, for the last two months, is improving rapidly and expects soon to be out.

Bro. G. J. Schwarzerer is now in business in Valentine.

Bro. J. A. Skipper is relieving at Marathon agency, and Bro. H. G. Fuller is on Marfa third pending bulletin.

Mr. Young, of New York, is relieving Bro. Lee at Finlay for a couple of weeks. He carries an up-to-date with the Commercial, and we expect to have him with us next half.

Bro. S. G. Gould, agent at Alpine, has been given a cashier at \$75 per month. Bro. A. G. Ragin, for a number of years on first Alpine, is now on first K. C. M. & O. at Alpine. The Western Union is installing an up-town office at Alpine. This will relieve the boys at "MY" of quite a bit of telegraph work.

Our good-natured dispatcher, R. E. P., who bid in Marathon agency, has about decided to stay where he is as dispatcher. While the Marathon bunch would be glad to welcome him as agent, all the boys on the line would rather see him stay at "CB."

Bro. Bush, having to get up early to build a fire recently, jumped from his bed and stepped on a needle sticking up in a rug. What took place a little later is a secret. By giving the crippled peg right-of-way, he is now able to run on time.

Mr. Cleaver at Ft. Hancock is preparing for agency work. Agent McDaniels gave him some lessons in billing live stock, and Agent Davidson showed him how to deliver express.

Bro. Bacon, from Sanderson, hunting at Longfellow recently, wounded two large bucks, but failed to get either of them. Bro. Spencer, of Tesnus, was off hunting bear last month.

Bro. Parker, of Longfellow, while on a trip to El Paso, was relieved by Mr. Leavitt, brother-in-law of Bro. Broyles.

Bro. Lee, of Finlay, who has the nicest bunch of high-grade chickens on the line, is laying off for thirty days.

Bro. Murphy, of Clint, had his house robbed one night recently, losing quite an amount of clothing and jewelry. We sympathize with him, but suppose that guy had robbed one of us fellows that only have one suit of clothes.

Ft. Hancock is again begging for an agent, the last two walked out waiting for relief.

Bro. Sorsby, at Terceer, can come nearer giving you an "OS" from all the blind sidings near by than some of the boys can from their own stations.

Bro. D. N. Scott, who killed the only deer in that vicinity this season, was so big hearted that he divided it with the office force, and all the neighborhood. We understand that mighty nimrod, Bro. Cheek, is trapping the "deer" around "RN." We hope he may be as successful as Bro. Scott.

Bros. T. W. Brown and L. L. Lyles were target practicing recently on the river near Langtry. Some rebel soldiers encamped near there in Mexico, hearing the cannonading from Bro. Brown's automatic, thought the Federal advance guard was upon them, but before they could advance to meet the supposed attack our brothers became aware of the disturbance they had caused by their innocent amusement, and Bro. Lyles, remembering an engagement at his office, ordered an immediate retreat.

Bro. Starns, our local chairman and member of the reduced general committee, expects to join the latter soon and meet the general manager to revise the Atlantic System schedule of Division 53. We are hoping for many benefits from this revision and Bro. Starns believes that, with the co-operation of the boys, we will have no trouble in coming to terms. We should enjoy the same working conditions our brothers on the many eastern roads are enjoying, such as two weeks' vacation each year with pay and a substantial increase in proportion to the increased cost of living since the revision of our last schedule. In union there is strength. Every man uphold the committee and give it your support.

Bro. John E. Cowgill, general chairman of Division 53, passed through recently, enroute to Houston from San Francisco, where he has just completed revising the schedule of the Pacific System. Bro. Cowgill was accompanied by his family, and will start with his work on the Atlantic System as soon as they are settled in Houston.

Bro. T. W. Glover is getting to be the "Beau Brummel" of Comstock. He played a leading part at a grand ball given there recently.

Thanks to the several brothers who sent in their items this month.

G. W. HAAS,
Local Cor.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, has deemed it best to call to her heavenly home little Beryl, the beloved daughter of Bro. J. W. Barnhart, and

WHEREAS, We bow in humble submission to Him that doeth all things well; therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the El Paso District, System Division No. 53, extend to the sorrowing members of the family and brother our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved brother, a copy spread upon

the minutes of this division, and a copy sent to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

L. B. STARNs, Local Chairman,
A. T. STEWART, Ass't Loc. Chmn.,
T. W. BROWN, Local Sec'y,
Committee.

G. H. & S. A. Ry., Houston District—

Continued heavy rains over the entire division washed away approaches to bridge over Plum Creek, near Luling, and over the Colorado River at Columbus, with great loss of property to the citizens of Columbus; the Brazos River at Richmond was spread out over a distance of twelve miles; the entire track from Rosenberg to Sugarland was under water from one to six and eight feet deep, causing heavy damage to track as well as to the citizens of Sugarland, Richmond and the bottom lands; no mail service between Luling and Rosenberg for four days, only a passenger each way being run between San Antonio and Rosenberg; no service through to Houston, was the conditions during the recent Texas flood troubles. The Glidden-LaGrange branch was also out of service about thirty days.

Chief Dispatcher Bednark, while assisting in the rescue work at Richmond during the flood, was suddenly taken seriously ill with pneumonia and rushed to the San Antonio Sanatorium. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Third Seguin, Schulenburg and Eagle Lake and Waelder nights closed December 10th, due to very light business owing to recent floods.

Bro. J. E. Williams bid in Seguin third, vice Bro. Perdue, to Sabinal third; Bro. P. A. Dunks, T. & N. O., bid in relief agent; Bro. W. H. Holt, "N" San Antonio, bid in Waelder days; Bro. A. L. Chapa bid in third Glidden, vice Er. Delonge, a new man, pending bulletin; Bro. Gentles has relieved Bro. Jones, nights Stafford, and Bro. R. M. Turner is on third Luling.

Bro. Rothe is acting dispatcher during Mr. Bednark's absence; Mr. McClure, chief, and Jess Walker, first trick dispatcher.

We are sorry to hear of the death of N. B. Rauling, roadmaster for this division, who was injured when No. 10's engine exploded near Kirby during the strike. Our sympathy goes to his family. It is reported that a guard also on the engine died later of injuries.

Bro. Ney, third east yard, was married December 30th. Congratulations.

Bro. Fusselman, second Schulenburg, has been appointed assistant correspondent. Boys, please send us the news. With a little help from you we can have a larger and better write-up. Please help us out.

We hope all who can will attend the meeting at San Antonio this month. Bro. Cowgill, our general chairman, will be there and it will be an interesting meeting. CERTS. 2303 AND 2811.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, In His infinite wisdom, the Father has seen fit to take from this life and from her

sorrowing parents, Bro. M. H. Burkhalter and wife, their infant daughter, Nioma Otera, and

WHEREAS, We can realize to some extent the grief of the family at the loss of this promising young life; therefore be it

Resolved, That we offer to Bro. Burkhalter and wife the heartfelt sympathy of every member of this organization in their great loss, and be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved family and a copy sent for publication in the columns of our official publication, THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER.

W. L. HOLT, Cert 537, Div. 53,
Waelder, Texas,
Committeeman.

Northern Pacific Ry.

Idaho Division—

All Members: We are face to face with a very serious situation, which has been slowly developing for some time past, although there may be those in our ranks who have not given heed to its import. I refer to the matter of the installation of the automatic block on the main line of this and other divisions, the consequent closing of telegraph positions and the forcing of great numbers of our men out of employment, which is only made possible by the installation of outside telephone booths and utilizing of train- and enginemen for the purpose of taking train orders over the telephone. Within the past two weeks, the second and third tricks have been closed at Cocolalla and arrangements whereby the trainmen may copy their own orders if stuck at Cocolalla during the thirteen hours of the day and night when no telegraphers are on duty. Since the installation of the twenty-eight miles of automatic block between Athol and Sand Point about nine months ago, seven positions have been abolished out of a total of fifteen positions previous to that time. Outside telephone booths have been provided for trainmen at Lignite, Algona, Cocolalla and Careywood, and train- and enginemen are now doing the work for nothing for which the seven telegraphers I mention formerly received approximately \$525.00 per month.

It is said that within the next year the automatic block will be extended over the entire main line of this division, and as far as Missoula on the Rocky Mountain Division. Judging the future by the past we are due to lose about fifteen or twenty more positions on this division when the entire main line is equipped with automatic and trainmen's telephone booths, and if the train- and enginemen continue to be as obliging and anxious to get over the road in the future it is entirely possible that the company may be able to do away with more than half of our positions. This situation is one that we must meet and overcome, or it will eventually overcome us.

There are two important points to be taken into consideration in shaping our future course of action with regard to this matter. The first, the legal phase, as to whether the framers of the hours-of-service law, which provides for a thirteen-

hour day for telegraphers where but one is employed and a nine-hour day where two or more are employed, intended that the law should be evaded through the process of obliterating telegraphers by using trainmen to do the work, and that the law should become inoperative when train- or enginemen, by process of railway evolution, had entirely supplanted the telegrapher. It is evident to every telegrapher who has paid any attention to the copying of telephone orders by trainmen that it is a dangerous proposition and one that, in the interest of public safety, should not be permitted. If it is dangerous to the traveling public for a telegrapher to remain on duty and handle orders pertaining to the movement of trains, after nine hours of service, how can it be safe for a trainman to copy train orders—something which is outside of his regular line of work—and remain on duty for a period of sixteen hours? Such action might be permissible in the case of an emergency, such as wrecks, snowslides or washouts, but it can hardly be considered an emergency when the company stages the act in advance and dispatchers instruct conductors to call up at certain points and get additional orders, providing their trains are delayed or do not make estimated running time. From a technical point, the process enumerated may not constitute a violation of the telegraphers' hours-of-service law, but they do constitute a moral violation, and if the law is not framed to put a stop to such practices it should be amended to make it possible to do so.

The second point is the obligation of the brotherhoods of train- and enginemen to deal fairly with the telegraphers in the railway field of labor. We are a *bona fide* labor organization, working under a schedule which was drafted for the protection of our members and the advancement of their interests. We recognize the four brotherhoods having jurisdiction over the train- and enginemen as kindred organizations, and we respect their various schedules, doing nothing that will prove detrimental to their best interests. When, by their actions, as hereinbefore set forth, they make it possible for the company to crowd seven of our men out of employment on a 28-mile strip of track, we feel that it is time for us to ask and demand that this piracy of other organizations upon the members of our own be stopped. Taking train orders is not a part of the duty of a train- or engineman and the respective brotherhoods should not tolerate such work, when it is plainly apparent that it is daily crowding more and more of our men out of employment. We have no fear of the telephone and will handle any situation that arises from its use if the men in other departments will keep hands off our work, and when those men are union men—members of other railway brotherhoods—if they can not singly decline to do this class of work, we should all voice our protests in unison to the President of our Order until representations are made to the Grand Officers of the other Brotherhoods that will in the near future promote schedule legislation that will prohibit a train- or engineman taking an order on telephone, except in case of extreme emergency. We do not

expect to perform any work outside of our regular duties that would help to throw any train- or enginemen out of employment, and, in fact, would decline to do anything of the kind if called upon. We expect the same consideration and respect from the men in those departments, and must insist upon getting it if we expect to be a factor in the railroad operation of the future.

It is rumored that some of the organizations mentioned contemplate asking in their next schedule revision for special remuneration of fifty cents for each order taken on telephone by their men. We have this class of work covered by schedule contract and it would constitute a bad breach of faith, to say the least, for any other railway organization to cut in on our schedule.

Every telegrapher is requested to watch this matter closely and wherever a position is closed and train- and enginemen proceed to do the order work by telephone, make a report of same to General Chairman Sam Johnson and to President H. B. Perham, and voice your protest in no uncertain terms.

The time has arrived for us to be up and doing, and if we are forced to fight for our existence, let us begin fighting now so that we may have every advantage that goes with the fellow that lands the first blow.

Yours fraternally,
B. E. NASON, L. C.

Idaho Division—

Recent assignments: Second Paradise, Bro. Hazen; third Hope, Bro. Johnson; third Tuscior, Bro. Cahill; first Moscow, Bro. McCusker; agent-operator Trout Creek, Bro. Marshall; Tuscior, Bro. Kay, Govan, Bro. Partridge; operator Palouse, Bro. Lukanitsch.

Bro. Williams, second Thompson Falls, on a trip to Spokane, relieved by Bro. Mays.

Bro. and Sister Stevens and Miss Murphy, of Kildee, spending a holiday vacation at Bro. Stevens' old home in Nebraska, relieved by Bros. B. F. Mays and W. T. Garrett and Mr. Vawter. The latter will join if working January 1st.

Sister Marshall bumped Bro. Taylor on second Trout Creek, who bumped Mr. Harned on third there, who bumped Bro. Thompson at Childs, on vacation with home folks in Ohio. Later Cocolalla second and third closed, Bro. Gephart bumped Bro. Taylor on third Trout Creek, who bumped Bro. Stephens, Plaza agency, not yet located.

Bro. LaMoreaux, third Cocolalla, bumped Bro. Griffith, Furlong, who bumped Bro. Bartley, third Clarks Fork, who bumped Bro. Johnson, third Hope, not yet landed.

Bro. Underhill, second Hope, relieved on account of sickness by Non Clarke, who fell down on Govan agency.

Bro. Bailey has resumed at Oden, after an extended vacation, relieved by our new brother, C. A. Markham.

Bro. Davidson, second trick Kootenai, and family, are enjoying a vacation with home folks in the "show me" State, relieved by Bro. Meyers and later by Bro. Holmes.

Bro. Lee is on first Ramsey pending bulletin, and Sister Gephart is temporarily on third there.

Bro. Schneider, second Rathdrum, on vacation in Minnesota, relieved by Bro. Jackewitz.

Bro. Briggs, third Hauser, on vacation, relieved by Bro. C. A. Johnson.

On December 3rd Engineer "Coyote" Smith, pulling passenger train No. 3, passed several second district offices from two to six minutes ahead of time. This is the engineer who, with a telegrapher, was mixed up in the improper handling of orders, whereby the telegrapher was discharged, but he only drew twenty days because of his "previous good record." He does not belong to the B. of L. E.

Bro. Elver was the only one who sent us notes this month. All the members are urged to send the news to Bro. Nason, not later than the 20th of each month.

New seniority lists will be printed and distributed immediately after the first of the year. If any are overlooked, drop a line to Bro. Nason, and a copy will be supplied. It is expected that the "Union Directory and Year Book" will also be issued shortly after the first of the year, but there may be some delay in getting all of the five organizations lined up with their lists. As soon as printed they will be mailed to all members.

New members since the last write-up are: Bros. McCormick, Patterson, Harman, G. W. Meyers, Markham and Crusier. We gladly welcome these brothers to our ranks.

Bro. E. P. Wilcoxon and family have returned from an extended vacation with home folks in Searcy, Ark., and other southern points, and Bro. Ed has resumed work as agent at Almira. Nons on the C. W. branch will now have to take to cover.

We understand that application has been made for the next convention of the Royal Mpochers, to be held at Reardan, Wash. Although they have but one man at that place eligible for membership, what is lacking in numbers is made up in the qualifications of this party.

Remember, "No card, no favors." Don't play a good fellow with the man who does not carry a card. Transact your business with him in a gentlemanly or ladylike manner, and then give him to understand that you do not care to get on a friendly basis with one who is so lacking in the proper spirit of justice and fair dealing.

Div. Cor.

Montana Division—

Now that we are passing through the Christmas and New Year tide and your local chairman always believing in the Golden Rule, trusts that not only the brothers and sisters, but the non-members as well, had a merry Christmas and will have a happy New Year, and that all will begin the year by rendering all possible assistance in bringing into the fold all the non-members and also a few delinquents now on the list.

We wish to thank the brothers and sisters who have assisted us in matters of news as well as locating new men coming on the division.

If all the brothers would let their local chairman know the names of new men as well as the changes at their respective stations, it would lighten the work very materially.

Your local chairman wishes to congratulate Bro. Riley on his deserved promotion to the agency at Columbus—one of the most important stations on the division, and sincerely trusts that, although Columbus is an exclusive agency and not on our seniority list, that he may continue a brother of "Fighting 54," instead of going into the Grand Division, so that we may continue to have him at our meetings and listen to his words of wisdom and instructiveness.

We also wish to congratulate Bro. Brown on his appointment to the agency at Grey Cliff, which, although not an exclusive point, is nevertheless an important station. Business holds up remarkably well, only one operator at Laurel yard and one at Livingston having been taken off.

There was a rumor that many more would be let out, but business apparently is more than holding its own, so we do not expect any radical reductions. Quite a number of the men in the machine shops at both Laurel and Livingston have been laid off, also section foremen's help, but understand only for two or three weeks.

Andrews and Broderick went to Townsend while Agent Anderson was on vacation. Bro. Gentry opened up Waterloo, which will soon be bulletined.

Bros. Smith and Bowers are at Bozeman while Mr. Atwood is on his farm near Great Falls.

Bro. Douglas, Grey Cliff, off a few days sick, was relieved by Mr. Threet. Bro. Defoe was off a month hunting and looking after his imported chickens. He certainly has a fine flock. Bro. Atherton, from the Rock Island Lines, who relieved, has been transferred to "Fighting 54."

Bro. Williams is relieving Bro. Tronstadt for a month.

Bro. Garry has gone to Canada.

Bro. Herrick's wife and daughter Kathleen, of Bozeman, have returned from an extended visit in Michigan.

Bro. Pidgeon relieved Bowers at Bozeman, who went to Whitehall, where Bro. Brown was relieved by Mr. Conkling, a new man, who later relieved Bro. Haines at Logan, who is off to the East. We hope he has a pleasant trip and a good time.

Mr. Tidd, West End, returned from a vacation, relieving Bro. Roe, who relieved Bro. Zepp at "S," who went to "BG."

Bro. Harlan, Chestnut, recently returned from a hunting trip, relieved by Mr. Daniels, who later relieved Bro. Johnson at Park City.

Bro. McDowell, Townsend, has taken up farming, relieved by Mooney.

Mr. Welliver, Pony, on vacation, relieved by Mr. Friedell.

Bro. Wayne relieved Agent Linn, at Fromberg, while attending court at Bozeman.

Bro. Bowers, at Logan, relieved on vacation by Murphy, and he by Carpenter, later resigned.

Bro. Breneman, Three Forks, on vacation, relieved by Mr. Agnew, who later relieved Dodds at Alder for vacation.

Mr. Hale relieved Chandler at Toston, resigned.

Mr. Keyes relieved Lueke at Belgrade, taken into "VS" while Bro. Conrad and wife are East on vacation.

Bro. Perkins resigned Livingston car job, relieved by Bro. Carleton, and is now on second Toston, and his wife is on third. We hear they are soon to have a touring car.

One operator taken off in "VS," which, when the extra dispatcher works lets the men back to "VS," will leave Operator Sheffer on the extra list.

Recent assignments: Second Toston, Bro. Carleton; third Belgrade, Bro. Lueke; first Mission, Mr. Brookings; third Reed Point, Bro. McLaughlin; third Townsend, H. C. Riddle; second Hoppers, Sister Hurt; third Winston, Bro. Gentry; third East Helena, Mr. Sawyer; third Mission, Bro. Dahl; third Hoppers, Bro. Tietz; 5 a. m. in "VS," Mr. Sheffer; third Park City, Bro. Turvey; third Homestake, Mr. Lynch; second W. Butte, W. R. McDowell; third Laurel yard, Bro. Unger; third "GN" Jct., Mr. Nelson; 4 p. m. "BG," Bro. Zepp; third "BG," Mr. Stevic; operator Bridger, H. C. Riddle; first Belgrade, Bro. Skelley; agent-operator Grey Cliff, Bro. Brown; third "S," Bro. Strachan; third Whitehall, Bro. Calhammer; second Logan, Bro. Strachan; third Logan, Bro. Gentry; second Belgrade, Mr. Agnew; second Toston, Bro. Perkins; first Whitehall, Bro. Lofgren; agent operator Waterloo, Mr. Lynch.

Now on bulletin: Second Whitehall and Lombard, and third "S" office, Homestake and Winston.

Sister Sullivan, Springdale, was recently on a week's vacation, relieved by a new man, Mr. Durham, who later relieved Mrs. Pidgeon at Lombard while she and her husband, Bro. Pidgeon, are on holiday vacation East. Mr. Friedell, extra agent, is at Grey Cliff until Bro. Brown gets on the job.

SHORTY.

Dakota Division—

The secret to success is to work without ceasing in lining up the nons and then holding them up to date after making the first payment, as the large army of O. R. T. members becomes more aware of the fact, as time progresses, that they are carrying a \$1,000, \$500 or \$300 insurance policy in a proven strong and steadily growing concern at a cheaper rate than the majority, then they will plan ahead to meet the assessments and dues when due. Preach and urge this upon the new members, and then let's all practice what we sermonize on.

As these notes are compiled just before Christmas, I am glad to announce the Stanton and Linton branches are solid; the Mott branch solid with one exception, whom we feel sure will soon be with us; the main line is like a rock with the exception of G. V. Skinner, third Medina; C. R. Jolley, at Berner; C. H. Boyle and Guy Rich at "J," with the first and last named promising to be

with us soon. With a little more help from the brothers on the Pingree-Wilton, Carrington, Oberon, Leeds and Oakes branches, we will have in all the eligible nons before many months slide by.

The seniority list shows an even 100—78 members, 5 not eligible, 3 seemingly "hardshells," which leaves just 14 nons who are bright prospects, making the Dakota Division 86 per cent strong, certainly a most creditable showing and firm footing in starting the new year.

Extend the glad hand to the following new brothers: Jos. Smith, third Burleigh; W. L. West, first Bismarck; O. C. Baker, third "JY" temporarily; R. M. Montell, agent Glover; A. J. Kelly, third Dawson; G. A. Snell, agent Cannon Ball; A. C. Diehl, agent Gwyther; B. E. Donley, agent Temvick; G. W. Fisher, agent Fort Clarke; with four sets of blanks out but not received to date. Watch the Dakota lead the N. P. System before many moons. Put 'er in the corner, boys, and give 'em the works.

Bro. G. E. Streukens is back on second Windsor, after successfully undergoing an operation at Brainerd.

The fourth trick was pulled off at "J," owing to slack business, Bro. Poindexter bumping Bro. Banger on third Bismarck, who bumped Conover, third Steele.

Have received much valuable assistance from several of the more enthusiastic brothers the past month, which aided wonderfully in bringing results.

A general reducing of operators, helpers, etc., took place in December to offset the decrease in revenue to the company through business falling off. We are not alone in hoping that business will soon attain its former volume and not many months elapse until all will be taken back.

Bro. J. O. Wright, assigned second Burleigh, relieved delinquent Bro. Boelter at Adrian, compelled to return to the hospital for a second operation.

Bro. O. C. Baker relieved Bro. B. H. O'Hara on second Sterling while on jury service at Bismarck.

Bro. B. C. Brockhoff has assumed agency at Carson, relieved by Bro. Toyen at Melville, Bro. Jaynes going to McKenzie. Bro. J. F. Purdy, operator-clerk Mott, resigned and left for sunny California, where he intends to engage in other business. We regret to lose "Jack," but not half as much as some of the fairer sex at Mott. (Bro. Smith tipped this off.) He was relieved by C. V. Ellison, from the Soo Line. Bro. John Smith, agent Mott, is growing thin while baching during his wife's absence.

While we are looking forward and contemplating great strides towards a stronger O. R. T., let us not forget to apply ourselves energetically in our daily work for the general welfare and increase of revenue at each and every station of the Northern Pacific Railway. It is through this building up by individual effort, mixed with a courteous manner to the public, that sustains its already high reputation, and, even though we are

not often rewarded or commended individually, it reflects in a meritorious way on our organization as a whole.

Allow me to caution each and every brother once again about remitting for your dues and assessment not later than February pay-day and not become delinquent. When you think you can not afford it on that pay-day, just reverse the situation and come to the realization that you can not afford to let your insurance policy lapse.

Admonishing you to lay a trifle more stress upon "Have you got a card" before granting "that" favor, and as you believe in your profession and believe in your company, let me ask you to get down to hard work and "hit the line hard."

Yours in earnest,

H. H. ELLSWORTH, L. C.

To the Members of the Tacoma Division—

Having just completed a ten days' tour of the division, I am glad to report that the Tacoma Division is in better condition, from the standpoint of unionism, than it has been for a long time, and as we close the year 1913 we can look back over a year that has been full of advancements for the laboring class as a whole. It is indeed encouraging to find how large a number of laboring men are beginning to educate themselves both along economic and industrial lines, are taking an interest in all questions pertaining to the betterment of their working conditions and are also coming to a realization of the fact that the laboring man is all powerful if he will but act in unison with his brother and not be the humble tool of selfish interests.

I wish to thank each member of the division for the support given me during the past year and ask your continuance during 1914. I will continue to serve you during the coming year to the best of my ability and hope that my efforts will meet with your approval.

At this time I wish to speak of the aroused enthusiasm of so many of our members. New life seems to have been born into a great many of us during the past three months and if this interest is kept alive during the coming term we will claim the Tacoma Division solid for the O. R. T. by June, 1914.

Do not neglect to send me a list of any changes you may note at your station or others with whom you are in touch. If a new man shows up, find out at once if he is a member. If so, give me his certificate and division number so that we may arrange for his transfer to our division. If not a member do the best you can to show him the error of his way and bring him into the fold of the O. R. T.

One other matter I wish to bring to your attention. I have asked you in the past to send me a copy of any applications for positions which are open. This has not been done except in a few cases and it leaves your local chairman in the dark as to whom are entitled to an assignment. Please do not neglect to send me a copy of these applications during the coming year.

Again thanking you for your kindness and your hearty support, and wishing you a happy New Year, I remain,

Yours fraternally,

R. F. GRAHAM, L. C.

Tacoma Division Notes—

The year 1913 having been a successful one for the railroad operators in this country, it behooves us all to work more towards solid organization, as only through organization have we attained this success. Only when we compare the salaries of today with those paid just a few years back can we realize what the O. R. T. is and what it means to us. There are a lot of conditions to be bettered but this can only be done through co-operation.

From a financial standpoint we are in a better condition now than at any time during the life of our Order. Brothers and sisters, we must all work together in building up our Order, as we are all stockholders and draw a large dividend on our money invested.

There are still a few telegraphers on this division, receiving the increase in salary, better working conditions, etc., who refuse to invest one cent in an organization with over 50,000 stockholders, which guarantees one of the largest returns of any on so small amount invested. These drones, continually howling for more, must be shown that the way to get better conditions is to join us and help their fellow workmen. They can start the New Year in no better way than by getting an O. R. T. card and an insurance policy for their wives or mothers. Let us make this a banner year for the Tacoma Division.

There have been a number of changes recently, but as I am working second trick and account of reduction in office force, I have not had time to secure them, and no one has sent me any of them.

At the meeting held in Tacoma, December 7th, it was decided to give another dance, and Bros. Peck, Sherwood and Henderson were appointed a committee to arrange a date, etc., which will probably be February 21st at Tenino.

We want the co-operation of all the members to make it a grand success. You will be furnished tickets and advertising matter about two weeks before the date decided on. When you receive them put up the cards in a conspicuous place and dispose of as many tickets as you possibly can.

CERT. 878.

ELLENSBURG, WASH., December 15, 1913.

To All Members Seattle Division—

The matter of devising some way of maintaining a division fund has been talked over among a few of the brothers, and I would like to offer a few arguments in support of the movement.

This is a matter of vital importance to every member. With the money on hand the local division officers would be enabled to relieve a member in distress, purchase flowers for a sick member, or for the funeral of a deceased member, without going through the slow and cumbersome process of sending a subscription paper over the division. The relief would be prompt and effective and

each member would have the pleasure of knowing that he or she had assisted and that each had contributed an equal amount.

It is almost impossible to reach each member with a subscription paper, and members do not like to be called on frequently in this manner, while the small amount required by a monthly assessment would not be burdensome, in fact, it would not be missed, even by the poorest of us.

It seems to me that each member who has any realization of his responsibilities should blush with shame when he considers the fact that the number of THE TELEGRAPHER which proudly referred to the million dollar assets of the Order also contained an appeal for assistance from a poor, sick and down-and-out brother, with a family, and that we have made no provision for caring for such cases, and also that with over 40,000 members less than 125 responded to this appeal.

Until some provision is made by the Order for assisting our brothers, who are in need through sickness or misfortune, each division should maintain a fund for the purposes previously stated, and in such cases as those recently published in THE TELEGRAPHER the local chairman should be authorized to promptly remit a substantial sum for the relief of the brother in distress.

An assessment of 10 cents a month or 30 cents per quarter has been suggested. Personally, I favor the plan of paying monthly, as the members would be more likely to think of it each time they drew their pay check, while if it was made quarterly they would be liable to forget it unless notices were mailed, and this would entail considerable trouble and expense.

All the members at a station, or several stations for that matter, could put their assessments together for the purpose of convenience in remitting.

The local chairman will probably put the matter to a vote in the near future, and I hope that all the members will not only vote for it, but will also remit the assessments promptly.

JESSE WATERS, Cert. 85.

Seattle Division Notes—

Bro. Palmer is relieving Bro. Branin, Maltby nights, visiting with his mother in California.

Bro. Pearson, Bothell, bid in Issaquah agency, vice Bro. Griffiths, visiting in California.

Bro. Bergum is working first in Woodinville temporarily while the gravel trains are on.

Bros. Earp, Pangle and Operator McIntyre, first, second and third Arlington, were each relieved by Mr. Roper, now agent at Bryant. About time Roper got a card.

Bro. Ed. Johnstone, assigned Acme agency, was married a few weeks ago. We all extend him our best wishes.

Bro. Kilhefner, second Auburn Transfer, off two weeks getting married, was bumped by Mr. Isom, and bumped Bro. Trainor, second Sedro-Woolley. Bro. Waters, manager Ellensburg, relieved a few days by Mr. Arnold, days there, discontinued, later bumped Mr. Isom, third Everett.

Bro. Mounce, agent Thorp, off on account of sickness, was relieved by Bro. Hainsworth.

Sister Johnson, third Upham, spent Thanksgiving with friends at Kanaskat.

Bro. Briggs, second Easton, spent a few days in Seattle recently, relieved by Mr. Hart.

Sister A. A. Rivett, second Borup, spent a very pleasant day at Upham recently.

Bro. Bayer, third Borup, has had unusual good luck this fall, killing two deer and gaining laurels in the game of "500." Sister Bayer, first Borup, was relieved a few days by Sister Morgan.

Bro. S. A. Baker, first Martin, and bride, have returned from an extended visit East and South. We all extend heartiest congratulations for a happy future.

Bro. Parks, first Easton, secured "CF" Seattle nights, relieved by Bro. Hammer, from Division No. 2, who Bro. Anderson will see transfers to No. 54.

Bro. Shisler, first Cle Elum, was relieved a few days by Bro. Carr while on an unsuccessful hunt for deer with Agent Gillett. Bro. Leeper, third Cle Elum, relieved a few days by Bro. Brakhane to visit Sister Leeper in Tacoma hospital.

Bro. and Sister Morgan have returned from a visit East, Bro. Morgan resuming second Stampede and Sister Morgan on extra list. Bro. and Sister Fenner have also returned from vacation, Bro. Fenner going to third Martin, Sister Fenner to second Palmer Junction.

Since the installation of the automatic blocks between Auburn and Lester second and third at Covington, Eagle Gorge and Maywood have been abolished, night office reopened at Humphreys and East Auburn made continuous service, which affects the following brothers and sisters: Covington—Bro. Brunk bumped Bro. Cross, second Ravensdale; Bro. Webber to third East Auburn, pending bulletin, later relieved by Mr. Horning. Bro. Robinson, second Maywood, bid in Humphries nights. Sister Cleo Erdman bumped Sister Leeper, third Bristol. Unable to learn where the two from Eagle Gorge went.

Sister Leeper, operated on at Tacoma hospital, was visited by Bros. Williams and Bell recently and presented with a fine bunch of flowers from the brothers and sisters of this division. We are pleased to learn that she was getting along finely and expects to leave the hospital shortly. The flowers were very much appreciated.

Officials Messrs. Craver, Larrison and Campbell visited a meeting with the first aid class at Cle Elum on December 17th and were pleased with the progress of the class. The first aid car visited Cle Elum on the Milwaukee recently.

The weather on the mountain district has been exceedingly fine this winter.

Bro. Trainor, second Woolley, relieved Mr. Morris at Kirkland, dismissed for violation of rule "G."

We are glad to learn it will be Bro. Arnold, third Everett; Bro. Stoneburner, third Snohomish, and Bro. Isom, second Auburn Transfer, soon.

"HAPPY."

Rocky Mountain Division—

Bro. Nutter, from Birdseye, is on two months' vacation, visiting the folks back in Ohio.

Mr. Crane, Austin third, was relieved for a few days by Mr. Fuller, a new man, who also relieved at Drummond, Deer Lodge and Missoula. Crane has promised to fill out the blanks in January. Bros. Hinton and Parks, second and third Silver Bow, off for a few days hunting, relieved by A. M. Larson, a new man, who also relieved Bro. Wiley, Drummond first, a few days.

Mr. Stevens, Garrison first, off for a month, relieved by G. M. Campbell, a new man, who will fill out his blanks as soon as he gets a few pay days.

Bro. Day, Elliston third, off thirty days spending holidays with his folks at his old home in Wisconsin, was relieved by Mr. Cyr.

Mr. Balzhiser, Blossburg first, back from thirty days' vacation. Hope he will make a New Year resolution to fill out his blanks.

The following nons have promised to make New Year resolutions and become brothers in January: Crane, Kinsey, Scott, Mintline, Wilcozen, Scholz, and one or two others. Keep after them, boys, and see that they make good.

Depot at Avon recently burned down, and Bro. Hart, who had living rooms in the depot, lost his piano in the fire.

Ex-Bro. Leeper, third "MA" Missoula, who spent the holidays with his folks in old Missouri, promised to join on his return.

Bro. Blankenship, Arlee third, whose wife is just recovering from a serious operation, is sending her to Kansas for a visit with her folks, where she expects to spend the winter.

V. N. WEBER, L. C.

Pasco Division—

Bro. H. A. Boughton, agent Kiona, while off, was relieved by Bro. F. N. Sigmon, and he by Mrs. Daley, who will come in as soon as she lands a regular job.

Sister Leona Johnson, first Vista, off sixty days, was relieved by Bro. R. W. King. Bro. and Sister E. R. Pierce, second and third Vista, were Pasco visitors recently. Sister M. M. French, first Badger, was also a Pasco visitor November 14th, and left for Billings, Mont., and other Middle West points December 1st.

Bro. L. C. Snyder resumed duties as agent at Helix after an absence of sixty days, relieving Bro. Starr, who returned to second Attalia, relieving Mr. Cyr, resigned, headed for Seattle.

Bro. E. E. Leach has returned to third Keystone after ninety days' leave, visiting in Virginia.

Bro. L. L. Tremble, cashier Sunnyside, spent Thanksgiving day at Wapato.

Bro. John Hawthorne, first Wapato, was at Mabton recently looking over his ranch.

Attalia third discontinued, leaving Bro. W. H. Ladd, agent, and Bro. Starr on second there.

Bro. D. C. Brown, agent Grandview, was a recent North Yakima visitor.

Bro. Mitchell, agent Schragg, was at Wheeler recently on business.

Bro. V. B. Dingeldine, who recently entered the train service, was off ninety days visiting old friends in Virginia.

Bro. I. E. Hunt and wife, of Parker, took in the sights in North Yakima recently.

Bro. H. H. McCann did not go to St. Paul. He is now on first North Yakima in absence of Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth.

Bro. E. T. Stevens, first, and Bro. Phelps, second Pomona, were at North Yakima recently on business.

Bro. Bullis, third Parker, stopped at Pasco to renew old acquaintances while off ninety days, on his way to California. Bro. E. M. Dolan, from Division 126, relieved him.

Bro. H. N. Creviston, in the train service on N. Y. & V. the past three months, is now on first Toppenish.

Bro. Gillaland, formerly on fifth "PA," is now with the S. P. in California.

Bro. Vinning is back on second Lind from Tacoma hospital.

Sister Chadwick, third Cunningham, while visiting in Seattle, was relieved by Bro. House, O. W. R. N.

Bro. Rylander is on first Ritzville while Bro. Johnson is back East visiting friends and relatives.

Bro. R. V. Peterson, from fifth to second "PA," vice O. W. Webber, resigned. Bro. Harvey McKeown, third "PA," was off several days, "taking fresh air."

CERT. 606.

Yellowstone Division—

Bro. E. O. Murry, second Hebron, spent the holidays in California.

Bro. E. L. Steadman, second Gladstone, bid in third Hoyt, relieved by Bro. A. D. Gow.

Bro. I. B. Hunt, agent Gladstone, made a pleasure trip to Dickinson recently.

Bro. Steadman, second Glenullen, declined Sentinel Butte agency on account of the serious illness of his mother. Later, in company with Mrs. Steadman, he was called to Rochester, Minn., returning recently, having left his mother greatly improved. Bro. Dyer, of Glendive, relieved Bro. Steadman at Glenullen during his absence.

Bro. Shoquist, third Glenullen, is making fame as a skater.

Bro. Swain, first Glenullen, has been dubbed "the moving-picture magnate."

The big cut came December 12th, and, as a consequence, a number of telegraphers are seeking work elsewhere.

How many of you have remitted for your new card before the holidays? We are going to print a non and delinquent list in a couple of months. There is no excuse for a non or a delinquent being on the N. P., and if each of you brothers will only manifest as much interest in rounding up this class of men as you do in paying your own dues, there would soon be none left.

Bro. Jimmy Golden, first Sweet Briar, took a trip to Billings recently, stopping off at points along the way to visit some of his old "flames," relieved by Bro. Horton.

Bro. Julian opened Fryburg agency December 12th, after relieving Bro. Flannigan, third Sweet Briar, on a trip to coast points.

Sully Springs made a two-man job with the opening of Sully, Bro. Fredericks, first, bumping second man.

Numerous changes made on account of reduction in forces, but no one has sent me a list, so am unable to give them. Send me the necessary notes to make this write-up worth while each month. If we would create more interest in our organization, we must enlighten the men with whom we work. A note or two from each office will make it interesting, and the 15th is the day.

It is now Bros. Green, Lawrence and Peterson.

Bro. Klinger, first New Salem, has returned with his bride and settled down to married life.

Bro. Hannon, second extra Mandan, pulled off, bumped in third Beach.

About 1 o'clock Friday night, November 25th, one of the operators at Medora found a piece of fuse four feet long attached to a stick of dynamite laying close to the rear end of the depot. He called the sheriff, who watched to see if anyone molested it, but "nothing doing."

It's now H. W. Blair, agent Belfield, vice C. L. Horton.

Bro. P. P. Ropert, Forsyth, relieving Miss Green, reported waiting for wedding bells; also relieved Bro. Golden, third Sweet Briar, while on his trip to Billings.

Jesse Hollinshead relieved Mr. Kemper while used as temporary dispatcher. Mr. Beverill, a new dispatcher, later relieved the latter.

Bro. Flannigan got mixed up with the tail lights while at Glendive on his way back from the coast.

Bro. J. S. Shain, extra Forsyth, to Terry third; transferred to 54 from Division 2.

Bro. C. A. Sharpe, third Sanders, called to Detroit, Mich., on account of the serious illness of his father, was relieved by D. E. Lewis, a new man from the "Pennsy."

Bro. J. L. Powers spent the holidays around St. Louis, relieved at Custer third by Bro. J. D. Witham.

Bro. Thomas, first Terry, on vacation visiting relatives in northern Michigan, and Bro. Glasser taking in the sights around Geneseo, Ill.

Bro. B. R. Gutziet relieved agent at Myers, later going to Howard second, vice Mr. Andrews, now in Glendive hospital.

Bro. "Joe" Meehan relieved Bro. Maguire on third Forsyth, later taking split vacated by Bro. Maguire, on account of extra trick pulled off, creating a split, Bro. Maguire going back on third.

Mr. Kriita, extra Hoyt third, goes back to assignment, third Zero.

Bro. Don Dyer hooked in a few at Glendive after leaving Forsyth.

Bro. W. A. Henderson, extra Huntley and later Forsyth, on an extended trip South.

Bro. T. I. Bolton, second Custer, has returned from his hunting trip. No report as to his success.

Bro. Emil Broms back on Hoyt first, after his extended trip in the West. Bro. C. S. Broms bid in second Hoyt.

The new year promises to be one of the best for the organizing of new men into the fold on this road for many years past. We recently got an increase, as well as other concessions, leaving no excuse why a man shouldn't put his money into a bargain that get returns, and that is just what we have who put our money into the O. R. T. on the N. P. While we are not getting quite as much, perhaps, as the men on the S. P., still we are getting more than ninety-nine out of any other hundred roads in this country, and it surely should be some incentive for a man to feel as though he were in duty bound to invest. Every day some of us—yes, all of us—invest our hard cash in some frivolous thing that we know will never get us a penny's return, and those same men can never see their way clear to take out a card in their respective labor organizations. Let's make this the banner year for organized labor—each one pull toward one goal—100 per cent strong and nothing less.

I got in enough new members during the month of December to get me one of the emblem rings offered by Bro. Quick, and to say that I am thankful to those who made it possible by joining in this month, is putting it mildly. I appreciate this prize more than anything I could get, and I think each one of you should hustle a little and see how interesting it is to get in new members. I didn't stop on the Yellowstone, but got some from the Dakota, and I take this means of thanking those who made it possible, as well as extending each new member the glad hand of our brotherhood.

Nothing has yet developed regarding the meeting mentioned in the last issue, but we hope definite plans will soon be under way for the first meeting, to be held at Dickinson. There are a number of O. R. T. and C. T. U A. brothers located at Dickinson, and we should be able to have a very good meeting. Washington's birthday being a holiday, it will give a number of the men a chance to go, as we can doubtless prevail upon our superintendent to make arrangements for trains to pick up those who wish to attend. Get your passes ready, and if at all possible, be there. You won't regret it, and the mingling of one another will help to create a lot of interest. We will have everything in readiness, and let's make it a red-letter day for the first and second. Talks will be given that will prove interesting and helpful. Take your wives along; let them get acquainted; it will be worth every operator's time and effort on the division. We are going to try to persuade General Chairman Johnson to be with us, and as many of the local officials of the company as can; it is to their interest as well as ours that we be educated along the lines of better service and a greater interest in the work we have to do. Their advice on many topics will open new channels for thought and future usefulness.

L. E. BORDWELL, Cert. 886.

Relay Division—

With about seventy-five men employed, the Relay Division closes the year 1913 with but twelve non-members or delinquents. Of these, nine have

promised to come in January 1st. Let us hope that they live up to their promises, but if they do not, we must keep after them and make them see that they are not doing the right thing by remaining on the outside. A majority of the non are wire chiefs, and they must be made to see that it is to the Order that they owe their good salaries and Sunday overtime, and that they should show their appreciation by carrying a card. We do not feel that a wire chief jeopardizes his standing with the company by carrying an up-to-date. On the contrary, the company realizes that the first precept of our Order is to render the very best service possible to the company for value received, and that the very best men in the service are those who are members of the O. R. T.

The usual winter reduction in force has begun early this year, with two men off at St. Paul, two at Dickinson, two at Fargo, two at Helena, two at Spokane and one at Tacoma. Instructions are out to cut down on telegraphing, and we look for further reductions, although hoping that it will not come. Considering the much greater reductions which have been made in other departments, the Relay Division has been only lightly touched so far. It seems hard that men of ability who want to work are forced to remain idle, but we must remember that this is only the working of the capitalistic system which prevails in this century, and we must put our shoulders to the wheel of progress and add our strength to that of others in making it turn toward better things for those who are to come after we are dust and forgotten.

Tacoma—Those sure were classy smokes that Bro. Jim Williams handed out celebrating the arrival of "Jim, Jr."

Bro. N. F. Gordon, laid off December 13th on account of reduction in force, came back December 26th, relieving Bro. Bill Bates, on three months' leave for California to get a look at some sunshine.

Several changes in tricks here on account of reduction, Bro. B. F. Brown getting a day job at last out of the shuffle—6 a. m. to 2 p. m. Bro. Brown's ability as a cartoonist will now proceed to advance several jumps.

Spokane—Bro. A. R. Lee, our chairman, bid in Tacoma local, vice Bro. F. M. McCabe, resigned. Bro. McCabe is now acting as telegraph censor, with headquarters at St. Paul.

J. F. Keyes, laid off on account of reduction in force, returned to Tacoma, his home. Understand he makes considerable "extra" subbing for the wealthy men in "BY." M. Hawkins, also laid off on account of force reduction, is now in Tacoma "looking around" and doing some subbing.

Helena—Bro. Gibson, laid off on account of force reduction, is now in Spokane, bumping a younger man there. Bro. Bothmer moved up to Bro. Gibson's trick.

Business very light here, the Montana locals being cut through to Tacoma, and Butte cut through to St. Paul.

St. Paul—Mr. Graham has gone to Indiana on three months' leave. Ringham and Maloy laid off on account of force reduction. UNOTRIPLO.

Dickinson—Force at "DX" cut two men, Bro. Lyons going to Spokane and Bro. Sterland undecided where he will bump in.

Fargo—Bro. H. G. Johnson bumped Bro. King at Dickinson, who hasn't made up his mind where to go, but may bump Mr. Whaley at "DX."

CERT. 886.

Wheeling & Lake Erie R. R.

W. P. T. Notes—

Bros. Wimer and Harbaugh, of Hopedale, were Christmas shoppers in Steubenville.

Bro. H. K. Bell, third Mingo, visiting relatives and friends in Pittsburg, was relieved by Bro. J. E. O'Hara, who later resigned.

Bro. Coats, Hickory, is feeling lonesome since the night office was closed. We hope the present arrangement is only temporary.

We are sorry to hear of the serious illness of Dispatcher Fred Jones and Bros. Fields and Homan, and hope for their speedy recovery.

Freight business is very dull, but we look for an improvement now that the holidays are over.

Bro. J. W. Polen, agent Smithfield, has the cleanest, neatest and most tidy office on the road. We are proud of you, Bro. John.

We certainly appreciate the fact that we have at last reduced the nons to a minimum, there being but one left on the east end. We also appreciate the effort of a brother on the W. S. B. who has been furnishing notes regularly to the division correspondent for publication. Keep up the good work, brother.

Have you remitted your dues for the current term? If not, please do so at the first opportunity. Bro. Baltzer is pretty busy with matters pertaining to the O. R. T., and if each member will be prompt with his dues it will be a great help to him. We hope to see notes from the West End and Cleveland Divisions in the next TELEGRAPHER. The continued silence of you brothers near the lake is getting on our nerves. Please do not wait for one another to furnish items, but every member mail all you can to Bro. R. F. Smith, division correspondent, Brilliant, Ohio, not later than the 20th of each month.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

W. S. B. Notes—

Bro. Wilson, agent Bruceton, has returned from a pleasant thirty days' vacation in the West, having gained thirty pounds.

F. M. White, former agent Longview, is now with the Western Union at Pittsburg, relieved by Bro. Cowan, agent Fair Haven, pending bulletin, and he by Mr. Snyder, agent Banksville, until advertised.

Bro. Sturges, Clairton, called on Pittsburg friends recently.

Wheeling and Toledo Divisions—

"Telephoner" F. H. Copeland was recently appointed agent at Herrick.

Bro. "Hank" Bell, third trick Hickory, was in Jewett recently on his way to Dillonvale to visit

Dispatcher Fred Jones, who is at Dillonvale with his brother, Dr. Jones, suffering from cancer of the stomach. The boys on the River Division sent Fred a bunch of nice flowers recently.

Mr. Butler returned from Washington, D. C., releasing Bro. T. D. Noel from second Pittsburg Jct., who then relieved Bro. C. C. Graham, third Bolivar, a few days.

Bro. Buck Buchanan, third Orrville Jct., is visiting friends on the River Division.

The night office at Hickory has been closed. Bro. H. K. Bell, third there, bumped Mr. Eby from "WI" Mingo third, who bumped Bro. Grose, second Mingo yard, who bumped Bro. M. L. Strickland from third Pittsburg Jct., who bumped Mr. Butler from second Pittsburg Jct., who bumped Bro. Paregorie from third Pine Valley, who bumped F. X. McCaffery from second Pine Valley, putting him on the extra list.

We are very much pleased to hear that Bro. J. H. Homan, Valley Jct. days, has resumed duty, after being off for the past three months on account of sickness.

C. J. Fisher is back on second Adena.

Bro. C. J. Fulton, first Pittsburg Jct., was off a few days, relieved by E. B. Little, extra.

Bro. Ross Buchanan, third Orrville Jct., bid in "HX" Huron.

Bro. Healy, Connor days, off for a few days, was relieved by Extra Little.

Bro. Glaspy, third Warrenton, off three weeks on account of the serious illness and death of his father, Mr. Robert Glaspy, at Warnock, Ohio. Bro. Glaspy has the heartfelt sympathy of all the brothers of Division 55.

Bro. Howard Warnock has returned to second Warrenton, after a month's visit to Indianapolis, Columbus and Cincinnati, and a week with his folks at Warnock, Ohio. Bro. Warnock failed to bring back that "little wife with the brown eyes."

Chief Dispatcher Connel, at Canton, very ill from cancer of the liver, was taken to Canton hospital to be operated upon. I have been unable to learn the results of the operation. We all wish Mr. Connel a speedy recovery.

"HX" Huron office closed. Bro. Ross Buchanan bumped Mr. Shulenberger from "D" Canton days, who bumped Mr. Ben Betton, third Lodi. Have not learned where Bro. Betton went.

Bro. E. W. Gorse was off a few nights, relieved by E. B. Little.

T. E. Lucas, third Jewett, off a few nights, was relieved by J. E. O'Hara, from the B. & O. S. W.

Bro. Shine, O'Donnell, from the W. U. at Pittsburg, Pa., is now with the Dexter Coal Co.

Bro. W. A. Albaugh, second Mingo yard, was a visitor of "yours truly" while on his Christmas shopping tour.

Agent Hollingsworth, Adena, on the sick list, was relieved by Relief Agent Foster.

Ex-Bro. Rennecker, first Pine Valley, made a business trip to Sherrodsville recently. Come, Emerson; get back into the fold.

Bro. Mike Hannel, formerly at Sherrodsville, visiting his many friends on the W. & L. E., is

now located at New Philadelphia, Ohio, on the B. & O.

Bro. Bates, Sico days, says he has the best job on the east end. Must be some attraction at "SC."

Bro. Guthrie, first Jewett, has gone into the paper business. Anyone wanting papers, call "G" and he will send them on "tick."

Mr. Howard, agent Steubenville, has resigned, relieved by G. C. Schlegel, agent Jewett.

Bro. Craig, Bowerston, is lonesome since the baseball season closed.

Since I have been division correspondent I haven't received an item from any member on the Cleveland and Toledo Divisions. Brothers, let us have some items for the next TELEGRAPHER. Brothers on the Carrollton Branch and Cleveland and west end of Toledo Division try and send something. I am pleased with the interest the boys on the Wheeling, W. P. T. and W. S. B. Divisions have shown, and I assure each of you that I am very grateful for the items received. Don't wait on one another to send items, but each of you get busy and send in a few.

Don't forget your dues for the current term.

"OK," R. F., Div. Cor.

Southern Ry.

General Offices, Washington, D. C.—

Let us start off the new year to promote efficiency with all that the word implies.

The telegraphers were sorry indeed to learn of the death of the venerable President of this company, Mr. Finley. He was a great railroad man, and the more to be admired because he came from the ranks. Mr. Finley's name is not written on the sands of time to soon be washed away by the waters of oblivion, but stands as a monument to one of the greatest railroad systems in the world and emblematic of the high esteem in which the entire South held him. The words of the poet are justly applicable to him, "Who noble ends by noble means obtains. That man is great indeed."

Business has not been very heavy during the past few months, but is now on the increase.

Bro. Odum spent a few days in Goldsboro recently.

Bro. Wilson spent a few days in Tennessee visiting home folks.

Lloyd Hoppe was in Port Huron, Mich., recently visiting his father. "HY" will soon be with us. We have room for more good men like him in this organization.

The brothers in "GM" are: Veach, Smith, Griffith, Davis, Golden, Balthis, Purcell, Loveless, Lowe, Williams, Irvin, Koegel, Thompson, DuLaney, Ippock, Wilson, Cline and Odum. Bro. Williams went to Alexandria dispatcher's office, but you know they all come back. He did. The three lawyers in the office are Koegel, Cline and Veach. The first and latter are attending universities, the former is recently of Buenos Ayres, Arg.

Bro. Davis has been sporting a diamond ring occasionally. It's not a man's ring either. I have a premonition that something's going to

happen soon. Then it will be up to Manager A. L. T. to get busy.

Bro. Loveless, one of our bonus men, spent Christmas down in the country.

No more being said about local chairman. Must be waiting on the man who has been the spinal column of the movement. You know who.

We wish the Southern Ry. a prosperous 1914, which is no more than we should. We also wish the heads of the telegraph department, our superintendent and manager another, as well as many more, happy New Years.

The employees of "GM" do not envy the treatment of any other offices or railroads except in pay, as superiors from Superintendent Potter down are man-for-man type, with due emphasis on A. L. Thompson, R. S. Veach and J. R. Smith, our office managers, with whom we come in personal contact.

CERT. 2321.

"GO," Greensboro Relay—

We are very glad to get in our new office. It is up to date in every respect, and we should all work together and keep it so.

Bro. Morgan, "M," resumed duty November 15th, after about five months off on account of having to undergo a serious operation, from which he has entirely recovered.

Bro. Stroude still at Black Mountain, N. C., for his health, expected to return about January first, relieved by Mr. Mastin.

Bro. Odum "X," was recently transferred to "GM" Washington.

Mr. Reitzel is now with the telephone company in Atlanta, relieved by J. T. Fox, "VO."

Many of our regular men being off lately, we are not as solid here as we should be, but all of the nons promise to come in next pay day.

Congratulations to Bro. Lillard, "K," recently married.

Being scrappy on the wire should be cut out, as it reflects on the good fellows, but none here have been called down for this except the nons.

Those who have cards are: Smith, "S;" Johnson, "Q;" Morgan, "M;" Whitfield, "CS;" Lillard, "K;" Mastin, "BO;" Dudley, "NA," and Fox, "VO," are still out. Remember, "No card, no favors."

CERTS. 1242 AND 151.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Our heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom and goodness, has deemed it best to call to the great beyond the beloved father of our esteemed brother, G. E. Teates; in manifestation of our fraternal sympathy, be it

Resolved, That the members of the Washington Division of Southern Ry. System, Division 59, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the sorrowing brother and family their most sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved brother and family and

2 copy forwarded to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

W. E. BERRY,
J. W. BURGESS,
A. C. MCCONNIE,
Committee.

Birmingham Division, East End—

The meeting at Tallapoosa, Ga., December 14th, was a howling success. Those present were: Bros. Kipp, local chairman, Jones, M. Jackson, Brannon, Hooper, Williams, Craig, R. Feild, Sanford, C. E. Crawford, and F. A. Scott, from C. of Ga. Good talks were made by all present and everybody had a good time.

The line of talk seemed to bear mainly on getting the boys enthused over the work, and Bro. Kipp made the remark that, "If we hold the meeting until midnight I believe the enthusiasm will go so high that we will raise the roof off the house." The question of nons was discussed at length and it was the opinion of all that with some hard work from each member we could soon have the division up to 99 per cent.

Brothers, let's get after the nons. When one comes into your office make it your business to see that he has an up-to-date. Do not wait for the local chairman to do all the organizing, he has other duties to look after.

Just think of what we could do if every man on the division was lined up. Ask yourself this question, "What would our Order be if every member was just like me?" If every man of us would enter into the work with the determination to do things it would only be a short time before we would be standing at the top. Brothers, put your whole soul into the work. The more we put into a thing we more we get out of it.

The meetings will be held monthly, the next at Bremen, second Sunday in January, and will be divided between Tallapoosa and Bremen. Let's all who can come to these meetings, and as many as can bring along applicants, and we will have a good time.

On bulletin: Second Leeds and third Weems, Oxanna Jct. and Muscadine.

Bro. Oden's wife is in hospital at Atlanta. Hope she will be able to be up soon.

Bro. H. Foster, to first Choccolocco a few days, was relieved at Oxanna Jct. by Bro. Carter.

The passenger station at Fruithurst burned. Passengers are now handled at the freight depot, which makes it more handy for Bro. Hooper.

Work on the joint station at Bremen is progressing nicely. A few more of these new stations would be appreciated.

Everybody send me what news you can before the fifteenth of each month. Div. Cor.

Winston-Salem Division—

Your correspondent has been working at other places and on account of the heavy work it was impossible to get the time to give a write-up, but I hope to be able to give one every month this year.

I had the pleasure of getting out among the boys for a day or two recently, when I secured

several new applications and brought back a few of the old ones who had dropped out of the fold. I wish I had had more time so that I could have at least paid a hand-shaking visit to every brother on the division, but on account of my time being limited I could not do this, however, I hope to get away again before many weeks and then see you all.

Our division, from an organization standpoint, is in fairly good shape. There are only two delinquents on the south end; the Taylorsville branch is solid; the A. & Y., east of Greensboro, is solid except one; west of Greensboro there are two delinquents; the Wilkesboro branch has two delinquents.

I have two or three men who make as little as \$35 per month and one who gets only \$25, and they keep their dues paid up. If these men can do this what reason is there for the man who gets \$60 and more to drop? There was a time when we did not make as much as we do today, we didn't get overtime, did not have any seniority rights, and a hundred other benefits could be mentioned; and what has given us all of these things? The answer is in one word, "organization." The old adage, "Keep what you have and get all you can," does not apply to any set of men stronger than to the telegraphers. Brothers, we have made great strides during the past six years, and if we keep up the pace we have got to stay solid.

Remember "In unity there is strength. United we stand, divided we fall." Let every man do his part this year. Pay up your dues promptly, and get the man working next to you to do the same thing. If we all will do this we will have the banner division on the system in the next three months.

Bro. Stewart, of this division, is on an extended trip through the West. Last heard of he had his feet stuck under a table in Denver.

Bro. and Mrs. Jacob, of Coolemeemills, spent the Christmas holidays with home folks in Mississippi. They had a pleasant trip and we wish them a happy and prosperous New Year.

Mr. Moose, a new man, has been relieving Bro. Jackson, agent Huntersville, for several weeks.

I have not received any items from the A. & Y. and Wilkesboro branches, therefore am unable to give any of the changes there. If some of the brothers will send me the "dots" from those points I will appreciate it and we can have a write up each month.

Wish for all a prosperous New Year.

W. E. JONES, L. C.

Atlanta Division, North End—

Some of the members of this division seem to be of the opinion that if a man is thrown out of his regular job by its abolishment, or from any other cause, it matters not how long and faithful he may have served the company and been a member of the Order, he must go on extra until something is bulletined and then bid it in. In other words he will not be allowed, according to the proposed contract, to "roll" anyone at all,

regardless of his age. For the fellow that is to be "rolled" that is a good thing and would mean more in many ways than could be estimated, but what about yourself? Say, for instance, you have been in the service eight years, and your office has been discontinued, and you want the first trick at Dalton, Rome, Brice or any other place. The man at either of these places may have been in the service one, two or three years, or probably only two months, but you can't touch him at all, with your age limit you must fight the extra board, down in the swamps or up in the hills, working first today and third for the remainder of the month, etc. Would you like to see a man with two months' age working a good job, and you with six or eight years' age working on a third trick in the malaria district? I say, "No, a thousand times no!" The question is being agitated, however, as to whether we want our contract modified or changed to that effect. The statement sets forth that, as it now stands, it makes the misfortune of everyone, because one man is "rolled." Well, maybe the misfortune is ours, yours or the other man's, because we haven't the age, but why do you want to make the misfortune of an old-service man the fortune of the younger man? It isn't really a fair proposition, and, regardless of any personal interests, I myself would like to see it remain as it is. It wouldn't be fair to the men older than you are in the first place, and in the second place it would work innumerable hardships upon the older man. Take yourself as an example—your job abolished, would you like to work third trick where an alligator couldn't live and see a fellow first at some good place with a month's age.

The position of correspondent has been wished on Bro. Gay at Rome, who will do all in his power to give you a good write-up every month. It is rather inconvenient for me to get any news items where I am at present stationed, therefore the change.
R. R. J., Ex-Cor.

Asheville Division, East End—

Bro. Simpson, who bid in Black Mountain agency, vice Mr. Bobo, was relieved at Bridge-water agency on bid by Bro. G. P. Coulter, relieved by Bro. Drumwright on first Old Fort, and he on second there by Bro. C. A. Calloway.

Bro. W. O. Calloway relieved Mr. Stine, second Newton, a few days.

Bro. Abernethy, second Connelly Springs, off over Christmas, was relieved by Bro. Wagner.

Bro. Beach, agent Nebo, off a few days, was relieved by Bro. Brinkley.

Bro. Walker, second Drexel, off a month, was relieved by Bro. Ross Frazier.

Bro. Ward is in the chief dispatcher's office, relieved by Bro. Waddell on first Biltmore, and he on second there by Mr. Murr, third Melrose.

Bro. Wagner, first Newton, off a few days, was relieved by Extra Coulter, who later relieved Bro. Spencer, agent Old Fort, on vacation.

Bro. Brookshier, agent Azalea, off a few days, was relieved by Mr. Gilliam.

We are looking forward to our banquet to be held at Hickory during the month of January. Most all who have been approached have subscribed \$2.00 and nearly all have already paid.

We have done good work among the nons this year. Let's see if we can't do better next.

Wishing you all a prosperous New Year.

CERT. 2297.

Columbia Division—

Bro. J. J. Gall, Leesville, on vacation, was relieved by Mr. Lee.

Our old-time friend, Ivey, has been succeeded at "CX" by Mr. Jackson, from the Seaboard Ry.

Boys, I wish every one of you who have let your dues pass for the period ending December 31st would remit it at once, otherwise you will rank as new men. I am satisfied that it is not your intention to let your membership drop as I have not had a brother yet say that he isn't benefited by carrying a card. Please don't think because you are away out almost nowhere that a card does not benefit you. If it had not been for these precious cards you would be working all kinds of hours and split tricks and run off without notice hardly.

Delinquents knock us out of our proportionate share of a raise in the agreement. The wage schedule last March allowed a nice sum for each office on this division. There were some who at that time did not carry a card. Get your schedule and see how it reads. Get wise and get your card as it's "No card, no favors." After the settlement is made it is divided according to the pro rata of the membership on each division. We have as good men on this division as any other and they ought to reap the benefits so it's up to each of you to do your part.

I should not be obliged to write about this. You are men and should stand for your rights and honest earned money, and should not let the other divisions go ahead of us. It is not fair to your family nor yourself to be without a card, for their protection and your own rights. Take the schedule and compare it with that of other divisions and see the good wages their members are receiving because they don't mind spending \$12 a year for a card which benefits them \$100, and in some cases more.

Those of you who think you will receive the same raise as others can see the outcome of the last raise.

Brothers, urge the delinquents to pay, and give the nons no rest until their applications are filed with me at Lexington, S. C.

Just now is a very busy part of the season, which almost makes it impossible for me to get around to see each of you personally, but I am coming soon and shall be very much pleased to find every one up to date. If not I am going to get you before I leave, or I'll be on your hands for some time.

Best wishes to you all for a happy New Year.

M. D. DENNY, Local Chairman.

Charlotte Division, South End—

Bro. I. C. Edwards, Crosswell days, while on a trip to south Georgia, was relieved by Bro. J. H. Gibson.

Bro. P. H. Rudisall, second Cross Keys, on thirty days' leave, was relieved by Bro. L. Elliott, from third Alto, and he by Mr. McWhertor.

Bro. B. F. Moss, who relieved H. B. Rhodes, first, agent-operator at Suwanee while he was on vacation, was relieved on third there by Bro. R. E. Pierce, of third Ayersville, and he by Bro. B. T. Littleton, who later went to Fallis third on bulletin.

Bro. F. A. Sherriff, third Duluth, while visiting home folks was relieved by Bro. R. E. Melvin.

Bro. B. B. Check, at Cornelia agency thirty days, was relieved on Calhoun second by Bro. C. P. Cureton.

Bro. B. L. Walker, Gainesville second, off a few days, was relieved by R. Boggs.

Bro. J. N. Wallace, while taking in Kansas City, Denver, Salt Lake City and other point of interest on his fifteen days' vacation, was relieved by F. L. Brock, and he by W. L. Harbin, Brock going to Bowman. Later Harbin relieved Bro. B. F. Moss, Suwanee third, a few nights.

Bro. J. H. Gibson was on Calhoun third until filled by regular man.

Bros. W. J. Dawkins and T. C. Poole, Duluth first and second, while attending court at Lawrenceville were relieved by Bro. R. E. Melvin and W. M. Tollison. Bros. D. Taylor and E. Shelton, Buford first and third, also attended court there, being relieved by Bro. Cox, and he on second by ex-Bro. C. N. Duncan, warehouseman, and Bro. Shelton by L. Elliott.

Bro. H. L. Coe, second Deercourt, bid in Madison third, recently reopened, relieved by Bro. B. T. Littleton.

Bro. B. L. Rike, Seneca third, while off sick was relieved by W. L. Harbin, Mr. Folger and Bro. Brown doubling the first night.

Boys, let us see how many can come out to the next meeting. It's very important that you be there.

Luck to the jaybird,
And likewise the wren.
Lord bless all the women
And railroad men.

A happy and prosperous New Year to all.

B. W. GRANT.

St. Louis Division—

The year 1913 has been most successful for Division 59, numerically as well as financially. It is not necessary for me to recapitulate the progress made in the last few years, as your own experience has proven that to you.

It is the untiring efforts of the brothers that has made it possible for us to be enjoying one of the best working conditions in the South or Southeast, and we desire to keep it that way.

I want to thank the brothers on the St. Louis Division for the support they have given me during my term of office, and the much needed help

they have given to line up the boys. I am proud to say that on December 31st we had only five nons and one delinquent, and should be solid by the close of the first term of 1914.

It is dues-paying time again, and it is hoped that none of the brothers will allow themselves to become delinquent, as it takes time and money to keep after them; so, brothers, let's all pay up right on the spot and be in a solid line when the time comes for us to renew our contract.

As I can not write each one on the St. Louis Division, allow me to wish you a prosperous New Year.

L. E. CRANDALL, Local Chairman.

Our correspondent must have gone to Mexico; at least we do not get any more news from him.

G. G. Grubbs bid in third New Baden, Ill. We should see that he gets a new card.

Bro. Chapman says he can't leave Albion. Got a mighty good man to work with, L. A.

Bro. Overbee bid in third Fairfield, Bro. J. A. McLin going to Mt. Carmel first. Bro. H. B. Green bid in second Hartwell Jct., and Bro. Ed Mathers third Corydon Jct. Sure looks good; now solid.

Bro. J. H. McLin, first Mt. Carmel, was off a few days on account of sickness.

Our old friend E. P. Roach, Germantown, says if he stays he will have a card.

Bro. M. L. Fouts bid in third English, and Mr. Shears bid in second Boonville.

Bro. Al Marvel, of Division 34, working extra, says he is going to stay with us.

Bro. F. Wayman is now at "KY" East St. Louis, where he is ready to serve them hash brown.

Understand Bro. M. J. Kemp, Winslow, was recently married. Congratulations.

It is now Bro. J. S. Booth at Mt. Carmel.

Understand Denverside will soon be solid.

CERT. 138.

Queen & Crescent Route (North).

A. G. S., Between Birmingham and Chattanooga—

We are sorry to lose Bro. Brown, as he always believed in having an up-to-date. We wish him success in his chosen future, and hope he will continue carrying a card, for he can never tell when he might need some assistance, whether he be telegraphing or not.

"No card, no favors" is the motto we must all live up to.

Each one drawing any salary secured by the O. R. T. should pay their part of the dues. Mrs. Brown has also resigned. Two L. & N. nons now have the tricks vacated by Bro. and Mrs. B. We hope they will soon be relegated to the south end, where the mosquitoes will do justice to them.

We are glad, indeed, to report Bro. B. E. Driskill very much improved. After about three months of typhoid fever, he is able to be out among friends again, and hopes to soon be able to resume work.

Bro. S. L. Wamble, wife and son are visiting their parents in Tennessee.

Bro. J. C. Butler's wife is visiting parents in Edwardsville, Ala.

Bro. Rodgers, off recently, was relieved by Bro. Paul Rodgers.

Bro. R. B. Hickerson has resigned and left for the West. We wish him success.

C. H. Hobson is on second "HD," and Bro. E. G. Wright on third pending bulletin.

Everyone who possibly can should attend the series of meetings our general committee has arranged to hold over the entire line of the road during January, 1914, at which our general chairman, general secretary and local chairman will be present. The dates of the meetings on our division are: Birmingham, January 13th, 7 p. m., and Chattanooga, January 17th, 7 p. m. This makes it convenient for all of us to attend one or both of these meetings.

The good derived from such meetings can not be estimated. They are essential to good organization and help wonderfully in keeping organized.

Our local chairman will advise all later of the names of halls in which meetings will be held in at both places. We have an opportunity at these meetings to meet the brothers from other divisions and get better acquainted.

Our local chairman covered the entire division two days last month with good results, and hopes that by January 20th we will be nearly solid. He was very much pleased with the courteous treatment he received.

Brothers when you are talking with a non remind him that he has received \$70 increase in salary since March 1st, and do not forget to apply the "No card, no favors" motto on him if he refuses to come into the fold.

Several offices have been closed nights recently on account of some of the boys taking holidays.

Sister Payne, off a few days recently, was relieved by Mr. Patterson, who promises to be with us next month.

Being on day work, and very seldom off, I am unable to keep up with all the changes, and would appreciate it if all the members would forward a few items each month, so we can have a good write-up.

Please send me all the notes obtainable, and speak a good word for the O. R. T. at every opportunity. CERT. 496.

M. & St. L. R. R.

Central and West Division—

Sunday, December 7th, Division 71 held a meeting at the Vendome Hotel, Minneapolis. While there were not as many members present as there should have been, there was a fair audience in attendance. At 1:30 the meeting was called to order by General Chairman Gardner, and the routine business was gone over with. Secretary Sandmier gave us his reports on the standing of the Order, which showed that we are in good shape financially. Some new members were taken in, with prospects for more.

After the meeting adjourned refreshments were served, and the boys present were well pleased

with their trip to the city. There will be another meeting in the near future, and we want a full turnout. The management of the Vendome Hotel were very courteous to us in the way of furnishing quarters to hold our meeting, and no doubt the next meeting will be held there.

Bro. Martinson has gone back to Dallas Center.

Mr. Moss, a new man, is agent at Gowrie, vice Mr. Knight resigned.

It is now Bro. W. G. Reinders, agent Pioneer. We all extend a glad hand.

Bro. Hughes, third Morton, is now at Perry nights. Mr. Jones, agent Perry, will stick there for the present. This station was bulletined some time ago.

Several of the boys attended the Safety First meeting held at Minneapolis, Sunday, December 21st, and heard some very interesting talks.

Now, boys, if you want a write-up every month you will have to send me some items. If I don't get more items than I have of late, I will discontinue the write-ups. See if you can not do better this year.

Wish all the members a happy New Year.

JOS, Cert. 29.

Eastern Division—

Bro. J. T. Nelson has returned to Ackley, his vacation being cut short about a month on account of relief man resigning and asking to be relieved at once, as there was too much work there and no help.

Bro. A. L. Gardner, general chairman, attended the meeting of the C. & W. Divisions at Minneapolis, December 7th, also a meeting of Division 126 at Iowa Falls, December 17th; relieved by Bro. L. C. Vannoy, of Ames.

Bro. C. L. Keohn, formerly of Albert Lea, is now at Marshalltown.

We are pleased to hear of Bro. M. B. Quire's promotion to Mason City agency. Bro. C. A. Quire, his brother, formerly cashier, succeeds him at Grinnell agency. D. R. McLain is on Mason City first.

Bro. Geo. Reams, of Division 123, is now cashier of the 1st National Bank of Richland. Bro. George is a fine fellow, and we are glad to learn of his success. He has been out of the railroad service several years, but still carries an up-to-date card.

All who haven't remitted for their new cards, get busy now and get them up-to-date, so we can start the New Year right. Don't make it necessary for our general secretary and treasurer to write us regarding this matter, as we are all stockholders in the O. R. T., and money spent in calling our attention to our duty as good Order men is lost; also don't forget to remit to Bro. Quick for the M. B. Department assessments. The good book says that if we don't provide for our dependent ones we are worse than thieves and robbers, so let's attend to these important matters at once. Let's also start the new year right by each brother giving the non proposition his personal attention and see how many we can line-up during the month of January, 1914. Brothers,

this is strictly a business proposition. The nons can't get by it, and we should have very little trouble in lining them up.

The monthly bulletin notes some discharges recently for violating Rule "G." Brothers, let us handle the matter this refers to by letting it alone, and save ourselves and families a lot of grief. The grandest thing in the world is a manly man, one who has the courage to do the right thing at all times.

Bro. C. A. Quire spent Sunday recently with friends at Boone. We will all keep mum, Charlie.

Bro. John Wilson, whose wife died recently and left him with two small children, has our heartfelt sympathy.

Mr. Bryan, at Montezuma, says the Order has never done him any good. His pastime seems to be to turn in the brothers at Grinnell for ignoring (?) his instructions (?). Look out Mister Non, the worm may turn.

With eggs at 7 cents apiece in New York City, no more "ham and" for the "boomers" now-a-days.

Don't forget to send us the happenings along the line. We haven't many this month.

W. C. M.

Chicago & Northwestern Ry.

General Offices "SJ"—

Bro. Ed. Novak has returned from a pleasant visit to his old home in Galveston.

Bro. Ike Brienning recently made a flying switch to Milwaukee, visiting our old friend "Schlitz."

The position created in this office was assigned to Bro. Al. Alverson.

Bro. P. E. Gray, while off on account of sickness, was relieved by a man from "CH," W. U.

Bro. Wm. Early, of the "ponies," is still figuring up his losses on the Cub-Sox series.

Bro. D. C. Smart, our genial vice-president of the CORT Club, is urging the brothers to attend the CORT meetings, the first Saturday of each month. Brothers, try and get out to these meetings, as the change will do you good and you will be much benefited thereby.

Bro. O. Hart, in the poultry business at Wheaton, is now able to tell the boys "why a chicken crosses the street."

Bro. J. A. Rose, the old-reliable, is chasing "98" on the St. Paul wire.

Bro. J. D. Wills, Omaha wire, dreams of a trip to Europe, which is a new name for Aurora.

Bro. W. L. Browne, from R. I., Iowa, and Geo. A. Flynn, of S. P., Arizona, are on the early morning stunts.

Bro. Al. Bradley, our smiling local chairman, is sure tickled to make out those six bone receipts for the new up-to-dates. Let's keep him laughing, brothers.

This office is now solid with the exception of Wm. Hohman and W. A. Golden, who have promised to come in for the new year, and we expect a solid front. There is no reasonable excuse for holding out, as we all participate equally in the concessions secured, therefore the expense should be borne equally, if the man

takes the increase and other benefits without paying his part of the expenses of securing and holding same, seems to us he is neglecting a debt.

F.

Wisconsin Division—

Our local chairman spent fifteen days going over the division, meeting members and non-members, and straightening out some adjustments. He secured quite a number of applications for membership, and found that where individual effort has been used prior to his visitation, the non-member was usually ready to sign up as soon as he arrived. Brothers, individual effort has made this great O. R. T. what it now is all over the country, one of the largest and best organizations in the labor world. The persistent and friendly effort of the live member, who has continually kept the invitation before his neighbors, is plainly manifest all over the division. A little more persistence and effort with our already rapidly increasing membership will make this in a short time one of the best if not the best organized divisions on the C. & N. W.

The organization is just exactly what its members make it by their personal effort. Brothers, it's up to us to get the non.

Bro. Coburn, absent several days on account of the sickness and death of his father, was relieved by Conductor Gene Dady.

Come to some of the meetings we are having. You will find none more interesting than our CORT meetings. Every member should impress the non member with the fact that it is his duty as a man to protect himself and family now, for the time of need in the future, by getting into the Order. There is no other organization that will help you more in this country or in Canada in time of sickness or need and enable you to procure work than the Order of Railroad Telegraphers.

Bring the nons with you to the meetings, where they will learn new ideas and the knowledge required in railway work.

Train order service at Hunting Ave. has been discontinued.

Al. Smith has been appointed inspector on this division. You will all remember that pleasant smile of "Smithy's" which looks like the full moon over Lake Michigan in the good old summer time. We hope Smithy will not be too hard on the boys on this division, as he used to be one of the profession himself.

Frank Chour, who has been on the sick list for some time, has again reported for work on Lake Forest second. We hope Frank will be able to stick to it now, as he has had quite a siege of it.

Mr. Terves, who recently fell into a city man-hole at Racine, has reported for duty again.

Bro. Ableman, at Poplar Grove, has had his baggage man pulled off, the same as at several other stations.

Director Ben. Evanson, of Chicago Terminal District, with wife and family, visited friends and relatives at Capron and Elroy recently.

Our noble and emergency Operator-Conductor Gene Dady relieved Bro. Regan at Capron for two days, while he attended a wedding at Milwaukee, "Dido" also relieved Local Chairman Bro. Coburn at Harvard, while he is rounding up the nons and serving on committee work in Chicago. A large number of our boys attended the joint meeting of Wis. and Cal. Divisions at Chicago recently.

The man that does not care for his future is not much of a man, especially those who think they are satisfied with what they already have, reaping the benefit of what was got by the hard work of the O. R. T. and the good workers of the Order. Brothers, get after the nons, your working companions, who have not got a card. This includes all telephone, levermen and telegraphers, we need the co-operation of all. Our organization and profession is the best any one could wish for and the best insurance there is, and it is up to each and every one of us telegraphers to stand by it.

Wish you all a happy New Year.

DIV. COR.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Death has entered the family of our Local Chairman Coburn, and removed therefrom his father; therefore be it

Resolved, That Wisconsin Division, No. 76, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to Bro. Coburn and family our sincere condolence in their sad bereavement, and be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon our minutes, and a copy sent to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

ROY L. HERRICK,
C. E. ABLEMAN,
CHAS. P. REGAN,
Committee.

CARD OF THANKS.

Through THE TELEGRAPHER I wish to extend the most sincere thanks of myself and my mother to the members of the O. R. T. and other employes of this division, for the beautiful floral offering and their many expressions of sympathy extended on account of the recent illness and death of my father. These manifestations of regard and sympathy have made our burden of grief easier to bear.

Fraternally yours,

W. H. COBURN, Local Chairman.

Madison Division—

General Chairman Bro. Troy called a meeting at Sparta on November 7th, and one at Madison on November 8th, and told the boys what was in store for us if we did not take more interest in the Order. He also told of the efforts being made to knock the O. R. T. Any members who attended these meetings can explain. He told them, too, what the committee will be up against when it goes in, and gave the reasons.

These meetings are of interest to every telegrapher—member and non. We should arrange to have some of the old-time meetings on this division and get busy on the nons.

Bro. Troy, with his words of encouragement, has always been a great aid to us on this division.

Bro. Boyington, local chairman Signalmen, came from Chicago to see how we do business at our meetings. We are always glad to have our visiting brothers with us. As many as can get away will always be heartily welcome to all our meetings.

Your local scribe appreciated the word of praise from Bros. Troy and Schneider, and it is with heartfelt sorrow that he gives up the work. Being one of the early members on this division, he knows what hard work it has been to place the organization in its present splendid condition. But as we have taken up other lines of business, we will have to turn our part over to other hands, and our best wishes will always be with you.

We are not posted on any of the changes made lately, having been away several months. We are glad to hear that Bro. J. Q. Barnes, at tower "PD," who has been on the sick list, is on the road to recovery. Bro. Edward Welch is relieving him.

Bro. J. F. Gannon, agent Mendota, was off a few days visiting relatives and friends, relieved by Bro. J. B. MacKenzie, who also relieved Bro. Schneider while he attended the meetings at Sparta, Madison and Chicago.

Bro. W. R. Irwin and C. B. McIntosh, second and third Lodi, have been relieved by clerks at less salary and longer hours.

Brothers, the O. R. T. is your only medium through which to combat such changes, so be sure to remit your dues and get that non next to you.

Wish you all a happy New Year.

C. E. L. HANSEN, Div. Cor.

Madison Division Notes—

E. E. Nash, superintendent, has been made assistant general superintendent, with offices at Chicago, vice G. B. Vilas, made general superintendent, vice W. J. Towne, also promoted. J. W. Doyle, former superintendent Dakota Division and later of the Minnesota Division, comes to Baraboo as superintendent of the Madison Division. All these gentlemen are graduates from the Madison Division, and we are justly proud and pleased to see them advance.

Changes in the runs on the division on the old line have taken several more crews out of Baraboo as headquarters, leaving only a few trains now making that point their terminal. The car department has discontinued at Baraboo, and some of the employes laid off who have been in the employ of the company thirty-five or forty years. There was also some reduction in the force at the roundhouse in line with the general policy of retrenchment.

J. W. Neff, third Baraboo, off with a slight touch of sciatica, was relieved by "Jack" Hibbard.

Lodi has been changed to a one-man station, with an agent and a night clerk, throwing out two good men—Irwin and McIntosh. Irwin bid in

second Elroy, and Mack is going on his farm near Lodi.

Bro. Scotty Butterfield, off on account of the serious illness of Mrs. Butterfield, who had to be taken to the hospital, was relieved by J. L. Rapp, who later "blew" back to Chicago, relieved by Louis Abts. We are glad to say Mrs. Butterfield is very much improved, and "Scotty" is again chasing cars, relieving Bro. Sid Kilts, who, we understand, has the "movie bug."

The genial local secretary and treasurer of this division, Bro. C. E. L. Hansen, having been thrown out of a job incident to the many changes made in the past few months, is now dispensing groceries, etc., from his new store near Monona yards, and that's one of the reasons the Madison Division has not had a write-up in THE TELEGRAPHER recently. "Hans" has been too busy, and his "able" assistant from "B" Baraboo too lazy and forgetful, but we will endeavor to appear in print at more stated intervals in the future. Maybe after the good citizens of Madison find Conrad "doping" up the brown sugar with Mendota Lake sand, putting lard in the butter and chalk in the salt he will have to come back to the old railroad life again, but here's wishing him the greatest success, and if they are all as good to him as he is bound to be to them, he will have patrons enough to put him on "easy street," and can look out of the window and say, "Go it, you suckers; I used to throw the switch for you, but not again, never, no more."

Local Chairman Bro. L. F. Schneider has been over the line recently, looking up new members and jacking up some of those in arrears, with very good success.

Ed F. Boehm, first trick south end, Baraboo dispatcher's office, is so chesty over winning a few prizes at the "500" parties that the boys can hardly keep pace with him any more in handling the "dope" for trains. He needs a good trimming. Any volunteers?

Recent assignments on bulletin: Telegraphers—Benton, W. D. Johnson. Second tricks—Deerfield, Walter Hintz; Elroy, W. R. Irwin; Friesland, G. C. Siebold; tower "BJ," D. Dwyer. Third tricks—Dalton, J. M. Jenks; Elroy, J. S. Lewis; South B. Dam, M. Phenow; Glen Oak, A. E. Tuttle; Grand Marsh, A. Winker; Cutler, W. J. Riney. Cutler first, L. C. Mertens. Agencies—Sussex, R. B. Crane; McCoy, L. M. Bettheuser; South Madison, E. C. Phinney.

On bulletin: Agencies—Benton, Wonewoc, North Freedom, Union Center, North Lake, Ashpurn and Dalton; and Mt. Horeb, Reedsburg, Dalton and Friesland second and third, and Cutler for telegraphers and phone men.

V. H. John, agent Adams, has taken a position with a bank at Laona, Wis., and A. E. Patterson, agent Platteville, probably assigned as agent at Adams. Mr. Patterson's successor will find that the way has been paved for him in a very creditable manner, and we all wish him success. Should Mr. Patterson not go to Adams, our friend Martin Hansen will likely be the choice for the position, and a good one; too.

J. A. Mansnerus, agent North Lake; J. E. Gardner, agent Dalton, and E. S. Smith, operator Dalton, are among those who have recently left the service for more congenial locations.

Bro. Scotty Butterfield found his half-setter, half-pointer "dawg." Ought to see him point a raw steak.

A. E. Cook, one of our old-timers, is back again, relieving Bro. Brown, agent North Freedom, who has gone East to enjoy his big farm in York State.

Reedsburg second is on bulletin, vice Tom Jordan.

Bro. H. M. Schleck, agent Wonewoc, is on six months' leave, relieved by Extra Agent I, Child.

Union Center is bulletined for six months, pending the return of Bro. Wilcox, who has been West some months in the hopes of materially benefiting his health. W. B. McKillip has been acting agent there.

Jack Hibbard is back at Jefferson Jct. from Elroy. N. A. Browne has gone East to his folks in New York, and W. R. Irwin bid in Elroy second. Louis Abts is temporarily on third there, although he likes the atmosphere at Evansville better.

"Pipe" the new drinking cups put out by the C. & N. W., with their flossy containers. Some class to us. The best of everything, as usual.

Bro. Frank Wichern, at Devil's Lake, is gaining a great deal of insight into the forestry service since it has been made a State park. State Forester E. M. Griffith is camped near Frank's "wickiup," and the "bachelors" frequently feed together.

Bro. C. M. Cronk spent several days in Chicago about Christmas time. His daughter was appearing in one of the theaters there, and Charley took this opportunity for a visit with her. He was relieved by J. B. McKenzie, former agent there, who was on an extended vacation, but is very kindly helping out as extra in pinches. The latter also relieved Bro. L. F. Schneider, agent Dousman, while he was swinging around the circuit.

Bro. C. P. Regan, of Capron, breaks in on our notice ever so often with a poetical outburst, and the latest of these we have noticed in several periodicals. We miss Charlie's sunshiny smile since they sliced the strip from Caledonia to Harvard out of the Madison Division and handed it to the Wisconsin Division, but our loss is their gain. Happy New Year, Charles.

Talk about California as a winter resort—nothing to it. Come to Wisconsin. Ask Bro. Wichern, at Devil's Lake. Two lads from Baraboo enjoyed—yes, really enjoyed—a swim in the lake December 5th or 6th, and after that we learn that a resident of Baraboo picked some ripe strawberries in his garden, and there are several residents about this part of the country that are still mowing their lawns, and some even have flowers blooming in the garden. California—well, not yet. And this is December 22nd, 1913.

What did Santa Claus bring you, anyway?

F. E. W., Div. Cor.

Northern Wisconsin Division—

Bro. Johnson, third tower "CF," on his honeymoon, was relieved by Bro. Mack, of Black Wolf. Congratulations, and a happy and prosperous New Year to Bro. Johnson and his bride.

Bro. Noyes, third Appleton Jct., off a few days on account of his father's illness, was relieved by Mr. Jungwirth, bill clerk from Oshkosh freight house.

Bro. Wilson, second Deperce, relieved by Mr. Nummerdor, later going to Black Wolf, was relieved by Bro. Mack, of So. Oshkosh, and he by a new man from the "Soo" Line. Later second Deperce was bid in by Bro. Panzer, relieved at Burnett by Bro. Mack.

Yours truly, pulled off second Neenah, on account unable to do enough clerical work, was relieved by Bro. Newton, and relieved Bro. Zuelke at Appleton while out on the division organizing. He succeeded in lining up Snyder, "FA;" Greisbach, "MO;" Steeves, "WF;" Errard, "DX" and Hassman, "A." Let the good work go on.

Let every one help the O. R. T. along by paying dues promptly.

Try a little of that motto, "No card, no favors" on those who insist on "mooching" on the O. R. T.

Hope everyone will have a happy and prosperous New Year. C. S. K., Cert. 613.

Ashland Division—

Bro. Kilsdonk secured Stratford agency, relieved by Mr. Krummey, on first Kaukauna, Charles having returned from Chicago where he had been selling tickets in the new terminal. Bro. Garvey, third Kaukauna, while relieving Bro. Bessy, on the clip job at Ashland, was relieved by Mr. Kumbier.

Bro. Penny, second New London, has been off for some time; also Billy Drumm, second Clintonville.

Mr. Leduke has resumed work at second Marion, State Line agency having been closed for the winter.

Chairman Dorr Hickok has been promoted to traveling passenger and freight agent with headquarters at Antigo. We are sorry to have him leave us, but we are glad that he has secured something better. This leaves us without a chairman.

Bro. Jones is now agent at Wittenberg, relieved by Mr. Crandall, who resumed work after his serious injury of last July.

Bro. Keronor, second Wausau Jct., off a few days, was relieved by Mr. Busse, and Bro. Bigford, third Eland, is out at Omaha, Neb., relieved by Mr. Hawley. We should try and get these new men.

Mr. Rynders second Aniwa has resigned, relieved by Mr. Buchaus.

Mr. King is back in the yard office at Antigo, and Mr. Lerquin is on nights there.

Bro. Janasazk, third Summit Lake, while skating on the lake December 13th, broke through the ice and was never seen alive again. We are all very sorry that he should go in this manner and extend our sympathy to his sorrowing parents. He had just joined our Order and was trying his

hardest to do all he could to make things look better. Mr. Jobe is on third Summit Lake pending bulletin.

Bro. Lethenstrom has resumed Pelican agency, placing Mr. Matz back on second. Glad to hear Louie has found a good wife. Mr. Honzick resumed Pelican third after working extra for some weeks.

Bro. Wilde was on side wire in Ashland dispatcher's office while F. R. Bessy relieved Second Trick Dispatcher Dickenson, on a hunting expedition.

J. T. Severin, Onadah third, can now be called brother.

Cedar closed for winter, L. C. Barrett relieving Mr. Gartner on third Saxon for a month. C. V. Mattson, second Saxon, will probably soon be with us.

Bro. P. J. Meredith bid in Mercer agency, relieved at Hurley by A. M. Borseth pending bids. Bro. H. Henricks transferred from Mercer to Bessemer agency, vice Mr. Ireland, going into the moving picture business. A cashier has been put on at Bessemer, relieving Bro. DeRosier of some of the heavy work.

W. F. Farrell, a new man, is at Wakefield pending bulletin, vice R. B. Penberthy, returned to Woodruff.

Bro. E. G. Manthey, Ironwood first, has returned from a month's vacation in southern Wisconsin, relieved by Bro. J. Garvey, who has returned to Kaukauna.

Manitowish station closed for winter; F. S. Leary to Tomahawk Lake agency.

D. V. Cronin bid in Hurley, leaving third Ironwood up for bid.

Agent Tigerton, second Aniwa and third Summit and Ironwood are all up for bids.

Our last write-up was a good one, and we hope the boys will all take an interest so we will have good ones from now on. We can do this if all will assist. Bro. Manthey, first Ironwood, has started to give us some good news. Some one on the south end watch for some more.

Get after those nons on the south end and have them make themselves a New Year's present of an up-to-date. They are good cards to carry.

Div. Cor., Cert. 561.

Lake Shore Division—

Remit promptly, brothers, and get your new cards. It's the man who pays his dues and carries an up-to-date who is a help to the committee. The nons simply help to defeat the efforts of the union. They bring us no increase in salary, nor do they make any home bright by remaining in that class; instead they bring misery to themselves and their fellow workers. If they have any manhood they should show it by getting an up-to-date, and we should give them no rest until they do so.

Bro. Sohre, third South yard, off a few days, was relieved by Mr. Martins.

Bro. Knudson, "FO" days, has returned from an enjoyable three weeks' vacation West. Bro. Nygrein, "FO" nights, spent his vacation at his home in Marinette, relieved by Mr. Henderson.

Mr. Pooler, second Montrose Jct., off a few days, was relieved by Mr. Gatto.

Bro. Tiedka, local chairman, agent Denmark, was relieved while going over the division recently lining up the nons, by Bro. Drengler, and he on second there by Bro. Engles. There are only a few hardshells left. Let's keep after them and make our division solid.

It's now Bro. Kaufman, second Calumet yard, and Mr. Marsh, second Cleveland, promises to be with us soon.

Bro. Knudson is visiting Manitowoc quite frequently of late.

Bro. Stozor relieved Mr. Herzog, Seven Mile Creek.

Continuous service now at Mequon and Belgium.

Brother's let's all who can possibly get away attend the next meeting, soon to be held.

Now is the time to boom for that solid membership. "No card, no favors."

"FR," Cert. 581.

Eastern Division—

Bro. Radaker got second Emmett on bid.

The stock rush is about over on the main line.

I wish each member would advise me of all changes they know of by the 20th of every month, then we can have a nice write-up. I have no other way of learning the changes.

"No card, no favors!"

Don't fail to send a copy of your bids to the local chairman. It may save you lots of trouble.

Bro. Reynolds relieved Mr. Miller, second Bonesteel, resigned, and gone South.

The general committee will be going in next February, and we must all make it a point to land at least one of these nons who are hanging back, and have the division solid. It will be easy to do this as soon as you get started.

Chas. Flick is back at Oakdale first after a visit East, putting Bro. Ritchie on his old trick.

R. O. Beesom, dispatcher's office days at South Norfolk, bid in Plainview second.

Bro. Otradover transferred from second freight yard to first South Omaha yards.

Our apology is tendered Bro. Wurzbacher for referring to him as "Mr." instead of "Bro." in the October items. I am sorry this ever occurred as Bro. Wurzbacher is an old war horse, always ready to do all he can for the advancement of the Order.

It is now Bro. Janovy, of Neligh. Joe did not care to have the title "Non" applied to him any longer. There are a few others whose consciences are certainly troubling them now.

Bro. Kemper, Creston, on a trip to Florida, was relieved by C. J. Smith.

P. Marlick, agent Charleston, has bought out a general merchandise store and intends to quit railroading.

Agent Anderson, off a few days, was relieved by Edmiston, later relieved by an unknown.

Agent Miller, Seward, lost his operator and now has to do the wire work himself, while his boy helps with the station work. Operator's job not bulletined.

A fire at Superior recently destroyed some station records and most all of roundhouse foreman's oil and lamps.

Did you notice the new electric headlights on the locals. Some light, believe me. JERRY.

Eastern Division Notes—

There has been considerable changing around among the boys in the past month; all looking for a better job.

Bro. Lister is now at Spencer agency.

Bro. John Fomey, who bid in first O'Neill, Neb., is relieving Agent F. M. Bartlett at Emmet, Neb., who is very ill with the la grippe. Bro. S. D. Hess, O'Neill nights, bid in Dodge agency, relieved by Bro. Rhodes, from the South.

A. D. Anderson, third Atkinson, bid in Platt River bridge telegraph job.

A number of agents on the Norfolk and Dallas Line had to give up their helpers on account of hard times.

Bro. Anderson, agent Nickerson, is spending his vacation in Florida, relieved by Relief Agent C. S. Smith. Bro. Henry Kemper, of Crescent, Neb., also took two weeks' vacation to Florida on business pertaining to his farm.

Bro. Donahy, agent Cornlea, Neb., took a week's vacation recently.

G. G. Shuber, former agent at Lynch, Neb., has proved up on his claim and is relief agent again.

Bro. Forney, relieving at Emmet agency, made a trip to the Rose Bud country last month.

G. G. Shuber relieved W. H. Frost, agent Lynch, for a week's vacation.

Bro. Janovy bid in second Bassett.

Local Chairman Hood was called to Michigan on account of the serious sickness of his mother.

Parcel post is knocking a hole in the express business, and also in the commissions.

Thanks to Bro. Radaker for news items.

Now, boys, Bro. Hood, local chairman, was over the division and lined up quite a number of the nons, and we must keep it that way by working hard and keeping after the nons, and we will soon have things in the very best of shape. Make it a point for each one of us to line up a non. The local chairman is not getting any more salary than we are in this line of business, and we should help him out all we can. Div. Cor.

Sioux City Division—

The meeting at Sioux City, December 7th, was not very well attended.

Bro. Troy was there loaded to the brim with facts and figures which showed us how important it is to keep up the organization.

If you forgot to make yourself a Christmas present of an up-to-date card, which is the best you can possibly get, do so at once and call it a New Year's gift.

Bro. C. F. Hays, Mondamin, is responsible for most of the following items, which will let the outside world know that we are still alive:

Bro. C. W. Carnes is again agent at Schleswig, Iowa, relieving Mr. Smith, from the Northern Iowa Division, who takes Ute, Iowa, agency.

Brakeman "Happy" Wells has the misfortune to have three of his fingers taken off at Sargent's Bluff on December 3d.

Bro. H. D. Graham, agent Modale, was off several weeks recently, getting his eyes tested and visiting folks in Illinois.

The automatic signals will be in operation between Soo City and Mo. Valley about February 1st, which will save the boys lots of wire work blocking trains.

Mr. Edwards, formerly agent at Sloan, Iowa, relieved Mr. Byers at Mondamin, Iowa, who relieved Bro. T. M. Noe, who bid in Battle Creek, Iowa. Later Mr. Byers relieved Bro. A. J. Gabrielson, California Jct., thirty days, visiting home folks. T. M. Noe.

Iowa and Minnesota Divisions—

Bro. Howard, our faithful chairman, is covering the division and having good success. Brothers, paying your dues is not all that is necessary, we must keep on working and never let up until we get our division solid, and then keep it there.

We frequently hear it remarked how much better off the trainmen and enginemen are than the telegraphers. This is because they are always working for their own interest. The local chairman is doing all he can to raise our profession to where it rightfully belongs, but we must have more individual effort. We have young men now in the service waiting to assist us, who only need to be asked. With proper co-operation our profession would soon be up with the other branches of service. Let us see hereafter that we have it.

A number of the boys have been disappointed in not getting relief, owing to the shortage of men, and it will continue until we come to our senses and endeavor to assist ourselves.

Every man should try to fit himself for the better position, and see how much instead of how little they can do and hold their jobs. Show the company that your services are valuable, and the committee will have something to work on. Let us have more individual effort this coming month and see how many members we can secure. If you do not know who the nons are, write your local chairman and show him that you are willing to assist him. There is no reason why we should not have a solid membership. There are good things in store for us if we will only wake up and do our duty. If I was going to quit the business tomorrow I would still be just as much interested in the welfare of the agents and telegraphers, because I want to see them better paid. Our Order is getting old and we should be drawing better wages. Let's start now and work for our own advancement.

Bro. Kleins at Bricelyn is having his troubles on account of his platform having been taken away.

R. E. Thomas, Kesley, Iowa; H. B. Ferris, Joice, Iowa, and A. B. Staley, Fairmont, have taken out new cards. We are glad to have them back and hope they will stick.

Bro. Howard, of Comfrey, Minn., on vacation, was relieved by Bill Hockert.

Our popular jovial conductor, Wm. Hanks, has been elected on the Legislative Committee of the Order Railroad Conductors. A better choice could not have been made.

Jno. Erickson bid in side table Mason City. We hope he will take out a card with some of that extra money.

H. H. Ridgway is at Cartersville, recently opened as a telegraph office.

Nels. Howland, agent Guckeen, has returned to the train service on this division.

We are having California weather now, but winter will, no doubt, soon be with us.

Div. Coa.

Minnesota Division—

Recent assignments: Agent and telegrapher—Revere, Bro. D. R. Roach; Amiret, Bro. Fixson; Taunton, Bro. J. W. Smith. Third telegrapher—Waseca, Bro. R. E. Graham; Sanborn, Mr. R. G. DeBolt. Telegrapher—Redwood Falls, Frank Evans.

Positions pending assignment: Second telegrapher—Sanborn and Lamberton; third telegrapher—Sanborn, New Ulm and Winona dispatcher's office.

Bro. Leatherman, second Mankato, was relieved several days by Bro. A. Sawyer, who also relieved Bro. Schaub, at Mankato Jct., and then relieved Mr. Guth on third Janesville on account of reduction in forces.

Ben Nixon, formerly on this division, now in the Soo City office, spent Thanksgiving with friends and relatives on this division.

Bro. A. J. Nelson, agent Nicollet, on vacation, was relieved by Bro. VanDarwarka.

R. H. Ferguson resigned at Lamberton and returned to the M. & St. L.

Bro. R. E. Graham, extra Winona, was relieved a few days by W. F. Segur.

We wish to thank the many boys who sent us news items this month, every little helps and their kind assistance is certainly appreciated. Come again.

Business sure has taken a leap and a bound lately, a large amount of corn moving east, all the men from the rural districts unloading it on the market to enable them to better play the part of old Santa. The movement of this heavy traffic gives a great many train crews work, thus making it possible for them to play their part better, but the poor agent and telegrapher who strains every nerve to keep this business moving, reduce delays and help out in every possible way, gets only his regular little check, and their children must be content with reading about old Santa and seeing pictures of him in books. The cash that comes pouring into the pockets of all the other classes of employes as a result of this prosperity, does not reach the poor telegrapher, but we hope by the hearty co-operation of all the telegraphers and agents employed in scheduled positions to overcome to a certain extent these conditions, if they will lend their assistance to further this end, and possibly by the time another Christmas rolls around more pros-

perity and better conditions will be enjoyed by all the other classes, now enjoyed by you and yours.

Telegrapher Brockway, first Sanborn, on a few days' vacation, was relieved by W. F. Segur, who later went to Lewiston. Telegrapher McIntstry is on Sanborn second until bulletin expires. Bro. A. Sawyer is on third there, pending bids, vice R. G. DeBolt resigned.

Bro. G. W. Ware, first St. Peter Jct., on Christmas vacation, was relieved by W. F. Segur. Bro. O. E. Highlen, one of our new members, is on second there, and Bro. L. Kraft on third. Bro. Highlen is among the donators of news this month.

Bro. C. N. Watson is back on third Janesville, relieved at Lewiston by Bro. J. C. Hunter, a new man.

Bro. Dengel, second Stockton, is enjoying a vacation, relieved by Bro. W. C. Koehmel.

Bro. E. W. O'Connor, third Lewiston, was off for a few days, upon his return H. J. Yackel began his vacation.

Bro. VanDarwarka, who went to Sanborn third a few days, is now on Judson second.

Bro. Stainsbery, a new man, is on Minnesota City third temporarily.

Local Chairman E. J. Thomas spent several days recently going over the division, lining up the boys and secured applications from about thirty. There are still a few who promised for this pay day, when we will be solid, with the exception of a few undesirables. Bro. Thomas is highly pleased with his success, and probably will have a meeting shortly, when we hope the boys will all make an extra effort to be present. Ask for transportation and do your best to attend. That is the place to get acquainted, air your grievances (if you have any), offer your suggestions and in every way assist in making this a banner division. Get in the game and help the cause, and we will be able to better our conditions in the very near future.

Any member, when through reading this copy of THE TELEGRAPHER, who does not wish to keep it, kindly mail to the nearest non, so he may have a chance to see how much he is thought of by the members on this division. In that way we are sure to reach them all. I would give a list of the new members secured by Bro. Thomas, but lack of space prevents.

Now that the New Year is here, let every one resolve that during the year 1914 he bend every effort to upbuild and strengthen the O. R. T., especially on the Minnesota Division, by paying dues promptly, seeing that your neighbor does the same, and making known to the local or assistant local chairman any irregularities, and by keeping after the nons and assisting in every other way possible. If we will all do this the coming year will bring greater blessings to us than have been received in many years past.

With this thought before you, I wish you all a happy New Year. D. J. M.

Pierre, Rapid City and N. W. Divisions—

Bro. Schleckau, of Philip, had to go to Rochester to consult Dr. Mayos, but hear him back on the wire, so I guess he is O. K. again.

Bro. Noe, agent Wall, spent Sunday recently in Rapid City.

Local Chairman Hunter, agent Wasta, was at Miller over Sunday recently.

Bro. Noe, agent Owanka, spent Sunday at the home of his parents at Wall recently.

Understand Bro. Genoway, ex-agent Wendt, is to be reinstated with pay for all the time he has been off. We all hope this is correct, as he has been a good man for the company as well as for the Order, and we don't like to lose such good brothers.

The "Milwaukee's" bridge over the Missouri River at Chamberlain has been out of commission recently, the freight going over the P. R. C. meanwhile.

I hope the brothers all read the piece in the November journal relative to the carrying of the United States mails. It was right to the point.

Bro. M. E. Young, agent Midland, off several days on account of sickness, was relieved by his helper.

Bro. Vick, agent Quinn, I understand, has been obliged to go to the hospital for an operation.

CERT. 619, Div. Cor.

New Orleans, Mobile & Chicago R. R.

We are very sorry that our road has gone into hands of a receiver, but understand there will be no changes in officials or employees at present.

Bro. Meek was off a week recently on account of sickness.

Bro. Higgs was off three days to recruit up, after spending the summer in a box car depot. Lumber is on the ground to replace his depot recently destroyed by fire. Ripley depot, destroyed by fire a few days ago, is being rapidly replaced.

Bro. Sharpe was called to New Albany to work third trick dispatcher a few nights.

Operator-clerk position at New Houlka was bid in by Bro. M. A. Moore, and Mr. Hern, a new man from the I. C., bid in second Mathiston.

J. G. Graves, second Houston, has gone to Lucedale, on the South Division.

We still have a few nons among the new men, and we should make a special effort to bring them in, as we are going to want our schedule revised in the near future and we want to be solid. I think it the christian duty of every brother to get after the nons on our division and persuade them to turn over a new leaf for the New Year.

CERT. 108.

Colorado Midland Ry.*First District—*

Bro. H. H. Sammons, from the N. C. & St. L., Memphis, Tenn., is relieving Bro. Shaffer on third Florissant.

Bro. F. M. Wright, Division 126, late from the C. & S., is relieving Mr. Brawner at Divide, who is relieving Bro. Potts at Florissant, who, with his wife, is visiting in the sunny South. Mr. Brawner's application was turned down.

Colorado City "Z" office is now solid for the first time in history. Bros. Johnson and Spangler both being up to date.

Bro. James, recently resigned, has a good position in an oil refinery at his home town.

Bro. Collier is reporting fine fishing down in Texas. They must be tame, indeed, if Ed can land them.

We are all sorry to hear of the discharge of Lineman Ellinwood. He is a fine fellow in every way and is well liked by all the boys.

A meeting was held at Florissant on Saturday night, December 20th, and all had a good time.

On account of the severe snowstorm that blocked all traffic, the dispatchers and operators at Colorado City who live in Colorado Springs had to walk back and forth from work, and some records were made that would make Weston pale for want of speed.

Although the December rate was cut to Grand Division proportion, we still have several nons on this district—Mr. Reubendale, agent Manitou, and Mr. Webb agent Woodland, the only two "old timers" left. Remember, brothers, "No card, no favors." Mr. Webb promised to consider the matter if he was on the road until last September, and you can easily see that the word of a non is not to be depended on.

Bro. Nash, second Wild Horse, and Bro. Devine, second Divide, spent a day in Colorado Springs recently.

Bro. C. W. Davis, from the O. W. R. & N., relieved Bro. Scott on third Arkansas Jct., gone to "Chi" for the holidays.

Well, boys, 1914 is now with us. Those of us who have not given Division 81 our best efforts in the past year should turn over a new leaf and keep after the nons until the division is solid.

Wish you a happy New Year. CERT. 62.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express to the members of Division 81, and L. A. Division 23 our thanks and appreciation for the kindness and sympathy shown us during our recent sadness. The pretty flowers sent us daily meant more to us than we can express and did a great deal toward lightening the burden for us.

ELTON AND MABLE CRUTCHFIELD.

Second District—

As No. 4 plowed through the snow into Ivanhoe one morning recently, Bro. "Slim," our correspondent, on his way to spend the holidays with "Dad" and Mrs. Ellis at Leadville, stepped off

and asked me to do the editorial stunt this month, and while I did not have time to accept the proposition, I decided to take a chance. Therefore, if this isn't up to the standard, blame "Slim."

Mr. Evans, second Cardiff, on leave of absence, was relieved by Bro. Crawford, from third, and he by G. R. Smith, a new man, who says he will get the necessary first pay day.

Bro. O'Brien, second Leadville, spent the holidays with "the folks" at home in Denver, relieved by Bro. McDaniel, of Division 57.

Bro. J. M. Hill, engineer for the Denver Water Company at Littleton, has been almost snowed under, having been obliged to use snowshoes to and from the boarding house.

During the recent snow blockade in the vicinity of Denver and on the First District, we of the Second District, on top of the hill, enjoyed regular summer weather, with no delayed trains to our record.

Mrs. Rose and baby are spending the holidays at Loveland, Colo., with the result that Ivanhoe is at present a typical "bach" job. Several of the boys have offered to find me a cook to fill the temporary vacancy, but have not decided as yet to accept the offer, due to the fact that Bro. Lively at Busk, Bro. Bugbee at Sellar, and the Ivanhoe neighbors have asked me to share their Christmas dinner, and an occasional pie comes in from the sympathizers.

Bro. Cooke still holds his old record of having won a sufficient number of turkeys at the Ruedi turkey shoot to supply his household wants Christmas and New Year's day.

Bro. Lamborn, third New Castle, has just moved his household goods from Denver. We are glad to note that it appears Ed is going to stay with us.

Thirty-seven strike-breakers lost their lives in an explosion in the Vulcan mine at New Castle, December 16th. Our sympathy goes out to those left behind. The C. M. placed an engine and crew at the disposal of the Vulcan management during the day.

Our meeting at Basalt, December 20th, was attended by Bros. A. C. and C. F. Ellis, Clark Bugbee, E. Cooke, J. F. Jones and myself. "Pug" Gilbert was given a vote of thanks for placing the Aspen passenger coach at our disposal. General Chairman Ellis complained to a certain extent as to the amount of heat, but, after due consideration he was instructed to wear heavier underwear when attending meetings on the Second District.

Upon adjournment of the meeting, at 2:20 a. m., we called upon Mr. Scandlan, third trick, but, after considerable talk by the general chairman, we were unable to secure his application. A few startling facts came to light, however, and while it may appear like the story of the fox and the grapes, we find that Mr. Scandlan's affiliations with a certain financial agency and the office of mayor of the town of Basalt prevent his having anything to do with labor organizations, and laboring men in general are not in his class.

No. 4 being late the next morning, we had an opportunity to have a few minutes' talk with Mr. Borneman, who, in a great way like Mr. Scandlan, does not need the money and is perfectly satisfied with present-day conditions. As to who brought about these conditions, he is unable to say, but presumes they are due to corporation generosity. It was also learned that Mr. Borneman was instructor in the Modern School of Business "ham factory" in Denver prior to coming to the Midland, but as the O. R. T. could not procure any wage increase on the position, it was decided to get into a position where there was a chance of securing a betterment of working conditions occasionally. We all wish to thank our obliging chief dispatcher for arranging relief for those who wished to attend the meeting.

In connection with the small attendance at this meeting, I am led to believe that there is a lack of interest on the division, which we should endeavor to overcome, Bro. Jones being the only member present from west of Basalt. It is apparent that the next Second District meeting will have to be held at Cardiff.

Bros. A. C. Ellis, R. W. Coldiron and S. F. O'Brien comprise a committee which I have appointed to investigate the advisability of holding an O. R. T. dance at Leadville. The proposition seems to be meeting with popular favor, and if it is decided to hold it, the earnest support of the entire division is hereby solicited.

The Second District now has four nons, including the new man at Cardiff.

F. B. Rose, Local Chairman.

Western Maryland Ry.

Western Division—

A rousing good meeting was held at the Windsor Hotel, Cumberland, beginning at 8 o'clock Saturday night, December 13th, and lasting until the cold, gray dawn of Sunday. The attendance was good, four divisions being represented, and the meeting was presided over by our worthy general chairman, Bro. R. E. Smith. Three local chairmen were present, as was also Bro. E. C. Kohlbaugh, our general secretary and treasurer.

From point of numbers and interest, this was one of the best meetings ever held on this system. A large number of grievances was investigated, testimony taken, and a great many important affairs were gone over.

I am sure that all those who were fortunate enough to be able to attend this meeting went back to their respective homes with a feeling that it was well worth the trouble and with a clearer idea of what our Order is and what it stands for, and also a better feeling, not only towards our local chairmen, but also towards our general committee.

Bro. Smith took the chair and gave us an interesting and instructive talk on the work of the Order and what has been accomplished since he has been general chairman. A great deal of

dissatisfaction has been expressed by the brothers on this division of the last agreement, taking effect May 1st. Bro. Smith went over this thoroughly and made the parts which we did not understand clear, and while we will all admit it's far from being an ideal schedule, it compares very favorably with those of other roads having two or three times as many members as we have.

Brothers, here is the situation in a nutshell: If a general committee goes up with a 62 per cent membership, they will get a 62 per cent schedule and no more. If they represent 95 per cent of the men, they stand a good show of getting a 95 per cent schedule. There is a moral in this.

Another highly important subject that was discussed was to find some means to provide for a paid general chairman. Bro. Smith very generously offered his services at the same figure he now receives from the company, plus a reasonable amount for expenses, but even this we can not afford. In plain English, it would mean that every man would have to be assessed at the rate of \$2 monthly over and above what he now pays. Of course, this is out of the question, but, after a lengthy discussion, it was decided to poll the system for a vote, with a view of increasing the semi-annual dues to \$5 instead of \$4, as at present, the additional money to be used exclusively to pay the general chairman for time lost and make it possible for him to visit each district three or four times each year to get acquainted with the men he represents, holding meetings wherever possible, looking up the non-members, investigating complaints, and, in fact, doing general missionary work for the benefit of all. Brothers, we can not afford a paid general chairman, nor do we need one regularly; but with this additional dollar every six months we can have him with us at least three times each year for several days. *Vote for it.*

Another knotty affair that has caused a great deal of dissatisfaction on all the lines west of Cumberland was discussed; that is: Why the company is allowed to ignore our agreement, which has been violated in the rankest manner by the officials of this division, and the very men who have suffered most by these violations have done the least to remedy them.

Brothers, it's no use to air your grievances before visiting trainmen or others. They will, of course, extend their sympathy, but that's all. Your local chairman is in a position to help you, and he will do so, but you must, *you positively must*, do your part. If you have a grievance, *remember, if you have*, put it on paper in a plain, unbiased way, being *careful* that you state *facts*, and do not exaggerate. Attach every scrap of evidence that can possibly help your cause, and send it promptly to your respective local chairmen. They will do the rest. Our local chairmen have complained of lack of interest in our not answering communications in which we were asked to express our opinion. Now, brothers, this is not fair to the men who represent us.

They don't get one cent for this work, and we certainly owe them the same courtesy that we would extend to a stranger that would write us seeking information. CERT. 254.

Texas & Pacific Ry.

Transcontinental Division—

We did not have a write-up last month owing to the fact that our nice new schedule just went into effect November 1st, and we had not adjusted ourselves to the situation and neglected to send anything in, but we hope to have a nice little write-up every month, and I am going to ask each member on the division to consider himself an assistant correspondent, and send me all the news items not later than the 20th of each month, so we can get them in on time. The local chairman can't do very much good with a write-up unless the boys send him the news. Any changes, deaths, births and anything of interest among the brethren will be appreciated by him.

We have a splendid schedule and I feel that all of the boys appreciate the better working conditions, such as shorter work days, overtime, seniority, and, in fact, everything in it is good, and I feel that there is due our faithful and efficient committee and the O. R. T. a vote of thanks.

In behalf of the company, I wish to make a special request that every member of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers live up to the contract in every respect. Show our management that we appreciate our better working conditions, and put forth every effort that we can to increase our usefulness to the company, and do everything in our power to increase its revenue and decrease the expenses. We agents, especially, can help the company save lots of money in the course of a year by making ourselves useful and watchful of the company's interest. We have every assurance the company is going to live up to the contract. As far as I can tell, everything has been moving along nicely. I have had very few complaints so far, and I hope the boys will not be too quick to file complaints, and feel sure that if the matter is taken up by them with our superintendent that mistakes and misunderstandings, in most cases, will be rectified.

In regard to overtime and loss of dinner hour every man is respectfully requested to put in all of his overtime, and his dinner hour when lost. If he does not he is not living up to the contract and might as well break any of the other articles of the contract, and besides he will be the loser, and it is a bad practice to begin. On the other hand, I hope none of the boys will act arbitrarily in regard to overtime or anything else. We want every man on the division to absolutely come clean in his dealings with the company, and if you are in doubt whether you are expected to do a certain piece of overtime work ask the dispatcher about it, as you will not be paid for overtime unless you are told to work it.

Bro. Council, operator and bill clerk at "MS" Sherman, was relieved for the holidays by Bro. Smith, second Bells tower, and he by E. P. Martin.

Bro. Woodall, cashier at Honey Grove, bid in Windom, relieving Mr. Mason, who returned to Ft. Worth. Bro. Ebbs, first Honey Grove, while laying off, was relieved by Mr. Fitzpatrick.

It is now Bro. Freeman, agent Nash, and Bro. W. J. Slay, agent Doddridge, Ark., also has an up-to-date card and \$1,000 insurance policy.

There are still several boys along the line that are not members, whom we hope will come in during January, as a number of them have promised to. If every member would put forth a little effort and see that the boys next to him on both sides stay solid, we will soon have the T. C. Division as solid as the rock of Gibraltar. Let's do it, boys.

I hope to be able to give more news next time, if the boys will drop me a line every time they hear or learn anything.

Wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year.

P. O. RUTHVEN, L. C.

Eastern Division—

It should be our aim not to miss having a write-up in every issue of THE TELEGRAPHER. While we have been very busy this month on account of flood conditions, we should always find time to send in a line or two.

I am very hopeful, as we are getting in shape for great work. We ought to organize a "Booster Club," and make the Eastern Division 100 per cent. Will you join the good work? I am at your service any time, and any matter which comes up which you are in doubt about will gladly furnish you with the information the very best I know how.

Everybody keep posted and let me hear from you, and especially keep Bro. Montague lined up with write-ups, or send them to me. We are anxious to know about each other, and we can use these columns to keep in touch with each other where I could not reach you with the same effect.

"Barkis is willing." Are you?

H. H. HOEFT, L. C., Mineola, Tex.

Illinois Central R. R.

Louisiana Division—

At Hammond, on December 6th, we had the biggest meeting for many months; about thirty of the faithful were on hand, full of ginger—but nothing stronger.

The recent express negotiations were discussed at length; Bros. Rehorst, Allen and Williams proved to be the live wires during the "balling."

The local chairman then took the floor, asserting that the parcel post had dug the grave of the express companies, and the interment would be soon, and the only salvation for the agents was to stick to the good old O. R. T. ship and boost the game, as this would be their only means for getting their wages adjusted for the losses in express commissions. Legislative committees were appointed to have bonding bills presented to the Mississippi and Louisiana State legislatures during the coming sessions.

Before adjourning Bro. Sam Turner was given a rising vote of thanks for the hospitality and courteous treatment to the visiting members.

Well, Christmas has departed and we are now in the New Year. Nineteen-thirteen has not been a bad year by any means; we have done well, and it's up to every individual member to make 1914 a hummer, and the only way to do it is to "be strong and of good courage," as the Lord told Joshua. Now the way to be strong is to stand together, shoulder to shoulder; back your general committee to a man; pay your dues promptly, and don't make it necessary for the general chairman and the general secretary and treasurer to canvas the division and appeal to you personally to pay your little dues, and last, but not least, have confidence in your general committee; when you elect a man to represent you have enough confidence in his judgment to back him up—then you will get results.

Bro. Chas. St. John, who has worked continuously in Canton, Miss., office since 1862, was the recipient of a substantial Christmas present from the I. C. An additional man was put on to do "St.'s" work and the old gentleman was told to come down when he felt like it and sit around and look wise, draw full pay, and shake hands with his friends. Some class, eh?

General Chairman Mulhall and General Secretary and Treasurer Shannon went over the division this month, shaking hands with the boys; incidentally collecting some back dues and strengthening the machine. They found only two nons, much to their surprise. David, the great king, once said: "All men are liars," and if he just added "and hard to get money out of," he would have said a mouthful. It's strange how some men will spend their money for all kinds of trash and foolishness, then neglect to pay their dues; neglect their insurance, then die and leave their families destitute and objects of charity. "What fools these mortals be" is a saying that will live as long as the world stands.

Bro. Clyde Henley, "HN" McComb, Miss., has been granted a four months' leave of absence in order to attend school. The temporary vacancy in "MO" is now on bulletin.

Bro. W. C. Smith, agent Tickfaw, La., postponed his vacation until December 15th in order to get away for the holidays. Bro. A. K. Ellzey relieved him.

Bro. O. M. Barbee has given up the ticket agency at Hammond and gone on the extra list, but with several bulletins out he will soon be a "regular" again.

Bro. J. I. Magee, agent Doyle, La., attended his first O. R. T. meeting at Hammond recently and enjoyed it immensely. He said: "The operators have some smart men amongst them." My! this is startling.

Regret to announce that Bro. E. I. Bordages, "BO" in "FD" New Orleans, has been seriously ill for some time. Hope he will soon be able to resume work.

Div. Cor.

CARD OF THANKS.

To Dr. C. W. Patterson and Trained Nurses Misses Aszwell, of Memphis, Tenn., and Perry, of Rosedale, Miss., for kind attention during my son's last illness; also Mrs. W. A. Shelby, who did everything possible for him during the last three days of his life.

Rosedale Masonic Lodge, King's Daughters and many friends, I wish to thank for loving deeds and tender sympathy during the illness and death of my only child.

He was not afraid to die, but his going has left a void in my life which eternity alone can fill.

To the many friends and strangers who have telegraphed and written words of comfort, I have no language to express my appreciation; also the kind friends who opened their homes to me in my desolation.

I also wish to thank the Vicksburg Division of the O. R. T. and H. D. Chaney Chapter O. E. S., and other friends, who sent beautiful flowers when we laid my boy, Sidney L. Owen, to rest in Rosedale Cemetery on Thanksgiving.

Mrs. IDA M. OWEN.

Rosedale, Miss., December 10, 1913.

Wisconsin Division—

Notes for the November journal were sent in too late for that issue and were published in December.

The first and important item is that our dues for the first term of 1914 are now payable. Brothers, don't overlook that important duty. You owe it to yourself and to your family. A double duty. When it comes to separating "the sheep from the goats," there will be but mighty few goats found on this division. They can all be counted on the fingers of one hand and will be named in the journal next month.

With reference to Pretzel City Club meetings, we are compelled to make different arrangements regarding a hall, but all will be notified by postal when and what change is made. Remember meetings are held the third Friday of each month. Notes of these meetings will appear in the journal under the head of Pretzel City Club. Look for them.

The gravel pit at Forrester has been closed for the season, so Conductor Curran will lose many an opportunity to use the telephone. No doubt he will feel quite lost. We should worry.

If any one has "a bee" for sale they should communicate with Bro. Pilger, at Haldane, as he desires to purchase a colony of them, so he may have honey for his pan-cakes. When it comes to eating honey, he is the real honey-boy.

Bro. Eiser, former assistant local chairman, who has been West several years, is back with us again, and now on second La Salle. The fact that he served several terms as local chairman on the N. P. is ample evidence that he is a live O. R. T. wire. Bro. Olsen, of La Salle, is now enjoying a visit to the Western Coast, where he joined his wife, who has been out there some time. Bro. Gilman, second there, relieved him on first.

Bro. Maske, of Rutland, was taken suddenly ill and hastened to Chicago, and is now in Mercy Hospital. The doctors pronounced it a light case of paralysis. We certainly hope the brother a speedy and complete recovery. Bro. Neidigh, former agent at Burlington, who resigned to enter the horse business, is at Rutland during his dull season. He worked a short time out on the Minnesota Division, but prefers his old-love.

Mr. O'Toole, Amboy days, is still confined to the house by sickness, and his position has been bulletined and awarded to Bro. Sherbert, relieved by Bro. Hart.

Third trick C. G. W. crossing awarded Bro. Eickman; agency Munger to Bro. French; third Parkway to Bro. Hamwitz; agency Blanchardville is now bulletined. Whoever gets it will know he got something.

Bro. Cox, "KS," is doing extra dispatching. It's plain to be seen that it is not necessary to go outside of the ranks of the telegraphers of this division to get train dispatchers. There isn't a man holding a regular position as dispatcher but what came from right off this division.

Bro. Babbler, of Colvin Park, was relieved a few days by Extra Agent Youngblood, a new man, who will soon be a full-fledged member.

New seniority lists will be out in January, and each member will be furnished with a copy. These will most likely be distributed at the February meeting. There will also be an election of officers, and we will have with us that night two or three general chairmen and secretary-treasurers. Don't miss that meeting. Div. Cox.

Iowa Division—

All the railroads in the agricultural belt are reaping one of the largest harvests for some time, and are using every effort to supply cars to move the large grain crop in these sections.

Bro. A. E. Olsen, car distributor at Cherokee, and Bro. King at Claghorn, visited at Sioux City recently. The latter also visited at Lemars.

Bro. Smith, at Quimby, wishes to know what has become of the Reynolds Relay Sounder Co. Letter addressed them at Omaha, Neb., recently, was returned to him. He wishes to procure one of these sounders, and any information along this line will be thankfully received.

Bro. and Mrs. Libby, at Rowena, recently entertained Bro. Stoker and wife, from Matlock, Bro. Olsen and family, from Hills, and Bro. Hatz, from East Soo Falls, at dinner.

Bro. Tierney, "K" office, Cherokee, visited at Mauston recently.

Bro. Olsen and family, at Hills, spent Christmas with folks at Alta.

Bro. and Mrs. Stoker spent Christmas with folks at Sheldon.

Bro. Hill was unable to call a meeting last month, on account of so much work, together with moving into his fine new depot.

Bro. Eller, Sioux Falls, visited friends at East Soo recently.

The only position on bulletin is Wilke. Every one is settled down for the winter, as most of the

boys secured their vacations during the fine weather.

Bro. F. S. Prater, who relieved Mr. Finch, at Ben Clare, is on a visit back East with relatives.

Bro. Robinson is on first Parkersburg, pending the arrival of Bro. Calhoun, from Alden, whom we understand secures the trick.

Have you got your new card? Do not let yourself get on the delinquent track, as that is hard traveling.

No word from the Omaha Division this month, it is evident this has been too busy a month to secure the wanted information, but let them come forth next write-up, we want all the notes from the entire division obtainable.

Have you got your new card?

CERT. 998.

St. Louis Division—

I will be glad if the boys having items will mail them to me at Illinois Jct. or to Cairo.

Bro. Wilson, third Cairo ticket office, called to his home near Louisville, Ky., on account of the sickness of his father, was relieved by Bro. South, of first there, relieved by Bro. Taylor, second Ballard Jct., and he by Bro. Sanders, from Mounds.

The boys at Illinois Jct. have a new office, the old one having been enlarged in order to have a large switchboard, capable of holding all the wires entering Cairo.

Bro. Cameron, after turning out his whiskers, decided he looked too much like a doctor, or too fatherly, and had them removed. Bro. H. L. Dye, second at Illinois Jct., who spent the summer in California, on the Southern Pacific, has received a check for \$5.20 for fifteen days' back pay on account of the new schedule on that road.

Chief Dispatcher J. P. Haden, off a few days gathering his corn and pumpkins, was relieved by Mr. Gannon, from Davis tower.

H. L. DYE, Cert. 966.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our heavenly Father and all-wise Ruler of the universe to call to her reward the beloved wife of our brother, H. S. Noble; in manifestation of our grief and fraternal sympathy be it

Resolved, That the members of St. Louis Division No. 93, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the sorrowing brother and members of the afflicted family their sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved brother, a copy spread upon the minutes of the division, and a copy forwarded to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

F. M. KARRAKER,

RAD BURNETT,

R. L. SHANNON,

Committee.

Chicago Great Western Ry.*Northern Division—*

Bro. Beatty, third Randolph, off for the holidays, was relieved by Bro. Arthur Logervall, relieved as agent Renovo by Fred Johnson, who will soon be with us. Bro. Joe Lennon expects to take a few weeks off when Bro. Beatty returns.

Agent Potter, Rich Valley, has resigned, relieved by Thomas McBride, helper Randolph.

Bro. C. W. Koterba, third Kenyon, was away during the holidays.

Bro. Ed Stack, just off the D. M. & N., formerly on Randolph third, is now relieving Mr. Mallum on second Hayfield. Glad to have Ed with us again.

Bro. Geo. Sullec, third Taopi, on vacation, was relieved by R. R. Kirby, not long in the business. His father being a N. P. local chairman, he won't be without a card long.

Bro. Geo. Smock, from the C. M. & St. P., is on second Elma while Bro. Dan Lynch is at Alta Vista agency.

Bro. N. E. Latimer, who went to third Hayfield last month, has returned to second Sumner, relieved by Bro. Griffin, Sumner second. It is now Bro. Littell at Sumner third, which makes a solid office of four O. R. T. members, Mr. Congdon having resigned.

Bro. F. M. Pickering, resigned at Oelwein "WI," has been a member for years. We are sorry that he is leaving us, but wish him good luck wherever he may go.

Bro. E. O. Jarstad, agent Skyburg, returned from his hunting trip in Minnesota's northern woods and brought home a nice buck deer.

Page Brown, first trick W. M. & P. Division dispatcher, is on his honeymoon. Don't push; there's a cigar for each.

A new year, a new card. Let's all get a new member. Everybody be an organizer, and we will put a bunch of new names on the books. Don't "let George do it" all. Drum the non working with you and the one near you, and results will be great. C. E. N.

Seaboard Air Line Ry.*N. C. Division—*

Agency Mt. Holly bid in by Bro. W. J. Todd, relieved at agency Hoffman on bid by R. J. Hildreth, second Keyser.

Agency Bostic bid in by Bro. W. B. Hillburn, new man from the C. C. & O. Ry., relieved at agency Kollocks on bid by Bro. J. L. Davis, second "HY" Hamlet.

Agency Moncure bid in by Bro. C. C. Thomas, relieved on first Moncure on bid by Bro. T. L. Gardner, agent New Hill, and third Lumberton assigned Bro. Rowell.

Bro. Moore, our local chairman, off a few days, was relieved by Bro. Hamilton, and he by Extra Bro. Free, relieved by Extra Cox, being called home owing to illness in his family.

N. G. Ledbetter, first "CQ" Columbia, in city ticket agency, relieved by Mr. Rivers, relieved on

second by Mr. Fennell, and he on third by Bro. Hooper.

Bro. Taylor, Vass, off a few days sick, was relieved by Bro. Edwards, from second, relieved by Bro. Sharpe, who also relieved A. G. Hunter, Aberdeen, a few days.

Bro. C. F. Harris, message operator "H" Hamlet, is now operator and extra dispatcher with the N. S. Ry. at New Bern, relieved temporarily by Extra Phillips, from the W. U. at Charlotte.

Bro. McDonald, third Marshville, off a few days, was relieved by Bro. Free, and Bro. Meares, Blaney, while visiting Columbia was relieved by Extra Cox.

Mr. Elfird is the operator added to the rail gang loading rail on Hamlet District.

Bro. Fisher, second Lumberton, off a few days, was relieved by Extra Cowan, and Mr. Capps, third Aberdeen, by Bro. Sharpe.

Extra Huntley is at "X" Johnson street while Wilson is switching.

Bro. Scales, third "DS" Monroe, off a few days, was relieved by Mr. Roof, a new man from the Southern Ry.

Bro. Patterson, third Lemon Springs, off a few days, was relieved by Extra Cox.

Mr. Shooter, Cayce, off thirty days deer hunting, was relieved by Mr. Roof. Mr. Perry is on second Wadesboro pending bulletin.

C. M. Freeman, agent Aberdeen, while attending court, relieved by Mr. Poteet, from Keyser, relieved by Mr. Carpenter, a new man from the C. & N. W.

Bro. Powe, agent Lemon Springs, off a few days, was relieved by Bro. Maynard, and he on second by H. L. Gunter.

Bro. T. L. Gardner, New Hill, who hurt his leg while loading baggage, is being relieved by Extra Proveaux.

Bro. Mitchell, second Southern Pines, on vacation, relieved by Bro. Bailey, and he on third by Bro. Sharpe.

Bro. Causey, first Wadesboro, attending court, relieved by Bro. Free.

With the change of time-card and the putting on of four more new passenger trains, the "Seaboard" has a local schedule equaled by none.

We can now hold our meetings east, north, south or west and have convenient trains to attend. Let's have a rousing meeting and get all the boys out, make these meetings interesting, put some ginger in the boys, and come out and have a good time. I see no reason why we should not have a big banquet some day or night. Show your colors and come out fifty or sixty strong. Don't mind a day's "hay;" you can make it up the next week. Bring along the new men coming to our line. If they haven't a card, we can fix them up. If they have a card, drop your local chairman or Bro. Cumming a card and give their division number, and let's get them transferred to the S. A. L.

Now, a word to you night hawks. "Biz" is picking up now, and with the new passenger trains on, you have no time to "hit the hay." Stay on the job and show what good service an Order

man can give. Answer your phone promptly, and assist the dispatchers all you can. They will do you favors.

G. R. Grubbs has been assigned third trick dispatcher added to the Hamlet District. Brothers, fill out the information blanks sent you promptly and return to Bro. Moore.

Our local chairman, Bro. E. H. Moore, surprised us by getting married recently. We extend to himself and wife our heartfelt congratulations and trust that they may live many years filled with happiness, and that Mrs. Moore may inspire the ladies of this division to wake up to the Ladies' Auxiliary to the O. R. T., and thereby be a great boon in furthering the interest of the men and women on this division.

Now, let's all remit our dues to Bro. Cumming at once and thereby keep our cards up to date; also keep the insurance policies in effect. Remember that we have the best and cheapest insurance known, and the insurance alone is worth our entire membership fees. So let's encourage Bro. Cumming by being prompt in all things, and make him feel that his efforts among us are received with gladness and appreciation on our part. Bro. Cumming has done a splendid work for us, and we are almost solid, am glad to report. Let's begin the year by showing Bros. Moore and Cumming that we are co-laborers with them in everything, and that we will strive to make this division a blessing to ourselves and an honor to the Seaboard Air Line Railway.

Remember that promotion comes only to those who show ability for increased responsibility, and don't try to see how little you can do and hold your job, but see how much you can do to make the road popular with the public, and never fail to put in a word for your road when you see it on trial for its merits or demerits. Each of us should feel that we have a personal interest at stake and that we are held largely responsible for the service by the company and the public; so let's strive as individuals to keep down every complaint from any source.

I hope that not a single O. R. T. man will be dismissed from the service this winter for sleeping on duty and stopping the limited. Boys, you know what it means to stop this train. Don't let any complaint come from this source. Don't touch a drop of liquor. The few dismissed from the service because of drink, I am glad to say, were not O. R. T. men. Such men are a menace to the railroad and a disgrace to the profession. Alcohol and railroads can't work in harmony.

A happy New Year to you all.

R. H. CUNNINGHAM, Div. Cor., Cert. 197.

Florida Division—

Bro. J. C. Sale, agent Bronson, has resigned and entered the service of the Levy Co. Abstract Co., succeeded by C. S. Hickson, from Otter Creek, and he by Bro. W. J. Tillman. We all wish Bro. Sale the best of luck in his new venture. Later Bro. Hickson went into the drug business in Cedar Key, succeeded by Sister Miss M. Sasser, from Williston.

Third Archer abolished on account of the joint agency being discontinued, both the S. A. L. and A. C. L. now having separate depots.

Superintendent Parsons, Trainmaster Pritchett and Claims Adjuster Witt spent an afternoon fishing recently, guests of Bro. G. P. Graham. A fine time and a good catch was reported.

Miss Eagan, agent Campville, has returned from a pleasant vacation spent in Buffalo. Glad to have her back, as she is always "on the job," and besides, she is an exquisite little lady.

Braddock decided third Ocala was good enough for him, and did not go to Fernandina as contemplated. We are glad he did not go. Adama, second Ocala, while off owing to the illness of some of his folks was relieved by Mr. Lemer.

We are glad to say that Ticket Agent Boisseau has joined our ranks and is now a hot O. R. T. man. He says he now realizes the strength there is in unionism. If only a few others could see it that way, we would not only have strength, but power and justice.

Business is picking up right along, and we hope the boys will, as usual, "hit the ball" and keep things moving through the rush. Understand the schedule of our limited is to be made faster soon, in order to compete with the A. C. L. between Jax and Tampa. That will undoubtedly hold our business and get us more, as we already have the most popular route. Div. Cor., Cert. 854.

Ulster & Delaware R. R.

Telegrapher McDermott, of Grand Gorge, relieved Bro. Griffin at Halcottville while off on important business.

Bro. Hedgee, at Mt. Pleasant, off on account of sickness, was relieved by Telegrapher Burger, who will join as soon as he gets steady work.

Agent Smith, at East Meredith, was off two weeks, relieved by T. Ennist; Bro. Tucker, at Davenport Center, by Mr. Falk, and Bro. Todd, at Arkville, by Bro. Cartman, relieved by Telegrapher Kingfield.

Dispatcher Leipold, on six months' leave, is now working in Florida, relieved by Copier Cudney, working nights, and Bro. Winchell working as copier. Dispatcher Decker is working the second trick.

Telegrapher Marks lost his wife recently and is left with a one-year-old child. He was relieved during her illness and death by Bro. Winchell and "Bunk" Brophy. He has our sympathy, and we hope he will join us and become a brother.

Mr. Falk relieved at South Kortright while Bro. Snyder was on vacation.

Bro. James Joyce and his brother Mike are living in Kingston while their house is being built. Bro. Lawrence Joyce expects to build his house some time in the spring.

Bro. T. Ennist relieved Bro. Roosa at Cold Brook for two weeks.

Bro. Morris, Markson, has gone South for the winter.

Bro. Keator, agent at Edgewood last summer, is now with the O. & W. at Franklin, N. Y.

Bro. Peter Leming, of Phoenicia, while consulting the doctor at Kingston was relieved by Agent Elmendorf.

Boys, have you paid your dues yet? Do it now.

Wish some of the boys would send me some news occasionally.. My aeroplane is broken and I am unable to cover the line every day to get all the items. Therefore, I need some assistance.

Happy New Year to all. There is nothing which life has to offer so satisfying as the profound good understanding which exists between the brothers of this division, each of whom is sure of himself and sure of his friends. "Ikk."

Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Ry.

It is now Bro. Abby at Nestoria second, and Scéwartz says he will soon be with us. The boys at Nestoria are getting busy. Let us all follow in their footsteps. Bro. J. J. Stevens, formerly on second there, is again with us at Sidnow.

Bro. Peck, of Dollar Bay, is enjoying a two weeks' vacation, relieved by Bro. Wubbena, of Lanse, and he by Mr. Derocher.

C. W. Young, Ewen nights, is now agent at Au Train, and Bro. Anderson, who Mr. Young relieved, is at Ewen nights.

Bilson and McMillian are up for bids.

Div. Cor.

"Soo Line" Ry.

We are closing the most prosperous year in the history of our division. There have been more members added to our rolls during the past year than ever before in a like period. At the close of the year, it gives officers of the division great pleasure to announce to the entire membership that we have more members in good standing than we have ever had. Our financial condition is in the best shape that it ever has been. The credit of these excellent conditions is given to the entire membership, as well as the officers of the division.

In the past year the members have taken more interest in the organization than they ever have manifested in the past by securing applications. This, to a great extent, accounts for our great gain in members during the year.

We have all done our duty in the year just closed, and the officers desire to thank the entire membership for the aid and loyal support that they have been given in the past.

Beginning with the New Year, let's all of us exert ourselves just a little more than we have done in the past. If we will do this, there is no doubt but what we can have a better showing at the end of the coming year.

We have a few nons left on the system, and in order to make our percentage reach the 100 per cent mark, we will continue to allow every member a credit on their dues of \$2.00 for every application that they secure and turn in to the secretary and treasurer, accompanied with the necessary amount, which during the various months are: January or July, \$11.50; February or August,

\$10.35; March or September, \$9.20; April or October, \$8.00; May or November, \$6.85; June or December, \$5.65. These amounts pay up to June 30th or December 31st, exclusive of the insurance. The applicant pays nothing for his insurance until he receives his policy. The cost of the insurance is: One thousand dollars, \$7.20; five hundred dollars, \$3.60; three hundred dollars, \$2.40 per year; payable half of the above amounts the first of the year and July 1st each year in advance. Please keep these figures for reference to be used when you secure an application. In case you lose them you can ascertain the correct amount to collect from the general secretary and treasurer, or the general chairman.

Again thanking the entire membership for the aid that they have rendered to their officers in the past, we earnestly request each member to assist us in the future.

If we will all get out and lend a helping hand, we can reach the 100 per cent mark within the next six months.

Do not abuse the poor nons, but try to convince them that it is to their interest to support the organization. Get to work on the non in the office with you. He is enjoying the benefits that you are paying for, and it is no more than justice that he should help bear the expense.

The organization does not owe a single man that is following the profession for a living a cent; while, on the other hand, every man is indebted to the organization for at least his membership in order to help pay for the benefits he has been enjoying at the expense of the loyal members.

Wish every member and his family a happy New Year.

CERT. 94.

Chicago Division, First and Second Districts—

Bro. V. B. Wells, third Kelze, off sick, later resigned, relieved by J. F. Callahan, and he later by J. R. Ibsen on bid, relieved on third Medina Jct. by C. J. Wightman, later by O'Mara. Ibsen has promised to come in with the New Year. Bro. P. H. Clark, first Kolze, off a few days, was relieved by J. F. Callahan. The new station and hotel there are nearing completion.

Bro. L. E. Kruger, third Grays Lake, off a few days on account of sickness, was relieved by O'Mara, who later went to third Medina Jct.

Bro. A. R. Lund, second Lake Villa, on vacation, spent Christmas in Minneapolis, relieved by Shrier. Bro. A. K. Satterfield, third Lake Villa, while visiting relatives in Waupun, was relieved by P. J. Weber, later by ex-Bro. Nick Schesser.

H. L. Lepinski bid in third Burlington; C. T. U. Bro. D. L. McCoy bid in "FN" nights, relieved on third Rugby Jct. by Bro. Thos. Karr, he on second there by Neudeck for one day, then resigned, relieved by Bro. Karr, he on third by P. J. Weber, later by C. A. Cook, he by Nick Schesser for two days, who then resigned, relieved by Bro. Karr, he on second by Bro. A. N. Theisen, relieved on first there by P. J. Weber. Later, A. H. Lapoint bid in third Rugby Jct., Bros. Theisen and Karr going back on first and second, the latter on bid.

F. E. Buttke, first Shops yard, off sick, relieved by P. J. Weber, he by F. J. Debor, relieved by J. F. Callahan, who later resigned by request, relieved by P. J. Weber, and he by J. McDonald.

Ex-Bro. J. H. Burns, car distributor at Shops, off over Christmas, relieved by P. J. Weber.

Bro. H. S. Day goes to Medina Jct. second on bid as soon as relieved as agent at State Hospital.

W. Riddehough, agent Fremont, off a few days, was relieved by John Gutman, from second Colgate, closed temporarily.

Bro. Frank Runte bid in first Waupaca, relieved on third there by Bro. I. B. Erickson on bid, and J. A. Anthony bid in Custer agency.

Bros. Leek, Lund and Theisen sent in items this month. Thanks, come again.

JACK FROST, Div. Cor.

Minnesota Division—

Camden Place—Bro. Leo Hanson, on short vacation, was relieved by Leo Grinney, third Hoffman.

Loretta—Bro. E. E. Blair resigned third to accept agency at Fairmount, N. D., with the F. & V. Ry., relieved by O. White, later resigned, relieved by F. J. Hughes. We wish Earl success.

Buffalo—Mr. Yow on third, formerly third at Ambrose.

South Haven—Bro. A. J. Schlink made his annual trip to Brooten to take in the Norwegian Halling Steve, and reports having a "gude ol' time."

Watkins—Bro. E. Gilland bid in third, relieving Bro. Leo Solinski.

Eden Valley—Bro. E. J. Harlin bid in agency, relieving Bro. C. L. Boylen, resigned, who went with the Equity Co-operative Grain Exchange at Minneapolis. Chas. is a hustler and will make good in his new field.

Lintonville—Bro. A. J. Bauman bid in Manfred agency, relieved by Bro. G. L. Hills, third Paynesville, on bid.

Brooten—J. W. Wilson, from Chicago Division, relieved Bro. C. E. Kitner on third, transferred to second Ambrose. Mr. Wilson promised to secure card this pay day.

Sedan—Bro. E. E. Johnson, on vacation, relieved by Mr. Beird, a new man.

Glenwood—Bro. Edgar Formoe bid in second, formerly second "BK." Bro. E. J. Yapp, former agent Columbus, bid in the agency here. Back at the old stand where the chance for work does not go begging.

Hoffman—Mr. Connell, from the C. G. W., relieving Bro. Harlin temporarily.

Elbow Lake—M. P. O'Hare relieved on first, trick abolished, and went to Dalton, Ga.; Bro. W. T. McIver, from the W. & P. Division, on second; W. I. Jacobson on third, who has in his application.

Nashua—Second and third abolished for the winter. Bro. De Bore with a helper doing "CN" now.

Fairmount—Bro. Payne lost two clerks, owing to the slack of business, which makes things lively for "Bill."

Enderlin—Second Trick Dispatcher E. M. Warburton, on vacation, was relieved by Mr. Huffington. The three side table operators are now handling train orders at "RD," with Bro. I. B. Iverson, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Overstreet doing the tricks.

Courtenay—Bro. Hartho resigned to accept a position with a bank. Sorry to see Ted leave and wish him the best of success.

Minot—Bro. J. E. McCullough, accompanied by Bro. E. J. Ringstrom, of Brooten, journeyed to Minneapolis to take in the Chicago-Minnesota football game, and both enjoyed the short time they were absent from their strenuous duties.

Columbus—Bro. M. L. Foreman assigned the agency after several months as relief agent, relieving Bro. E. J. Yapp, transferred to Glenwood agency.

Kernit—Bro. Davies, agent, doing nicely handling the buzzer quite well. Hope he will stick it out.

Ambrose—Bro. G. Yoe bid in Buffalo, Bro. D. T. Phillips resigned, gone back East. Work train on construction work, Ambrose extension, pulled off for the season.

A. W. Shepherd, trainmaster Third and Fourth Districts, transferred to C. T. D. "A" office Minneapolis, relieved by T. C. Loftus, former trainmaster First and Second Districts, succeeded by W. H. Corbett, who was C. T. D. "A" office Minneapolis a number of years.

Thanks to the brothers for sending us the news items. Keep it up and we will have a monthly write-up.

CERT. 124.

Duluth-Superior Division—

Business on our division has been pretty brisk and operators have been in demand on account of the opening up of several new night and day offices along the Plummer and Brooten Lines. Few of these new men belong to the Order. The new positions, some of them choice jobs have not been bulletined and men with practically no rights have been placed on these positions desired by brothers with considerable seniority. Calls for bulletin have been disregarded. It's high time we were awakening to the fact that our appeals have been without consideration.

A grievance should be framed and sent to our local chairman calling for bulletin of all vacancies and new positions, and requesting respect for seniority. Let us be up and doing; do not delay longer; act now!

Bro. E. L. Allen, former division relief agent, bid in Moose Lake competitive agency permanently, a very responsible position. He carries with him our best wishes for success.

Agent A. A. Seeman, Onamia, resigned, succeeded by T. W. Clark, relieved on second by Bro. Drumm, from the C. & N. W. One more brother, boys.

It is now Bro. H. E. Duffy, a very popular and desirable member who will take an active interest in our organization.

B. T. Titus has returned from a vacation to Solana agency. We have his promise, boys. Do not let him escape.

Bro. Clark, third "SA," called home owing to his mother's illness, was relieved by Bro. Bruss, and he on second by Bro. Hokenson, just returned from the West.

Ironton agency opened up by Bro. C. V. Densmore, of third "SO," formerly with the Mo. Pac. in Nebraska.

Bro. Hazen has returned from a visit at Stevens Point to first "Q," with his wife. They have our best wishes for a happy union. Bro. Roderick, second "Q," to Solana second; later to third "JD," relieved by Bro. Fogarty, from the Winnipeg Division. Mr. Sprague, who relieved Mr. Nagle, second "JD," resigned, was relieved on third for Thanksgiving by S. Martin, who later went to Palisade second, S. Jones going to third. We should see that Jones and Martin have a pressing invitation to join.

Bro. Ballon, first "BX," to "BG" second on December 17th on emergency. J. H. McKnite is now on first "BG," with D. C. Burnside on third, and Mr. Millgard, a new man, on second. Here's a good chance for missionary work, brothers.

Bro. H. E. Duffy, now on first "MA," Bro. Shertler on second; Bro. Johnson, of first "MA," to "JD" first; Bro. Sabine, of first "JD" going to third "MA."

Bro. Dave Swan, second Ironhub, to Solana second, relieving Bro. Roderick.

"RO," Cert. 941.

C., R. I. & P. Ry.

Dakota Division—

There were fourteen present at the Iowa Falls meeting, December 17th, from the Dakota and Minnesota Divisions.

General Secretary and Treasurer Bro. Meador gave us a good talk on the schedule. A good many of the brothers did not understand it, and had not been getting what was coming to them.

There should have been some of the brothers from the Forest City branch in Iowa Falls, but none showed up. They missed a good time, also a good chance to get acquainted with some of the other brothers. We hope at the next meeting we can draw a better crowd.

On December 18th we held a meeting at Estherville and had a fine crowd, about twenty-five of the brothers being there. We also had the division officials there, except Mr. Rosser, he being in Des Moines and could not get there.

Bro. Meador was also at Estherville, and we expected Bro. Brown, but he was tied up in Chicago on committee business and could not get there.

We are planning on holding another meeting at Estherville in the near future and hope Bro. Brown will be able to attend.

It would be nice if we could hold meetings at Estherville regularly, get a hall and have a regular date for holding it, and every brother come and help to get a crowd and have a good meeting every month. If you had been to that meeting you sure would have had a good time and would

have wanted to come again. Get to the next one and then you won't want to miss any of them.

Bro. Meador explained the schedule to the bunch and some of the brothers found they had not been getting all that was coming to them also.

Mr. Peterson promised to get the bulletins out regularly from now on; they will be out about the 5th and 20th, so if you don't get one about that time, drop Mr. Rosser's office a note. It may be that they had missed you in mailing them out.

The seniority list will be made up the first of the year, and one will be mailed to every office. If you don't get one, ask for it.

Mr. Peterson said he had been having trouble with the "505" report, some of the agents not making them out right. Now, this is a simple report, and should be made out correctly. If there is anything that you don't understand about it, ask Mr. Rosser's office, and they will make it plain to you.

Mr. Callender said some had not been making out the overtime slips right, some of them showing that the hours-of-service law had been violated. This law should not be violated, and if your slips show that it has been, Mr. Callender will send them back to you for correction, asking you to show time off for meals which you all have.

When you hear of another meeting at Estherville, all of you get there who possibly can. A vote of thanks was extended Mr. Rosser for his efforts in letting the brothers off, so this meeting would be a success, also for holding No. 923 one hour and forty-five minutes for the boys from the west end.

C. J. Wilson, former superintendent Dakota Division, was also extended a vote of thanks for his kindness in furnishing us a room in the Gardston Hotel, and then would not take anything for it.

Bro. Langton and agent Rath, from the M. & St. L., and Bro. Maher, who is farming now but still holds an O. R. T. card, were present.

Bro. Meador can sure give us the "dope" on the schedule. We enjoyed his visit very much. The only thing about him is that he sleeps too loud. I was several rooms from him and could hear him sleeping very plainly, but can forgive him for that if he keeps on working as hard in the future as he has in the past. We have a good man for G. S. & T., and we hope to have him at some of our future meetings.

Bro. Manby, relieved at Clarion by Bro. Story, from Germania, has gone to Ocheyedan as agent, Bro. Sturdevant relieving at Germania. Operator's position at Luverne cut off.

Bro. Lockwood is relieving at West Bend pending bulletin. Did not learn where Bro. Paterson is going.

"Ye Scribe" was relieved on second Dows, December 18th, while attending the meeting at Estherville, by Mr. Bellman, former agent at Thompson.

If any of the brothers are short on their payroll any time, take it up at once with Mr. Ros-

ser's office, and if he can not get it adjusted, take it up with our local chairman. We want all that is coming to us, and this is sometimes the only way to get it.

Get after the nons and keep them going. Show them that this is the only hope for them. Let us see if we can't make the Dakota Division solid. You all have a list of them. Keep it on your table, and be careful where you give your favors. We have a few "hardshells" on the Dakota Division. Remember them when they want a favor. We favor them enough in the schedule without giving them any favors in their work. Save your favors for some brothers, and the nons will soon see their way clear to come in.

I suppose all of you read of the "Royal Moochers' Convention" in the November journal. You should remember that we have quite a few of them on this division. Remember them when they ask for something, and tell them to get it from some of the other "Moochers."

Time has come for the payment of dues for the term ending June 30th, and get them in not later than the February pay-day, also the M. B. D. to Bro. Quick then, so you will be in good standing all the time.

Remember that in the last schedule nearly all the men who did not get a raise were nons. Don't drop out, for we may cut all the nons out of the schedule next time. Even if you did not get any increase on the last schedule, it should be worth something to know that what you are now getting is being protected—to know that they can not cut your salary; even by cutting out the wires it remains the same. One operator pulled off at Sibley, Bro. Stanley going to Laurens, relieving Bro. Gashel, who bid in White.

On account of reduction in force, two clerks were pulled off in the superintendent's office at Estherville, also a clerk in the master mechanic's office, the assistant car distributor and "CT" 80 clerk in the chief dispatcher's office. Mr. Wingrave, of third Estherville, was bumped by his friend from Indiana, Mr. Stagg, extra dispatcher. Mr. Stagg was in Indiana for the holidays, relieved by Mr. Wingrave.

Mr. Peterson, agent Ottosen, has promised to get a card. The brothers should see that he does this, and then line up the one remaining agent between Iowa Falls and Estherville—the agent at Popejoy.

Drv. Cox.

West Iowa Division—

Bro. H. O. Lorenzen, first Atlantic, is now back to work, after a couple of weeks' duck hunting in the northern part of the State, but Otto was rather unsuccessful on account of the deep snow. He was relieved by Bro. M. E. Wallace, and he by Bro. J. H. Redmond, the latter now being in the neighborhood of Minneapolis.

W. P. Barrett is now in "H" Council Bluffs. We hope "Bill" is getting better of the rheumatism he has had for some time and will soon be able to get that new card, as he was benefited this time with just as much as the boys with up-to-dates.

Bro. W. J. Edwards has resigned as general secretary and treasurer, succeeded by Bro. Meador. Here's wishing Bro. Meador the best of success. Let every member do all he can to assist him, and "keep the ball rolling." Sorry to see Bro. Edwards leave us, as it is partly due to his efforts that we received our last raise.

We were all very glad to learn of the raise, which took effect the first of November, especially the nons and delinquents, as Mr. Non has it figured out he is getting something for nothing. He should use a little reason, think this thing over and get in line, as it is a serious question. With \$2.50 to \$5.00 raise each time, where can he make a better investment than to have an up-to-date card. Every new schedule brings him twice and sometimes four times the amount of such an investment. It is a benefit to him and his family, so start the new year right by getting a card. If he would lend his wife the money, she would surely get him an up-to-date card for a New Year's present.

Wish you all a happy New Year.

L. E. H., Cert. 1449.

St. Louis Division—

Bro. Fred Biller bid in Centaur agency.

Chas. Allen, formerly on this division, who has been away for some time, is again with us, and relieved Bro. R. E. Barthram at Stover, on vacation. Later he bid in Leslie nights.

Bro. Danbury has returned from his vacation, which, by mistake in last month's items, was called his honeymoon. We are sorry for this error, and ask his pardon for injuring his feelings in this manner.

Bro. C. L. Hatler, of Barnett, is on his honeymoon trip through the western States. Heartiest congratulations.

Sorry to report Bro. H. S. Bolander on the sick list, and truly hope he will soon be well and able to sign the well-known "BO" at "DO." He is being relieved by Bro. W. L. Monegan.

Wonder what's the attraction at El Reno that's drawing the attention of Bro. Stephens.

We are sorry to hear that our traveling freight agent, Mr. Morton, has been transferred to another division in Kansas, and hope it will only be temporary, and that he will be with us again soon. B. Weaver takes his place on this division.

Boys, if you would like to have a good, interesting write-up, send us some news. If it's but a line or two it will help and be appreciated. Let's hear from some of you gentlemen the coming month.

Wish everyone on the St. Louis Division a happy New Year.

P. M. A., Cert. 1773.

Missouri Division—

We congratulate Bro. K. F. Little, third Princeton, who was married to one of Allerton's most highly accomplished and esteemed young ladies.

R. G. Fox, Seymour second, off on account of his father's illness, was relieved by S. O. Carr. Bro. P. V. Cox relieved on Seymour third a few

days, made vacant, we understand, on account of the high cost of board.

C. P. Feelemeyer relieved M. J. Fox, Princeton second, on vacation. Queer how these boys can take vacations when they are delinquent.

Udell is solid again—Bro. P. E. Rouch, agent and first; D. E. Cox, second; R. J. Underwood, third. Who can beat it?

Bro. C. H. Turner relieved Bro. L. J. White, agent Spickards, while on vacation.

Mrs. Frazier, agent East Pleasant Plain, is entertaining a new girl at her home. Can't someone persuade Mrs. Frazier to unite with us?

Bro. G. N. Garrett, agent Unionville, was relieved December 10th by Mr. Bunton, and departed for Memphis, Tenn., it's rumored, to take unto himself a better half.

Bro. Rouch, after a sixty-day vacation in quest of the elusive quail, returned to work December 5th.

Bro. Turner relieving Bro. Barnett, at Lettis, while off to get married. I wonder where the matrimonial bureau is located.

Bro. Cartwright, extra third Jamesport, relieved by L. A. McShane, a new man. Sorry to lose "CA."

Bro. Harry Moore, Amity, off a few days, was relieved by Bro. P. V. Cox, who also relieved at Altamont agency a few days and later relieved second trick man at Allerton.

Mr. Johnson is back at "SY" for a few days. When asked to line up he's always broke. Bro. J. M. Boose, "SV" second, off a few days, was relieved by Bro. F. A. Moore. Bro. J. W. Boose is back on the "job," A. R. Eberline going to Belknap a few days, later relieved Bro. Porter, who went home sick with the mumps.

C. P. Seymour, Troy, has gone to Kansas, relieved by A. C. Kemle, a new man, who promised to come in January 1st.

Rushville is solid, with Bros. F. Blackburn, J. E. Ouellet and A. E. Loe.

Expect to have all the Winthrop staff operators in with us by January 1st.

Bro. N. J. Chinn, second Beverly, is being relieved six weeks by Bro. C. C. Porter. We are glad to see him well and back with us again.

We had a fine meeting at Trenton on Saturday night, December 13th, there being about fifty present. These meetings will be held the second Saturday night in each month, and want you all to attend.

Bro. C. H. Meador was with us at this meeting. Bro. Brown was called to Chicago on grievances and was unable to be present.

The new men are coming here fast. Watch them, brothers, and let's get them either transferred, if up to date, or have them join us. This is a job we all can get in on. If you haven't the time to write these men, please drop your local chairman a card, advising their names and addresses, so he can look after them.

"BO," Div. Cor.

General Offices—

Topeka—The merry yuletide is with us again, the ground is mantled with a thick coat of the "beautiful" and we should be happy.

Sunday night, December 14th, while the monthly meeting of the Topeka Club was in progress a hurry-up telephone call came for Bro. Carver. He left without any explanation and much speculation was indulged in as to the cause of his hasty departure. Matters were cleared up on the following day, however, when Bro. Carver showed up at the office with a box of good cigars under his arm and told us "He weighs seven and a half pounds and signs 'A'."

The sympathy and condolence of the entire force were extended to Sister Brown in her recent bereavement, caused by the death of her father.

Bros. Allen and Hamilton are resting up at present on account of a reduction in force, occasioned by the installing of the Morkrum printers. These printers, with the assistance of Assistant Superintendent Wray, a Morkrum expert, Manager Whitney and seven girls manage to handle some business. More in point of numbers than the two men laid off, and some of the messages are almost readable, and the expense, as well as the delay, is three or four times what it would be to handle it by operators.

Attendance at the meeting of the Topeka Club on December 14th was very small. The brothers should not think because we have received a little raise in salary and a revised schedule that it will not be necessary to take any further interest in the Order until time for other negotiations. We should be working all the time and laying plans for future campaigns.

Bro. Rice, recently of "KI," is at Herington relay office extra.

Bro. Hamilton, who spent Christmas with his mother and daughter down in Missouri, relieved Bro. O'Grady while the latter spent the holidays with home folks in Dawson, Neb.

Wire Chief Jones, of Trenton, who made a short visit in "KI" the latter part of December, says he is coming in some of these days.

General Chairman Brown and General Secretary and Treasurer Meador have fitted up nice headquarters at 314 New England Building, Topeka, Kan., and the latchstring is always hanging on the outside. Brothers visiting Topeka should drop in and talk things over with them. They are always welcome.

Trenton, Mo.—Bro. Peyton, off a few days hunting rabbits, filled the rear apartment of his Ford the first day out.

Bro. Brewer's ankle is still troubling him, causing him to lose considerable time.

Bro. Davenport visited his wife and children in St. Louis New Year. They have a daughter in a sanitarium at that place.

Bro. McClain is enjoying the sunny clime of Tennessee and Florida.

Bro. Powers goes to St. Joe every other Sunday to spend a few hours with home folks.

Saturday, December 13th, there was held in Trenton one of the largest and most enthusiastic

meetings ever held on the Missouri Division. The relay boys had taken special pains to advertise this meeting, agitating strenuously for ten days, and the result was all that could be expected.

The meeting was called to order by Bro. Cazell, acting chairman, and the opening address by Bro. Brewer in point of oratory was a masterpiece.

A short time after the meeting was called to order General Secretary and Treasurer Meador and Local Chairman Plum led in a large delegation from the west, which arrived on No. 12. This addition to the crowd filled the hall to its capacity.

Bro. Brewer was followed in his address by Bros. Plum and Abernathy, who explained the unknown "joys" of a local chairman.

Visiting ex-Bro. Jackson, formerly local chairman on the Missouri Division, now retired from the railroad business, gave some very interesting comparisons between conditions of today and the past.

Bro. Meador then took the floor and explained in some detail the manner of schedule procuring, as used in the recent negotiations, and at the same time poured some oil on the troubled waters of a local dissatisfaction.

Bro. Parker, from Hickory Creek, with the Missourian's usual foresight, fortified the bunch for the ordeal before them, by sneaking from the hall and returning with a sack of large, juicy apples.

The following brothers were among those present: Abernathy, Columbus Jct.; Brown, Fairfield; Coulter, Centerville; Friend, Numa; Simonds and Little, Princeton; Short, Mill Grove; Cousins, Clio; J. A. Irvin, J. A. Nysat, F. H. Strong, Winston; J. F. Hanley, Edgerton; W. H. Plum, Edgerton Jct., and H. Boyd, from "RX."

CERT. 1927.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our heavenly Father and all-wise Ruler of the universe to call to his reward the beloved father of our sister, Genevieve M. Brown; in manifestation of our grief and fraternal sympathy, be it

Resolved, That the members of the Topeka O. R. T. Club and Division 126, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the sorrowing sister and members of the afflicted family their sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved sister, a copy spread on the minutes of this club, and a copy forwarded to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

R. A. POWELL,
C. W. HATTWICK,
W. V. O'GRADY,
Committee.

Arkansas Division—

The writer did not get any news from his assistant correspondents. Hope they will come across next time.

J. R. Sangster, at Danville so long, has gone to Brinkley. Bro. A. P. Colvin relieved him.

Bro. Harbison, agent Magazine, was relieved by Bro. G. D. Lee, from Germania, to spend Christmas with Pa and Ma, whom he has not seen for ten years. If all the boys were of the caliber that Bro. Harbison is we would have it solid on this division.

Latimer, third Booneville, bid in Perry agency.

Bro. Williams, who has been on vacation, relieved Bro. Lee at Germania pending assignment.

Bro. Fowler, agent Haskell, bid in Danville agency.

Bro. Swain, extra, bid in third Booneville.

Ragsdale, of Bauxite, who bid in Wheatley, will take out a new card as soon as he gets moved.

Bro. Richardson, first Benton, received a \$5.00 raise under the new schedule and will take out a new card.

Bro. V. O. Gardner, the old stand-by at Hot Springs, back from vacation, also received a \$5.00 raise, which came in pretty handy, as he lost his household goods, including a piano. Bro. Culpepper, who was relieving him, went to Forrest City.

Mr. Silaz is one of the best chiefs on this division. Let us show him we appreciate his kindness by giving the dispatchers good service and eliminate complaints. Let's hit the ball and prove to the company our worth.

Lots of the boys laid off to spend Christmas at home with their folks.

GEORGE D. LEE, Cert. 185.

Southern Division—

On account of washouts and putting on four work trains on the Dallas Line the office at T. & P. crossing was temporarily opened with Mr. Gibb in charge.

Bro. Woodburn, our local chairman, has returned from Woodburn, Iowa, where he was called on account of the death of his father. He has our sympathy in this great misfortune.

Bro. Fitzgerald, on vacation, was relieved by Mr. Gibb, relieved by Mr. Deahle, of the Mo. Pac., who will line up shortly.

We have three tricks again at Bowie, filled by Bros. Eastlake, Wagner and Young. Bro. Eastlake also handles the cashier's position. Bro. Young, who was sick some time, was relieved by Geo. Fitzgerald, who will line up in the near future.

Bro. Stewart, at Bryson, has resigned to accept a position as cashier in the Bryson State Bank, relieved by Bro. Marsh, from Division 145. We wish Bro. Stewart success in his new vocation.

Bro. Shelton, with his nice little farm, is now a little over on spuds and pumpkin yams to help him out on the high cost of living.

Bro. Jackson, in El Paso on account of his wife's health, was relieved by Mr. Platt, of Swift & Co., Ft. Worth. We all hope to see "Jack" back again soon, and for the speedy improvement in his wife's health.

Boys, watch the Western Union wire better. Recently I handled a message for Dallas they had been trying to move for twenty-four hours. It takes only a few moments every once in a while,

especially of a morning, to ask Dallas if they have anything for us, and possibly avoid a law suit from some dissatisfied patron.

I am greatly indebted to Bro. Terhune for these items. It seems to be useless to ask any of the other brothers to send in little items, but I would appreciate any that come, so we can have a write-up each month.

"BN."

El Paso Division—

Every thing looks fine on this division. Having plenty of rain no doubt we will have another season of the finest wheat crops ever raised in Kansas and West Texas, and that means more operators.

Now, boys, we have a new schedule and increase in pay, effective November 1st, and we must "hit the ball" and show the officials of our company that union men can do better work than nons. Watch out for all the nons. When they drop in on us without cards, let all the union men on the line know it and line them up. An agent at one of the smaller stations is making quite a kick because he did not get a raise, but as his station pays on an average with the other stations, compared with the work there and he has no card, he should come in and help us, then we can help him to get a raise. Our schedule is something to be proud of, and all the brothers are smiling over it. Remember our motto: "No cards, no favors," and stand by it.

The officials made two inspection trips over the line last month and all stations looked nice, as the agents keep them that way for the patrons of our road.

Bro. O. R. Powers, agent Canton, one of our old-timers, was away fifteen days, the latter part of November, on a nice hunting trip to Oklahoma, accompanied by his brothers.

Bro. W. A. Warren, agent Kingsdown, while attending court at Pratt, was relieved by W. R. Lauderdale.

Bro. C. M. Pierce has returned from a thirty days' vacation to first Liberal.

R. S. Hardy goes to Nara Visa on third, just opened again, and Mr. Sey to second there. Keep after them, boys.

Bro. E. Mitcham, from Dalhart, takes third Liberal, and Extra Dispatcher C. D. Williamson is back nights at Dalhart.

Jno. Souer, agent Cullison, is in Kansas City for an operation. We hope he will pull through all right, and come back and get a card.

Bro. H. R. Crist, agent Tampa, has returned from his honeymoon, now has a home of his own and has quit sleeping in the depot.

Sunday, December 14, 1913, time table No. 26 took effect at 12:01 a. m. with very few changes.

Recent assignments: Meade nights, N. A. Collins, and Bucklin third, L. D. Dempsey.

Open for bids: Fowler nights and Meade days.

Be sure and mail copy of your bid to Local Chairman C. M. Sides, Pratt, Kan.

H. H. Dayton got away from Fowler without getting that card.

Brothers, explain the whole works to them and get them in.

Bro. Fred Samples, Mineola first, to Dodge City a few days, relieved by Mr. Maxfield.

S. H. McCamant relieved Mr. Pinney, agent Meade. Mr. Barden, at Meade, is going to get in line shortly.

Only a few nons left now on this division. Let's make it solid for 1914.

A. Stannard, Meade nights, relieving Munson on Bucklin second, was relieved by the helper at Meade, but he could not hold it.

The company is testing the water at Tampa, Kan., for steaming purposes, with the intention of putting in a water tank.

Very few notes were received for this write-up. Be sure and send in all changes and happenings along the line to Bro. C. M. Pierce, Liberal, Kan., and let the other boys know what we are doing.

With best wishes to all the brothers and their families for a happy New Year, let us all start it right by working for our Order.

Ed., Cert. 2855.

Louisiana Division—

It has been so long since there has been anything in the journal from this division that some of the boys have begun to think the division has been taken from them, but we have awakened and are going to claim our space in the journal.

Last year we did not have any local chairman, and since Bro. Hanley came in he has had all he could do without writing, as he has used all his time getting the nons in and has made good at it too, for which we all ought to praise him and give him our support and best wishes, if we can't hand him anything else.

There have been several changes in the last few months, but the most of the boys are old heads and are sticking to their posts.

We only have a few nons left over here, and there will still be less of them inside of a month.

Bro. E. R. Bennett transferred from Ivan to Quitman, La. We hate to lose him, but he wanted something bigger. I have not learned who relieved him. Ivan is now open for bids. Boys, watch out for these good places and keep these new men generally nons out, and stick to what is good when you get to it.

I understand that after January 1st, 1914, the parcel post package weights will be increased to fifty pounds. The agent at Harrell says that he will have to buy a wagon and a horse if not given help pretty soon, as he has to make three trips now to get the mail to the postoffice.

F. L. Magoon, a new man, bid in Randolph agency; W. Otto, another new man bid in Upland, and Bro. J. E. Farlow got Meridan (new name for Pierre).

All the boys are feeling fine over their raise.

Bro. Loventhal, first Ruston, who has been off for some time on the sick list, resumed December 15th.

Morton, at El Dorado, has been acting as dispatcher recently.

Bro. McQuidy, the old-reliable, at Winnfield, was checked in as agent there December 15th, relieving Mr. Chalfant on vacation.

Bro. E. P. Davis, at Harrell, don't let the grass grow under his feet when it comes to telling the nons all about it, and the good there is in it.

Jonesboro has added a new position, a cashier and operator.

Bro. Grafton spent a few days at his old home in Bernice the first of December.

Bros. Bennett, at Quitman, and Ogden, at Wyatt, are letting the nons hear from them and doing good work too.

Bro. Corbet, of Dubach, on the sick list several days, is back at work again.

All the boys should read over the new contract thoroughly and familiarize themselves with the new schedule, as there is a lot of good "doings" in it.

Our local chairman has expressed himself as pleased with the good work the boys are rendering him, in running in the remaining nons.

Our local chairman paid the boys on the south end a visit from Junction City south, on a recent Sunday. We would like to see him up this way some time in the near future.

Would like to hear from some of the other boys.
CENT. 2899.

Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Ry.

Western Division—

Hurrah! The ball has started to roll.

Our meeting held at LaPorte on December 9th was a decided success and was fairly attended, considering the poor train service in and out of LaPorte. Brothers west of here were unable to attend at all, which made a smaller attendance than otherwise.

We have inaugurated the use of the ritual which makes our meetings more business-like. Officers were appointed for the evening, and later officers were elected for the next term, as follows: Chief telegrapher, Bro. J. T. Bauchman; first vice-chief telegrapher, Bro. Hostick; second vice-chief telegrapher, Bro. Mallory; secretary and treasurer, Bro. Pratt, and marshal, Bro. Lougee. Bro. Scroggins was appointed inside sentinel by the chief telegrapher. Bro. Warne, first nominated for chief telegrapher, declined to accept, as, owing to his wife's poor health, he would be unable to attend all the meetings, and thought there should be a brother in this office that could attend regularly. Bro. Scroggins was then nominated, but he also declined to accept, saying that he was not well enough versed on the ritual. We were unable to persuade him differently.

Bro. Smith, from Detroit, was with us, which was a great pleasure to all present, he having attended a number of the meetings, which are held regularly at Engineers' Hall, Toledo, and, being well versed on the ritual and how to use it, was of great help to us when starting in here. He has done wonderful work organizing, and recently made a trip over the Western Division and

succeeded in landing a number of new members, including a couple of ardent nons. We hope he can arrange to be with us at all our meetings, and wish there were a few more Bro. Smiths on this division.

First Vice-President J. A. Newman expected to be with us, but at the eleventh hour Bro. Graham received a letter stating he would be unable to attend on account of schedule negotiations on the Frisco lines. We hope to have him at the next meeting.

On December 1st we handed the officials a request to meet our committee within thirty days, or as soon thereafter as possible, and expect to have a hearing in the near future regarding the schedule, which, if it goes through (and it will if we make it), will make our positions of the same class as other roads.

We have sat still long enough and seen our neighboring operators on other roads get better conditions and increases in pay, while we still go on at the same old rate, and we will continue to do so if we don't get together and stick.

Get the percentage of members and the backing so strong that they can't refuse us what we ask. Now is the time—not next year, but now.

We have appointed a committee to try to persuade Superintendent Smith to stop No. 23 at Chesterton for the boys east of there to get off on the night of the meeting, and we think that this favor will be granted us.

Our next meeting will be held at Chesterton some time during the month of January and regularly thereafter, and we hope that there will be a large crowd of the brothers turn out. There is good train service in and out of there.

Now, brothers, wake up and take some interest in your own welfare. Don't sit idle and let your rights be imposed upon. Try to land the non next to you, and when we are 98 per cent strong we can do something that will open your eyes. There is a chance for decided improvement, and that improvement can't be made by the local chairman, but by the members themselves. Our local chairman is doing all he can, which is a great deal, considering his health.

We have the promise from quite a few of the boys that they will come in the first of the year, so after next pay day don't fail to touch up each non near you. There will be a committee of three or four members cover the division after the first of the year, equipped to take in any who wish to come in.

Bro. Witter, who was on second West tower, is back on third there, Mr. Pancake going back to Osceola to run his telephone exchange.

Mr. Long, agent Osceola, while on vacation was relieved by his brother, from second West tower, Elkhart.

Bro. Graham, local chairman, while attending the meeting at Toledo was relieved by Mr. Climer, who we expect to have with us before long.

Bro. Norton, first "NX," was relieved by "Traveling Operator" Lee while he attended the land show in Chicago. It would have been Bro. Lee by this time had he not had the misfortune to

have his suitcase in the station at Chesterton when it burned down one right recently. Bro. Whitehead was considerably excited when he smelt smoke, and later discovered that the whole station was afire, and after turning in an alarm could not talk on the phone, only from the outside through the window. They are now located in a couple of coaches there until a new station is built.

Bro. Summers is now on first Norwood, vice Mr. Straight, gone to California. "Bro. Summers" sounds good. Mr. Cain is on second and Mr. Darby on third there, whom we hope to land in the near future.

Mr. Fulton, third Porte, promises to be with us by the first of the year. That will be starting right.

Bro. Vaughn, from Millers, was in LaPorte on "biz" recently.

The following offices can now hang up their little sign, "Solid O. R. T.:" Mishawaka, South Bend, Three-I Crossing, Lydick, Rolling Prairie, Lake Erie Crossing, Chesterton and Pine; and there are two members in West tower Elkhart, "PM" tower LaPorte, Durham, Otis, Indiana Harbor, 101st street, South Chicago. This looks very good, but it has to look still better before we can get what we want.

Bro. Sharp, who was off a few days on account of sickness, is back on the job, feeling much better.

Mr. Kessler, a new man on third South Chicago, is a good man, so go after him, boys.

Not so much switch chasing at "RW" South Chicago now, as tracks 3 and 4 have been abandoned between Manistee avenue and 73d street, to accommodate bridge work at the latter.

Ex-Bro. Brockman, Whiting tower second, has been spending two weeks' vacation with his parents in Florida, relieved by Bro. Gray, from Division 76, who will transfer soon. Understand Mr. Brockman will leave soon for the land of sunshine and roses to make his future home.

R. R. Smith, on third "BR," says he will take out a card the first of the year, and we will be right there to remind him of his promise.

Bro. Vaughn puts in a few words on No. 2 phone now and then.

Owing to Operator Foltz's father being taken sick, Bro. Mallory was recently called to do his stunt at "BC."

Bro. Pratt, third "RO," says he is going to purchase a horse and cart to haul the mail up to the post office. Mr. Tracy is now on second at Whiting station, and Bro. Coloway is on third "CW" (101st street).

Thanks to Bro. Coloway for the above notes. Some of the other ambitious brothers might send in a few and help to keep the thing going.

Anyone who can use any application blanks just write me or Bro. Graham, and they will be sent you at once.

All pull together, and remember, "In union there is strength," and "No card no favors."

"BILL," Cert. 610.

Detroit Division—

The December meeting, held at Crowe's Hall, Toledo, was well attended, several members from this division being present.

One new member was initiated with full honors, and the proposed new schedule now in the hands of the management was read by Chief Operator Miller.

I understand it is proposed to have a smoker and refreshments at our next meeting; so, boys, be on hand and enjoy the evening with a good bunch.

The following positions have been reassigned on bulletin: Trenton tower second, Bro. C. J. Merwin; Monroe third, Bro. Allen Ray; South yards second, Bro. Zollner; Trenton tower third, Bro. Roberts; Vienna third retained by Mr. Miller, extra there, pending bulletin.

Two more benedicts have been added to the Detroit branch lately, namely, Bro. C. J. Merwin and Bro. J. W. Sackett. Phoner Eberline relieved Bro. Sackett on his wedding trip North.

All our extra men seem to be "phoners," and relief on a position requiring wire work is hard to get. The low salaries paid on this road are, undoubtedly the cause of this, and it is to be hoped that the new schedule will help to modify this trouble in future.

Brothers, get your dues in as early as possible this term, so as to give your committee every encouragement while seeking to better your position with the management. "N," Cert. 373.

Eastern Division—

A new year has just started, and among the new resolutions which we make let some of them be that we will keep paid up and in good standing, and that we will do our best to keep our offices solid and help the other brothers to keep theirs solid.

The year 1913 has been a very prosperous one for the Order on this division, the membership being the best in the history of the Order. Let us strive to keep it so and better it all we can. Our committee will soon be in action with the managing officials on a new schedule and a wage increase, and with a good backing we are bound to win out.

There are only a few nons left on this division, mostly west of Erie, and we expect to land a number of these after January 1st.

Bro. Streets, first Lake View, on a hunting trip, expects to bring in some big game.

Bro. C. Crawford, first Bay View, off a few days, was relieved by Bro. L. G. Graney.

Mr. Lamb, of Willoughby, who has been sick for some time, is back at work.

Bro. T. E. Broche took Thanksgiving day, relieved by Bro. Glen Miller, extra.

Wm. Hall, second Madison, off a few days, was relieved by H. W. Williams. It's about time "Bill" was getting in line.

Bro. Jake Giessinger, Seneca tower, recently visited friends and relatives at Corry, Pa., and Silver Creek, N. Y.

Bro. L. G. Hemmink, on the expiration of his three months' leave of absence, resigned to enter business for himself.

Bro. John Leo secured third Seneca tower; Bro. Joe Schroeder, third Buffalo Creek tower; Bro. C. M. Smith, second Erie depot, and Bro. Sweitzer, Erie yard office days. Regular relief position is still open.

Bro. Clifford Greene, of North East, on three months' leave, has entered the printing business with his brother at North East. "Jimmy" is an old-timer at this business.

Bro. F. Zeebe had a pleasant visit with his folks at Spring Creek, Pa., recently.

Bro. Del. Beideck, third Dunkirk tower, visited the old folks at home over Christmas.

H. L. Cantrick, third Erie depot, was requested to resign, and Bro. J. A. Clavin bid in the vacancy.

The installation of track No. 1 from Madison to Saybrook makes this division a solid four tracks. This also relieved Bro. C. L. Hazen, agent Saybrook, of the arduous task of watching the interlocking at that point.

The meeting held at Ashtabula, Ohio, December 17th, 1913, was attended by about twenty-two brothers, among them being A. B. Carey and Hass from Amboy, E. E. Smith and Kennedy from the Franklin Division, and Bro. Baldwin from the Toledo Division.

Bro. Geo. Kipp, general chairman, went over our proposed new schedule, which the committee will present to the managing officials soon, and with the backing which is necessary we will be sure to win.

Remember our motto: "No card, no favors."

"GIVE," Cert. 287.

C., B. & Q. R. R.

Relay Division—

Recent assignments: Bulletin 98, H. E. Bennett; 99, C. H. Mullen; 100, H. K. Tucker; 101, W. R. Wilkins; 102, A. N. Butler; 103, B. E. Quinn.

If you have not paid your dues for the current term, you should do so at once, in order to save the trouble and expense of getting out a second notice of dues, which takes up considerable time of your officers, who could be giving their attention to lining up the nons instead of going after the members to pay up. The same proposition confronts us every six months. You can help out greatly by giving the matter of dues prompt attention, and also getting after some luke-warm member to pay up.

Business is rather dull, and the force in every office is being reduced. Telegraphers generally are in demand, and if the present conditions continue very long, we will lose a lot of good men. There are quite a number compelled to move around who are well up on the seniority list.

It seems that some of our members do not understand the seniority clause in the schedule. Office seniority rules in all offices under the jurisdiction of the superintendent of telegraph, the minimum salaried position is bulletined and as-

signed according to division seniority. In case it becomes necessary to reduce the force in an office, the last man in is the first out, regardless of his division seniority over other men in that office. After being so reduced he may exercise his division seniority by taking the position of the youngest man in the relay division at whatever office he may be located. A telegrapher not assigned by bulletin since this schedule went into effect holds no office seniority, and regularly assigned men have preference over him in case of reduction.

A great many seem to be under the impression that in case a reduction is made in an office it should be made on division seniority. This is not in accordance with the schedule to promote on office seniority and reduce on division seniority.

That part of the schedule which says, "When reducing the force, the service of the youngest telegrapher will be dispensed with first," does not apply to a reduction of force in any particular office, but applies to the Relay Division as a whole; that is, the service of the youngest man in the Relay Division is to be dispensed with first. This clause seems to be the cause for so many getting the wrong interpretation of the schedule.

During the time the old schedule was in effect the members on this division requested this office seniority clause, by a referendum vote. While we can consider no change in the rule at this time, I want each member to write me as to how he understood it, whether a reduction in an office was to be made on office seniority or division seniority.

J. J. Rose, Local Chairman.

2153 Ridge Ave., Evanston, Ill.

Relay Division Notes—

Bro. Coats, "GO," took a few days off the first part of December to visit his mother at Winchester, Ind.

Bro. Dahlberg, "GT," is enjoying a sixty-day leave of absence in Florida.

Bro. Burkhalter, "GT," spent a day in Chicago on business during the latter part of December.

Bro. Cooley, "G," passed through Chicago recently and stopped in to shake hands with the boys in "GO."

Bro. Wilkins, who was just assigned the La Crosse position, lost out on account of reduction in force at "CX," and was transferred to Omaha temporarily.

Bros. Buck and Riggins, "GO," have been laid off and are taking a short vacation before they transfer to some other office.

Harry Hum, at "OU," is still promising to join. We hope some day he will make good.

Bro. Pawling, "GT," has just returned from a ninety-day leave of absence. Div. Con.

Lincoln Division Relay—

Bro. Hillman, "M," and Bro. VanArsdale, "VE," were relieved on account of reduction in force to winter basis, the former going to Kansas City and the latter to Jacksonville, Fla.

Dick Thornton and Bro. Doc Blodgett took in the sights at Chicago while doing a little Christ-

mas shopping. "VO" will be glad to give some pointers on the cabaret shows.

Bro. Hayes, "GN," off a few days to catch up in his studies preparing for examinations, was relieved by Extra Crane.

Mr. Brooks has decided to enter his Rhode Island red pullets at the Auditorium in Bro. Wickham's poultry show, and expects to carry off first prize.

Bro. Blodgett went to York, Thanksgiving, on a wolf hunt, but the wolves would not wait long enough to let him get a shot.

Bro. Waite boasts of being some candy maker, but we are inclined to think that Miss Waite does the making.

Gene Sage, of the superintendent's office in Chicago, visited with us Sunday recently, and missed connections to Chicago on his return by ten minutes.

Mr. Bryan, our second trick chief, was very much disappointed, though very happy, that he was unable to name his new arrival "W. J." He will have to name it "Rosey." CERT. 2747.

La Crosse Division—

Brothers: I have just returned from a trip over the division and found things in a promising condition, but there is room for improvement. I succeeded in writing up eleven new members and expect several more before long. We are starting on a new year. Let's make it a booster, and make our membership as near solid as possible on this division. I can not do it all, as correspondence, grievances and other things keep me from getting out as much as desired. Train service being very poor makes it bad to get out and back without losing time. I don't think it is necessary for me to lay off when there is a chance for the other brothers to do it. We now have only four nons between Savanna and La Crosse, a distance of 158 miles, and the district between La Crosse and St. Paul is in good shape, but plenty of room for all the brothers to show what they can do. See if we can not make a good showing this year by all pulling together.

In the future you may send notes for the journal to me, but be very careful about using the journal for a chance to give some non a slam by using his name. These kind of notes have to be cut out before I can send them in. That has been one reason why some notes did not appear.

Wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year.

W. B. SCHRUNK, L. C., Savanna, Ill.

La Crosse Division Notes—

Bro. H. F. Booth, second Glen Haven, returned from his vacation and relieved Agent Cassville Williams, resigned.

Bro. C. J. Nelson received Dubuque. We all wish him success.

Bro. D. A. Gilliland, off a week on account of sickness, was relieved by Mr. Lewton, from the relay department, who later relieved Bro. Schrunk, while covering the division, and then relieved Bro. Slaght, second Savanna, for a month.

It is now Bros. Falkenstein and A. W. Koch, Wyalusing; I. J. Willard, Bagley; W. W. Green and H. F. Booth, Glen Haven; Geo. Johnson and C. D. Wilson, McCartney; P. H. Roser and H. C. Brown, Potosi; J. F. Scobee, Marcus, and H. L. Shanks, Hager. We hope we can soon name some more.

Bro. W. E. Garber has resigned as division correspondent, and it will be next to impossible to have a write-up unless the brothers send in some notes. In the future your local chairman will look after this and asks every brother to help out, if only with one note. See if we can not be represented in the journal every month.

Several offices have been closed for the winter, but it is hoped that all brothers losing out will land something else until spring.

Recent assignments: Bro. O. S. Berger, agent DeSoto; Bro. L. R. Smeltzer, agent Nelson; Bro. C. X. Hartman, second "JD."

Bro. A. W. Scholmeir, agent "FN" City, had the misfortune to lose three of his fingers while hunting, but will resume work in a short time.

Bro. Rupp, agent Cassville, has accepted a position in the bank there. We all regret losing Bro. Rupp, but wish him success.

There have been a great number of offices closed on account of business falling off. All affected by this cut hold their seniority rights for three months. These jobs will no doubt be opened again in a few months, or sooner if business comes up again.

Would like to have some notes from the brothers on the north end. CERT. 1416.

Beardstown Division—

Pad. Haist, third Bader, spent a couple of days sightseeing in Peoria recently, relieved by Mr. Nelms.

Bro. Ob. Haist, phoner Beardstown relay, laid off on account of reducing force, returned to second Adair. Bro. Ludwig, who relieved Bro. Haist at Adair also relieved Bro. Ore, Greenfield nights.

Bro. L. A. Carnahan, from second Block 107, bid in second Bader.

Mr. Spence, a new man, was given Chapin, being the only one bidding.

Bro. P. C. Henderson, third Bader, has gone to the C. & A. at Roodhouse.

Beardstown yard office closed from 7 p. m. until 7 a. m., Bro. Hanks doing the twelve-hour stunt. Hope Bros. Danford and Clower will get back soon again. The trainmen are calling up by telephone from the yard and clearing themselves now nights. Boys, we should look into this as they come under the nine-hour law when they do this, and it has thrown two good brothers out of work.

Bro. Turley, first Concord, taken off, went to first trick Block 104, the agent handling the wires now. Mr. Fordyce from first to second there; Mr. Clayton from second to Block 107 second.

C. Mosier, from Wrights, who relieved G. A. Dyer, agent Browning, while he attended court, later relieved Mr. Lindsey, agent North Henderson, for a few days.

Positions recently abolished: Ayers, Atwater and Franklin, two tricks; Keyesport and Concord, one man; Girard, agent working the twelve-hour stunt; two trick. Centralia yard, now closed from 8 p. m. till 8 a. m.; one man Metropolis. Business slack in relay office also.

It has been quite a while since the jack line has had much in *THE TELEGRAPHER*, because of lack of interest among the boys. Now let each individual send in a few items and we can have a write-up in *THE TELEGRAPHER* every month.

W. W. Mumbower, of Litchfield, bid in Pisgah station, vice John Livesey, to the "Clover Leaf" as agent Sorento.

The closing of Franklin nights released Geo. Harney and P. W. Batis. This is the first time Franklin has been closed nights in the winter since the Burlington took over the old J. & St. L. The new double track and slack business is the cause.

Boys, let's see if we can't make this line at least 95 per cent strong, and we can soon make it solid.

I understand one station along this line has turned out five hams already this fall, and the good brother there is making another one now. He is only hurting himself as one of these days one of these hams will take his place. I hope we will not have to mention what station or his name. It does not take much to make a ham telephoner, but when they get so scarce trains can't run without them, then is the time to make them. They are not needed now.

Let's get after all the agents and cashiers along this line and get them in our schedule when we go up for an increase. All they have to do is get a card.

Brothers, talk with the conductors in regard to calling up the dispatchers at blind sidings, giving the block for passenger trains and copying train orders, and get them to cut this out and help us to keep a few more men working. Show them that they are doing wrong. Notify the local chairman of every case of this kind you hear of.

Bro. S. H. Frazier, our worthy local chairman, was over the division lately giving the boys the glad hand and words of encouragement.

It is now Bro. Yowell at Litchfield and Bro. Cole at Keyesport.

They certainly need a new schedule down on the jack line, as this is the smallest paying division for telegraphers the Burlington has. The way to get one is to get in the nons.

Bro. D. Kastrop, first Jacksonville, has returned after three weeks' leave of absence.

I want to thank all the brothers who sent me items this month and hope they will keep it up. I have you down even though I don't mention your name.

Div. Cox.

Hannibal Division—

A meeting of operators and agents was held in Hannibal, Sunday afternoon, December 7th. The meeting was opened about 2:00 p. m. by the local chairman, who made a brief talk in regard to conditions on this division, and in a very impressive manner expressed his appreciation to the seventeen brothers who came in on No. 43 with him,

four from the Hannibal relay and Bro. Jones, from Brookfield relay, for their presence. We were very glad to have Bro. Jones with us. We hope he enjoyed the trip as much as we did having him with us, and that he will repeat it some time in the future. There was no representative from the North Division in attendance, but we know they have not lost faith in the methods pursued by the O. R. T., and have been reminding their neighbors of "Safety First," which signifies an "Up-to-date" first, last and all the time, so far as we, "as a band of friends and brothers," are concerned. When the railroad company recognized us as a labor organization, they presumed that every operator and agent whose position was covered by the agreement would become a member of the organization which represented them, and would continue so, during the future years, bringing about revisions of the schedule, which would benefit the men and the company as well. Therefore it behooves us to remain cemented together, by paying our dues regularly and keeping a sharp lookout for the man who is receiving benefits and has paid nothing for them. When a case of this kind is brought to our notice it is time to bring such a character from darkness to light, that he may see and understand what our organization stands for. Bro. Carder was introduced as the first speaker. His remarks were enjoyed by all concerned, after expressing his appreciation at seeing such a goodly number in attendance, on such a bitter day, he gave us a brief outline of what he and Bro. Rogers had been doing during the past months, which was good news to us. We are in hopes that next time we hold a meeting that Bro. Rogers can also be with us.

Bro. Guy Zinn, in his usual manner, gave a splendid talk that was highly appreciated by all those present. He is one of the best we have on the Hannibal Division and never fails to do his part. We only wish there were a few more like him.

Bro. Fount Palmer, agent Ville, was recently initiated in the Elks at Ft. Madison.

Bro. Palmer, off a few days on account of the death of his stepmother, Mrs. J. S. Palmer, of Elsberry, was relieved by Bro. Lew, of Sandusky, and he by Mr. Epperson.

Cooper, Keokuk yards and Helton days have been closed.

Bro. Clayton was in "X" Hannibal a few days.

Bro. Truit, of Saverton, attended the poultry show in Louisiana recently.

T. J. Lowrie was off a few days attending a law suit in Stoutsville, Ill.

Bro. Lee, third Hannibal yards, spent Thanksgiving with home folks, relieved by E. W. Thompson, who later relieved Mr. Garner, second Hannibal yards, on vacation.

D. C. McCall, agent Saverton, is back after a month's vacation, relieved by Bro. Tully, relieved on third by Extra Gist.

Mr. Klousmeir, agent Gregory, off two weeks, was relieved by Bro. Landell, Hawk Point nights, who later relieved Bro. Lemon, LaGrange, on ac-

count of the death of his child, relieved by B. Gist, later relieved by J. E. Chrisman.

A few needed repairs are being made around the Ft. Madison freight house.

Bro. Blinco, nights Wellsville, who relieved Bro. Gough, agent West Alton, on vacation, was relieved by J. E. Chrisman.

G. A. Garner, W. L. Gilmore, E. W. Thompson and W. L. Gilmore have promised to take out a card the first of the year. Some of the other nons along the line should do likewise.

Bro. J. E. McHugh, third Foley, off a few days, was relieved by C. Epperson. Div. Cor.

Brookfield Division—

Bro. Jones, Brookfield relay, has been appointed assistant local chairman in charge of the west end and will make a special trip over his end to line up the nons.

Bro. C. A. Martin, third Osborn, off a few days recently, was relieved by Bro. H. L. Spaulding, from the Rock Island, who later relieved Extra Squires at Hamilton.

Bro. C. S. Schoup has returned from Brookfield relay to first Hamilton, relieving Bro. Spaulding, who went to second Randolph a few days.

Bucklin first was closed in December, putting Bro. Nolan, who has been with the company nine years, on the extra list. We hope he will soon strike another regular.

All members on this division remember your obligation and keep the students out. Some are not doing this.

Recent assignments: Bro. J. C. Schweikhaus to second Easton; Bro. Miller, first Laclede; Bro. Holt, Chandler agency; H. D. Hall, second Bucklin; Young Holt, second Saxton; F. E. Emmerson, second Nettleton; Cy. Golden, second South Park.

Our Bro.-Agent Nettleton must talk Mike into the Order when he arrives to take charge of second.

Bro. P. E. Bagley, agent Utica, is off sixty days working for the county, relieved by Bro. Smith, with Extra Dowling on second, who promises to be with us soon.

Your 1913 cards are no good now, so get another, as they look good.

E. E. Devinia, third Breckenridge, off a few days recently, was relieved by F. E. Emmerson, who later relieved Mr. Shepherd, second Meadville. Bro. Peck, line up Devinia and Emmerson. We are going after another schedule in February and need them all.

My address is O. F. Miller, Laclede, Mo. Do not forget to send me any news you have. Unless you do our write-up will be short.

Mr. Allen's chief clerk, W. D. Welsh, was off during the holidays on a visit through Texas. We wish him a pleasant journey and a joyful and happy New Year as he is a prince with the operators on the division.

We are not certain about the ham factory at Cameron, Mo., but everyone on the division will hear the outcome, as soon as I get it from our local chairman.

Account of taking my vacation. The first twenty days in January there will be no write-up next month unless I can get some one to handle it for me, so if you do not see any do not be disappointed. "KT."

MANDAN, N. D., December 15, 1913.

To Membership Ottumwa Division—

As it was necessary for me to leave the climate of Iowa on account of my wife's health, I desire to take this means of extending to each of you my regrets at having to leave you as your local chairman. My relations and official duties with you have been of the pleasantest nature. In the two elections in which I was elected by you, by a good majority each time, proves to me conclusively that you had that confidence in me that it takes to make a success of the organization. When I took charge of the division in February, 1912, there were between 35 and 40 non-members on the division, when I left it in September, 1913, there were only 10 or 12. Some of those have been here since the organization first started on the Burlington, but we hope that the way of light will yet be broken to them in such a way that they will see that they are standing in their own way. In leaving the division does not mean that I will forget it, for I expect to keep an eye on the journal each month to see what is going on there. During my time in office we had a write-up in the journal each month. I trust you will pick out the man you want for the place and elect him and then each of you try and help all you can to lighten his burdens, and each of you give him your loyal support. With best wishes and wishing you all a prosperous New Year.

E. A. BRAND,
Ex-Local Chairman.

Creston Division—

I hope that by the time this reaches you your dues for the first half of 1914 have been paid, if not, don't neglect them, but get busy and pay up. Remember the \$5.00 O. R. T. dues goes to Bro. J. H. Rogers, 717 North 10th St., La Crosse, Wis., and your M. B. D. assessment to Bro. L. W. Quick, Star Bldg., St. Louis, Mo. Our division at present is in excellent shape. Let's keep it that way. If each member will keep his dues paid up it will be an easy matter, not only to keep it where it's at, but build it up still stronger. There is material left yet to build on. See if you can't get hold of some of this material and work on it.

R. L. HALB, L. C.

Creston Division Notes—

Bro. O. R. Anderson assigned second Brooks recently bulletined, and R. C. Abel, Brooks, to McPherson second.

Bro. L. K. Wells, first Shenandoah, is laying off, relieved by Mr. Stokes, from the Wabash at Malvern. Bro. Fleming, agent Greenfield, is on vacation, relieved by Bro. D. Ellis.

Bro. F. H. Evers, first Maryville, on thirty days' vacation, was relieved by Mr. Crandall, a new man, later went to Pacific Jct.

Agent Brownlee, of Savannah, off sick, was relieved by Extra Shean.

Guy Clarke, former agent Emerson, is back as operator at Bedford, Iowa.

Harry Cook, a brother of Bro. R. E. Cook, of Barnard, Mo., is on second Shenandoah, extra; P. G. Thompson, a new one, was agent at Coburg pending bulletin. Later, I understand, Gleason decided to remain there. Bro. Miller, of Shenandoah, on a month's vacation to the western coast.

There have been several positions closed recently, among them Creston office; Bro. W. N. Robbins, Bro. H. H. Knight and Bro. E. H. Unangst had the three tricks in that office. Robbins went to second Red Oak; Knight to second Glenwood, and Unangst is laying off.

B. C. Mierotto is now on third Red Oak account of reduction in force at Creston, and Mr. Hainey was also thrown out of work there.

Bro. Roberts, second Glenwood, off on account of sickness, we understand, is improving.

Bro. Barkus, third Malvern, off a few days on account of sickness, was relieved by Phoner D. H. Harvey.

Bro. G. B. Milliga to third Balfour, relieved on second there by C. F. Farthing, he later by Phoner Helfin; Trotter from third Balfour to a trick at McPherson.

Bro. Dan Gleason is on second Hastings, vice C. E. Seveland, resigned, and gone South.

Bro. E. H. Balcom, extra Red Oak, resigned.

Brooks second abolished making that office a twelve-hour job for Bro. Marr.

Bros. Bishop, Cook, Evers and Hale contributed to the write-up. E. B. WALLAHAN, Cor.

Sterling Division—

This is the month that our secretary and treasurer should receive our offerings for an up-to-date card for the New Year. Pay your dues and get a new card to start the New Year. It costs our Order money to be reminding you of your non-payment of dues. Get after the non, perhaps your next-door neighbor and see that he turns a new leaf by handing you his application. If you haven't the blanks the local chairman has an endless amount of them, and will gladly mail them upon request. A man must be in awful hard luck to excuse him from giving up the price of an up-to-date card twice a year. If we can't pay for them now, how did we pay when we were working for almost half the money? It's just imagination. Perhaps the non don't realize that he or his family are reaping daily the benefits of the organization brought about by our solid membership, which stands behind our committee as a protection, while laboring for better conditions. The non heretofore received his per cent of the increase in pay, the same as the man that pays his dues. If the nons who refuse to pay for cards were told that unless they did so that they would have to retain the old salary paid them previous to the first schedule, there would be no nons.

What do you think of your pay as manager of the Western Union? Do you consider you are paid for your labor when you deliver about fifty

messages during the month, make up your monthly reports and handle the other necessities, and when you make up your commission voucher for the month you are possibly \$1.50 to the good, providing there isn't too many of the messages "received paid" and you sent too many "sent collect." Why can't we get 10 per cent both ways the same as the express? If we have to hire some messenger boy to deliver these messages how long does it take him to earn your commission? Perhaps two days. Be glad to have some of you brothers explain this to me in the next issue.

Bro. Sill bid in Morrill, Neb.; Bro. Forbes, Curtis nights, I suppose, is waiting anxiously for the cashier's position vacated by Bro. Sill.

Bro. Pinkerton bid in Bayard, and Dickens is on bulletin.

Bro. Norris, on vacation, was relieved by Extra Agent Bro. Tucker, who also relieved Bro. Reynolds, on the sick list.

Bro. Hire, of Dalton, on a trip to Salt Lake, visiting some old acquaintances tells us the boys out there have an \$85 minimum and ours is \$60. They also have house rent and fuel. Bro. Hire was relieved by Bro. Gastenau, who later relieved Mr. Jenkins at Mitchell when he went to Bridgeport.

Boys, give us some items and we will try to have a write-up every month.

A. J. KARAKER.

Wymore Division—

We have started out on a new year. The past one has been prosperous for the Order, especially for Division 130. Have you done your share to make it so by assisting in increasing the membership? If you have not worked on every non within your reach endeavoring to obtain his application for membership in the O. R. T., you have not done your duty toward the Order or your fellow workers.

Let us all start the year by firmly resolving to line up every non on the Wymore Division not later than July 1, 1914.

We should give our best services to the company. A union man should give full measure and just a little more. Let us show the officials during the coming year that it pays to find out if a man carries an up-to-date O. R. T. card before hiring him to work for them as a telegrapher.

Bro. Harvey Grimes recently started for a visit in Texas, but was delayed some ten days in reaching his destination on account of the floods down there.

Bro. Strohecker, for several years agent at Bruning, has bought out a restaurant business in that city and is now working for himself. We all join in wishing him the best of luck.

Bro. Charles Daily, agent Thompson, on vacation, was relieved by Extra Agent Antrim.

Bro. Hazlett, agent Reynolds, on vacation looking after his farm down in Florida, was relieved by Mr. VanDusen.

Third Pawnee closed, Bro. Haley going to Bruning temporarily.

Bro. E. T. Hicks, agent DeWeese, recently shooting geese down on the Missouri River, was relieved by Bro. Tom Antrim.

Bros. Carder and Rogers, while going over the division recently, secured the following applications: M. D. Allen, P. H. Cobb, D. E. Lloyd, J. K. McCahan, M. M. Messmore, J. M. Pope and V. C. Thompson. Transferred, F. G. Breece. C. D. Hohaus, Nebraska City, also filed his petition.

Bro. Jack Hartzell, Johnson, bid in DeWitt; C. F. Marohn assigned second Nebraska City, and W. D. Wrench, Nelson, Neb., days.

I wish that every brother who files on a vacancy would send me a carbon copy of his letter, in order to keep check on applicants, and see that each one receives recognition.

Let us be up and doing, and work for applications. Remember, "No card, no favors."

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Lincoln Division—

Bro. H. L. Coggins, ex-division correspondent, visited home folks in Missouri during Christmas.

Bro. V. D. Chidester, ex-agent Comstock, who went to third Seward while Bro. W. J. Greenwood was off a few days, went to the time keeper's office at Lincoln to work on the time rolls the last of the month.

Bro. F. P. Mueller on Milford first pending bulletin, vice Bro. Knight, resigned.

Mr. Dennis, "NI," on vacation, was relieved by Extra "M."

Bro. B. J. Hill, third "GS," was a Lincoln visitor last month.

Boys, it's dues-paying time again. Let's be as prompt as possible, start the new year right, and keep from becoming delinquent.

Bro. R. A. Fulmer, while off on account of his father being sick, was relieved by Bro. B. F. Kaney, extra agent.

It's now Bro. O. D. Kratzer, York tower, Cert. 3259. Welcome, Bro. Kratzer. Landed by Bro. C. R. Baker, York.

Bro. R. B. Slivers, first Sutton, off a couple of days, relieved by C. A. Smith, extra.

East elevator, Friend, located near the depot, caught fire December 2d. Good work by the firemen prevented it spreading, and Bros. Teale and Holmes feel thankful their office was saved.

Bro. E. C. Combs, agent Huntley, resumed. Bro. V. D. Chidester to Comstock, Bro. F. J. Lyons being sick with acute indigestion.

Bro. Hinds, Spring Ranch, resumed. Bro. B. F. Kaney to Lincoln to work on time rolls.

Bro. A. Klein, from Cairo, relieving Agent Swan at Holcomb, who was called to Peru, Neb., on account of sickness of his father.

Since "biz" has fallen off some Bro. W. G. Weaker, Exeter, gets a chance to eat a warm dinner now and then. Bro. E. E. Holmes spent Christmas with parents at Saronville.

Bro. Olsen, Crete, gets excused once in awhile to escort the fair sex home.

Bro. F. D. Chadwick, Juniata, keeps his car in the garage instead of joy riding between Juniata and Hastings this wintry weather.

Chief Dispatcher Denton, while in Chicago, was relieved by Glenn Stewart, night chief, he by Wm. Martin, first trick dispatcher main line, he by Walter Lamb, second main line trick dispatcher, relieved by Dispatcher Temple, extra, and Operator "Z," out of "NI" office.

Cushman made a twelve-hour office. Bro. J. H. Smith, formerly first there, now on from 6 p. m. until 6 a. m.; Bro. P. M. Orrell bumping Bro. Nicholas, second Cobb. Mr. Flickinger on third Cushman extra.

Bro. Nichols is relieving Bro. H. E. Stayner second Fairmont, on his honeymoon.

Following brothers were the first to pay 1914 dues on this division: A. S. Kellog, Palmer; C. R. Baker, York; C. C. Whitcomb, Hampton; Wm. G. Weaver, Exeter. These brothers paid for a 1914 card before December 14, 1913. You always find Lincoln Division among the first. Keep it up, boys, and let's all get new cards not later than March 1st.

Bro. R. A. Fulmer resumed second Kenesaw after attending his father during his illness and death. Bro. Fulmer has our heartfelt sympathy. His relief, Bro. B. F. Kaney to Hastings yards to relieve Bro. B. J. Hill, third, for Christmas vacation.

On account of the reduction in forces at Hastings yards the operators' hours have been extended: Bro. Miller, 7 a. m. to 4 p. m.; Bro. Vant, 4 p. m. to 1 a. m.; Bro. Hill, 1 a. m. to 10 a. m.; helping clerk, 7 a. m. to 10 a. m.

E. P. Flickinger back to York tower nights. Second Cushman pulled off and only one trick there now.

L. B. Denton, our genial chief, went over his division the latter part of December with a little rules examination. Good thing, as it gets our minds back to the proper working instructions. If you have no book of rules, get one and keep posted.

Bro. W. S. Harris, first Cobb, working on Mr. Thropp, assures us he will soon be Bro. Thropp. Bro. G. O. Vant, second "GS" Hastings, assures us he will land five new members in 1914. Who's next? O'Leary, at Dorchester; Blackster, at Crete, and others are on his list. We wish him luck. Have you seen Bro. Vant's gold watch?

Bro. J. W. Shaw, formerly at "GS" Hastings, then to a Montana homestead, is now in the relay office at Livingston, Mont.

It's now Bro. H. C. Cook, Cairo extra, landed by Bro. E. R. Tyner at Cairo.

Mr. J. L. McMinn assigned Exeter tower, and E. E. Thropp assigned third Cobb.

Biggerstaff, at Ravenna, off two weeks, was relieved by "FB."

Bro. R. R. Haggitt, Utica, off a week to visit his sick mother in Iowa, relieved by Anderson, who returned to Saronville as helper.

"WA," Div. Cor.

Alliance Division—

Hemingford and Whitman stations on bulletin.

Mr. Brennan, Halsey third, is now at Provo.

We expect to hold a meeting at Edgemont about the latter part of this month, with prospects for a good crowd.

Cashier Livingston, Crawford, took a two-week hunting trip and succeeded in killing a nice deer. He was relieved by Extra Agent Bro. Powell, who also relieved Agent C. F. Triplett at Crawford while off two weeks visiting his mother at Pasadena, Cal., and later relieved Bro. Davis, Crawford first, while he took his daughter to Omaha to have her eyes fitted.

Bro. Sheldon, Minnekahta, off a short time, was relieved by Bro. Harkleroad, who later went to the Alliance freight office.

Bro. Ragland, Hemingford third, is on a month's vacation in southern Missouri.

Mr. Hellman bid in third Anselmo, and Bro. Vant Leven bid in third Seneca.

Hyannis has been made a continuous office, and Ashby nights closed.

Bro. R. F. Henry is on third Ardmore, relieving Bro. Kennedy.

H. L. Ormsby, former agent Broken Bow, is now ticket agent Alliance. Bro. Walters, agent Broken Bow, while off three weeks visiting points in California, was relieved by Cashier Brown.

Mr. Wertenberger, who has returned from his honeymoon to Mystic, will be with us in a very short time, which will make the Deadwood line solid. A year and a half ago there was but one member on the Deadwood line, but once in they are stickers.

CHAS. 13.

McCook Division—

Recent assignments: Bro. C. T. Hoffnagle, agent Burns Jct.; Bro. G. A. Sullivan, second Keensburg; Bro. I. D. Hewitt, second Cambridge; Bro. M. I. Stark, third Republican; Bro. C. E. Hertz, second Trenton; P. H. Barth, third Keensburg; Bro. E. O. Cords, third Orleans.

Mr. Ketter, agent Bartley, with home folks at Benkleman a few days, was relieved by Mr. Chechy.

Bro. Roberts on second Trenton while on bulletin, vice Bro. Fredrickson, gone to his home-stand. Mr. McCoy, an old-timer, is on third.

Bro. Tillman, second Akron, laying off, relieved by Mr. Weiser, and Mr. Jones, a new man, is agent at Ludell, vice Bro. Hewitt.

Bro. O. B. Landau, LaFayette, was a Denver visitor one day before Christmas. It is now Bro. Stingley at LaFayette.

Only one of the boys along the line sent me any notes. If you want more news, drop me a card with news for the journal.

Bro. Carder and Bro. Rogers have done some good work organizing on the Omaha, Lincoln and Wymore Divisions. We wish they would have had time to cover the McCook Division also. There are several new applicants for positions, and as we are in a bad place to get in touch with them away up here, it behooves some good brother to see if they are lined up properly, and

if they belong to some other division to let me know at once, so I can get them lined up for 130. If the brothers from other divisions will send me their names when they come to this division, we will see that they are called Bro. instead of Mr.

Would be glad to have more items for the next issue, if some of the brothers would help me.

C. R. HUNT.

*Atlantic Coast Line Ry.**Charleston District—*

All the winter offices are being opened up as fast as possible. The line will be full of new men, and we should find out if they have a card and have them transferred. If not, insist upon them getting one, and show them how to make a start in that direction. Tell everybody of our regular meeting day (second Sunday in each month, in Charleston), and invite all members to meet with us. Everybody be wide awake and on his job, and let's save our chief the trouble of having to jack up any of us about anything. Those of us who have any dealings with the "28" car report had better be on hand at the proper time, or he will most certainly receive a communication from the chief, for he banks on the information given in this report and must have it.

Every member who possibly can should attend every meeting, as you get next to things you can't possibly learn elsewhere. We initiate every candidate on our division, and it is your duty to be present to either cast a vote for or against him and take part or witness his initiation. We have a secretary who will gladly accept your dues at any meeting, thereby relieving you of the trouble and expense of postal or express money order. You are not taxed anything at these meetings, so don't get the idea into your head that we are going to beg you for anything. Come, let's all get together and stay together, which is very essential in the cause we represent. Bro. Williams, of Wilson, was with us and conducted our last two meetings, and was delighted with our progress and the present condition of things in general on our district. We are grateful to Bro. Williams for the interest taken in our meetings, and we are hopeful of entertaining him socially on one of his trips through at some future date as a token of appreciation.

Some of the late assignments are: Bro. D. J. Kirton to second Jacksonboro, relieving "Operene" Addison; Bro. S. M. Moore to second Vardell; P. H. Chester to third "HN" Charleston; J. W. Brazier to agency Pon Pon, vice Bro. E. O. Reynolds, to Jacksonboro agency.

Bennetts yard has been opened as permanent positions; assignments are not yet out.

Effingham second and third, and Ridgeland second and third on bulletin. Good jobs for extra men. As soon as they land, all hands jump them about a card, and let's get our interest on amount invested.

Bro. J. H. Champlin, of Division 92, has transferred to our division, and we are glad to welcome the new brother; also Bro. J. Hamilton, of the

Grand Division, whom we also hope to transfer and keep with us.

Bros. Brooker and Cumming were in Charleston one day recently. Bro. Pete Carn, Ashley Jct., off a few days to attend to business in Otranto, Saxon, Oakley and other northern points, was relieved by second trick man there, and he by Bro. Turner, of Mt. Holly.

Bro. R. H. Tuttle, of Bonneau, was relieved, while off getting married, by Bro. G. F. Turner, of Effingham, who also has matrimonial ideas floating through his "bean."

Three new jobs at Santee River will soon be opened on our district. Effingham and Salters will be opened shortly, and we will be able to get in touch with a couple of brothers who have been silent for quite a while, so far as the wires are concerned. It looks rather against Gourdin being opened as a telegraph station any more, as "GN" tower will be so close on one side and Lanes on the other.

Remember about the new men coming in, and do what you can to land them. Let's all get down to business while there is plenty of business. Any information as to blanks, rates, etc., will be gladly furnished by simply dropping me a note, care dispatcher's office, Charleston, S. C.

H. E. BOLICK, Local Chairman.

Savannah District—

Bro. N. W. McIntosh, recently on the sick list, is up and around again.

Bro. LaFrage, of Ways, Ga., is at home in Troy, Ala., with an attack of typhoid fever. Trust he will soon be around.

Bro. Fuller, second Ludowici, is now with the Southern at Blackville, S. C. Mr. Campbell, Ludowici, has gone in business in Alabama, relieved by a member.

Bro. Wheeler relieved Bro. Webb, Dyal, while he was in Waycross hospital being treated for poisoned hands.

Bro. Cox, McIntosh, was the host at an oyster roast given there recently. There was a bunch on hand, including Dispatcher Clark, who favored the boys with one of his characteristic speeches. They all had such a large time that Bro. Cox had to call for relief next day. Can't say whether it was the pepper sauce or the oysters.

Mr. Daniel our chief, accompanied by Dispatcher Jones, returned from a short fishing trip recently, having landed a 27-pound bass.

Bro. Smith was elected councilman of Folkston for a term of three years.

A number of the boys formerly on this district have drifted back including Bros. Massingale and Howell.

Bro. W. L. Barefoot has returned and is on first trick "DE" Savannah. Everybody is glad to see him back again.

Bro. Clements has been advanced to a trick in Savannah dispatcher's office. All the boys are wishing him success. Mr. Leary from Waycross, is working third trick there. It is pleasing to us to note that the officials have selected these promis-

ing young men from the ranks and feel certain that they will prove their worth.

New members are: L. W. Strickland, Ways, Ga.; M. B. Mullinax, McIntosh, Ga., and E. A. Bright, Jacksonville, Fla.

Bro. Hollahan has secured the required twenty-five new members this year to secure a watch. Blanks have been furnished several others who will soon be with the crowd.

It is hoped that those who regularly come to this district every season to take advantage of the increases and better conditions secured from time to time will wake up to the fact that it is about time that they pay for their share in the prosperity and get a card.

It is contemplated to have a "feast" and meeting in Jesup some time after the rush is over. So get out your fiddle and string up the bow.

TIM O'SHEA.

"Big Four" R. R.

Chicago Division West—

Did you ever see the "spineless creature," who, when he had lost his job or some misfortune had befallen him, would fold his hands and with the utmost sincerity say, "The Lord will provide?" Now, no doubt, the Lord appreciates his implicit faith in His ability to take care of him, but I have noticed during twenty years of roaming around, the Lord invariably fights shy of such people, and it is a good thing for all concerned that He does. When I go to heaven I want to have a good time. There will be no railroads nor landlords to worry with. So I intend to sit down after I have registered in and steep my Astral soul in the sweet melodies of "Turkey in the Straw" and "Red Wing," playing them on my new harp. But I couldn't enjoy myself in the company of such people. They would not be there long enough to learn the names of the streets before they would be yelling for a piano tuner to work on their harp or for a porter to polish their crown. Besides they would come around where I was playing and insist on singing to my tunes, thus causing me to get "all balled up." So if St. Peter ever lays off to go to a ball game and a sub lets a few nons in, I will give up my equipment and go to the other place, get a small agency and work fourteen hours for \$53.00 and commission. The "spineless creature" referred to is commonly known as the "non." One can find them most any place. If you look closely you many find one in your office, and if you can not get him to join the best plan is to ignore him. Why will you endure a man who calmly sits by and allows you to work and get him an increase, who, instead of being grateful, is the first to yell when the company breaks some trifling part of the agreement. Get rid of him; then open the windows and let the office air out.

We hope you had a merry Christmas, that you will have a happy New Year, and if you haven't done it, do it now—send in that five beans and show us what you are made of. Our committee goes up in January. Here's looking at them.

Bro. Turner was in Springfield recently, relieved by Bro. Boyd.

The new phone arrangement works O. K., although we on the west end have a hard time separating the little electric impulses, which "Rep" stirs up at the other end, from the noises made by the local, city phone, and the fair young thing who can't work the gum machine.

Bro. Harris is enjoying pastoral pursuits in "Jeah old Kaintuck," and tearing off a large sized time in New Orleans.

Sister Dainwood bid in "RO" regular, relieving Mr. Insko.

New office at "KT," Bro. Argenbright, first; Messieurs, Lucas and Wright, second and third. They have nothing to do until tomorrow if they are not all in when they get through hustling baggage. All for \$62.50.

We will have Broderick at "MA" with us after the first.

Now fellers, you see the extent of the write-up. The offices mentioned are the ones who sent me the news. Hereafter I will make it a point to see who is taking an interest. If you are just holding a card on general principles, wake up.

Div. Cor.

GREENSBURG, IND., December 22, 1913.

Bro. G. B. Harris, first St. Anne, is appointed correspondent for the Chicago Division west, account Bro. F. C. Bussert giving up the work. Brothers, please take notice and try to get some news in occasionally. A. J. HORNUNG, L. C.

Cleveland Division—

Bro. Dutton is still working the agent's job at Augusta account Agent Tobias' wife being sick. Extra Harrison working third Vernon; Chas. Henry sick.

Ed Kelly, night chief dispatcher at "DI," is now trainmaster on the Sanly Division. O. C. Wyman, trainmaster Michigan Division, transferred to chief dispatcher at Cleveland; Mr. Kelly, assistant Chas. Bourroughs appointed assistant trainmaster, vice Wm. Carter, promoted. The rumor is that the Cleveland Division dispatchers will be transferred to Bellefontaine along with the other officials next spring.

As we are about to open negotiations with the company for a new schedule, would like to see every brother get after the nons working close to them and try and get them to come in with us and help bear the expense. I have written a letter to every non whom we would care to have, and you can help a lot by getting after them yourselves.

I am glad to say that the list of delinquents on the division is very small and there are quite a number of extra men coming in.

Bro. Scott, second Edison, on an extended vacation through the West, relieved by Mr. Gallagher, from third Cardington.

Bro. W. P. Dick, is on third Leonardsburg pending bids. Bro. C. M. Young, "A," off with a lame arm, relieved by Extra Irwin, who later went to second Linnale.

The meeting at Cleveland this month was well attended, our former local chairman, H. R. Rey-

nolds, being on hand. "RN" still is up to date, and we are glad to have him with us.

Some of you have not turned in your information blanks yet. Please get them in at once to be used by the general committee.

Marsh and Ashley nights closed. Bro. Willauer, first Marsh, laid off, a twelve-hour stunt being too much for his health, relieved by Bro. Golden.

Bro. Bogan, assigned third Rush, being the next oldest man bidding on the job, and Bro. Rollins staying at Ashley. This will cover all cases of this kind in the future.

Assignments: First "DI" Otto Stine; fifth "DI," Bro. G. E. Foltz; sixth "DI," A. M. Davies; third Harper, G. E. Dodds; third Ashley, Bro. E. A. Rollins; second Leonardsburg, Bro. W. P. Dick; third Leonardsburg, W. Alexander. Extra Kautzman on third Harper till filled by Bro. Dodds. Operator Cleveland, third Larue, off a few days, also relieved by Extra Kautzman, who then relieved Bro. Edwards, second Harper on account of sickness of his wife.

Trains were derailed over the T. O. C., Edison to Martel, then to the Big Four, Indianapolis Division, until the Edison wreck was cleared.

I wish to thank Bro. Edwards, Harper, for some of these items, he being the only one who makes any attempt to help us have a write-up every month. CERT. 1123.

Sandusky Division—

Happy New Year.

Bro. Smith is enjoying his morning walks to "KI."

Bro. Shultz bid in third Knisley, his home town, and Bro. Kahlefras, second Osborne, bid in third Shale.

Mr. Moorefield, third Par, has gone South.

Bro. C. O. Delp is now third trick operator and ticket agent at Middletown depot. He was baggage agent on 105 one Sunday morning recently.

Don't forget to have a different colored card for January, 1914. They are beauties, boys.

Bro. Foley has a new bug. Watch out.

J. Hildebrand bid in first Lad relieved on first "FA" by Bro. Harper, F. Huber on second.

F. Williams is on first Rox, and Mr. Cox relieved Mr. Rowland on second Galloway.

The Sandusky Division dispatchers are back at "J" again, and Rube was appointed chief dispatcher.

Now, boys, get new members while we have a "cracker jack" of a chairman. Let's make the division solid. Attend the meeting and get acquainted. We want to meet you.

Bro. Glass bid in first Shale, leaving second "SA" open.

Bro. Hertel is on third "XD." It sounds good to have an old head on the job again.

Bro. Emmerson is visiting in Dayton often. Please advise.

Get that non next door, brothers. All lend a hand and we can easily make this division solid.

Send me the news boys, so we can have a write-up every month. All help. One man can not do it alone. Send the news to Franklin, Ohio.

WM. H. ALGE, Div. Cor., "KX," Cert. 1525.

Maine Central R. R.*Eastern Division—*

Bro. Comings, of South Orrington, has been appointed agent at Winn; Sister McFarland, second, and Bro. Blaisdell, third Forest; Earl R. Crocker, third Kingman; Bro. Merryfield, of Monmouth, first Mattawamkeag; T. F. Cosgrove, first "B" office; Bro. Morse, clerk-operator Woodland, and Bro. Farady, second Bancroft.

Request your local chairman to furnish you with an office sign, "No card, no favors," and live up to it. Treat the non well, but let him get a card if he wants favors.

I am pleased to state that the percentage of membership on this division is now greater than at any previous time since organizing. We have less than half a dozen non-members and think we can soon get them all.

Find quite a few errors in the seniority list, and would like to have it correct. Check yours with the following, and if any error, notify me:

Eastern Division—Abbott, E. E., Sept. 9, 1907; Atwood, V. F., Oct. 5, 1911; Aldrich, W. F., March 27, 1913; Babbirk, A. A., May 1, 1895; Blaisdell, Berleigh, April 28, 1913; Buckley, J. L., Oct. 7, 1912; Buchanan, Wm., March 16, 1911; Clark, J. E., May, 1886; Comings, H. E., June 30, 1899; Cook, C. P., June 15, 1897; Cosgrove, J. A., Jan. 9, 1909; Crabtree, F. S., 1904; Crandemire, F., Nov. 18, 1908; Crane, G. D., Oct. 1, 1890; Crane, L. F., Feb., 1894; Cromwell, J. R., April 14, 1908; Cummings, R. E., March 17, 1913; Crandlemire, C., April 13, 1912; Dennis, A. J., April 30, 1897; Dennis, A. L., June 5, 1902; Desmond, R. M., Aug. 29, 1906; Ellis, H. J., Dec. 2, 1912; Foster, A. E., Oct. 4, 1884; French, R. M., Sept. 11, 1909; Graham, O. M., Aug. 1, 1906; Higgins, H. S., Nov., 1905; Hinch, R. H., May 13, 1897; Hobbs, V. W., Sept. 12, 1893; Hodgkins, E. G., June, 1903; Herrick, E. G., Oct. 21, 1912; Jenkins, C. L. F., Nov. 26, 1912; Leach, H. W., Dec. 3, 1908; Leard, C. H., April 10, 1905; Lewis, R. A., April 22, 1908; Lindsay, A. M., May 1, 1896; Lindsay, P. H., July 17, 1899; Lindsay, C. S., May 9, 1907; Mann, L. E., Sept. 25, 1905; Marsh, P. M., July 18, 1905; Merryfield, T. R., April 24, 1911; Miles, M. A., Nov., 1882; Maddocks, H. A., Sept. 4, 1911; McFarland, L. B., Dec. 1, 1910; Morse, L. A., Aug. 14, 1908; McFarland, E., Jan. 1, 1901; MacKenzie, J. A., Oct. 22, 1901; Milan, G. F., Aug. 20, 1913; Milliken, H. G., Aug. 11, 1898; Moore, R. W., May 21, 1910; McCarthy, F. W., June 27, 1912; McTague, J. H., Feb. 15, 1913; Neal, L. E., Sept. 3, 1909; Neal, N. B., March 16, 1903; Perry, H. G., May 2, 1904; Plummer, R. J., Aug. 25, 1891; Prouty, H. A., April 22, 1903; Robinson, H. G., April, 1902; Reynolds, D. C., March 16, 1911; Ross, M. J., July 1, 1904; Scribner, C. E., Dec., 1900; Smith, G. H., May 1, 1898; Shannon, C. D., Sept. 7, 1909; Shea, E. A., April 1, 1911; Trafton, F. E., July 1, 1908; Tripp, H. M., Dec. 12, 1905; Trueworthy, R., July 13, 1912; Wardwell, I. L., 1875; Wiggin, C. D., Aug. 25, 1897; Wright, E. S., March 11, 1912.

Calais Branch—Bishop, Clifford D., Dec. 12, 1898; Desmond, James F., Feb. 26, 1899; Day, Edgar A., July 16, 1902; Downes, Herbert W., June, 1904; Fickett, E. E., May 13, 1906; Farnsworth, Herbert, G., Oct. 28, 1908; Gardner, Ralph, A., Nov. 1, 1900; Hillgrove, Leonard R., July, 1903; Kirkpatrick, Fred G., Oct. 3, 1912; Knowles, Steven J., April 15, 1905; Leighton, Harvey G., Dec. 16, 1899; Leighton, James A., July 28, 1909; Leddy, Eugene, Oct. 24, 1912; Miller, Leonard, Dec. 1, 1903; Myrick, William C., Dec. 11, 1898; Miles, Alfred L., Nov. 10, 1899; Miner, William C., March 1, 1903; Miles, H. T., Jan. 8, 1913; Murphy, Paul H., Dec. 12, 1912; O'Brine, Edward, Aug. 1, 1901; Reed, Lewis W., April 3, 1900; Sylvest, Arthur L., May 27, 1901; Stuart, Frank P., Nov. 25, 1902; Wilson, Pluma C., Jan. 1, 1907; Wakefield, Raymond B., March 3, 1910.

Bro. Miles lost several days in being transferred from Anson to Perry, and, being unable to get pay from the company, placed the matter in my hands. It was adjusted and he got straight time. It is policy to have an up-to-date card in stormy weather, and very few of us know when a storm is coming. Tell the non-members to get a storm insurance card. E. McFARLAND, L. C.

Portland Division—

Bro. Merrifield, clerk Monmouth, who was on a two weeks' leave of absence, visited his parents in Richmond, has bid in third New Gloucester.

Understand the company is thinking of cutting out West Benton station and laying the track via Fairfield.

Brunswick, Augusta, Woolwich and Richmond are solid. It is now Bros. Brown, Dickey and Gray, also Laurence at Vassalboro and Beane, spare—a newlywed. Congratulations.

Boys, don't get behind on the "OS." Danks doesn't like to repeat, and you might get one of those white letters.

Ex-Bro. Delano landed second Burnham Jct., vice Mr. Earles. Hope he will soon get a card again.

Bro. Worth Brown, telegrapher-clerk Fairfield, was up to Berlin, N. H., recently on business.

Bro. Dailey, agent Richmond, on three weeks' leave, relieved by Bro. Gray, and he on first by Bro. Beane.

S. F. Haskell is on third Rumford Jct. pending bulletin.

Charles, Jr., has arrived at the home of Bro. Hackett. We hope no spikes are lying around on the track he will have to cover in the early hours with one passenger aboard.

Bros. J. E. Fardy and S. A. Lavallee visited Bro. Wood at his home in Winthrop recently. Bro. Wood has resigned as agent at Gray on account of sickness, but intends to go on as trick operator later on. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

After twenty-seven years' service on the Maine Central, Mr. Nichols, agent at Bowdoinham, has left station work and is now in the accounting department at Portland, his position being filled by Mr. Clark, formerly agent at Winn. Mrs. Jack,

his daughter, also resigned at the same time, her position as operator being filled by Bro. Beane, later by Bro. R. E. Robinson.

Pay up your dues, boys. Ask the car knockers at Waterville shop what happened to them when they dropped out. You can bet there is a union there now. "A word to the wise is sufficient." Let's all get wise.

While on a visit to St. Anne de Beaupre on my vacation I visited one of the stations and was surprised to see a brother up there. Both electric and steam cars are run on that road, and only fifteen or twenty stations on the road—all solid O. R. T.

The new station at Augusta is certainly a beauty, also three good-looking brothers running it.

How about a meeting, boys? and it wouldn't be a bad idea to give us a dance.

This makes my second year here in the woods.
JO. NOLES, 400.

Grand Rapids & Indiana Ry.

Northern Division—

It would be a good thing to appoint one of the boys correspondent and get a little write-up in every time, and have the others send him all the news possible.

Boys, you must all see that the other fellow has a card, one of the same color as yours and can flash it on a moment's notice. "Get busy" should be our slogan and "No card, no favors" our watchword.

Bros. W. A. Gates and R. L. Gates spent a month pleasantly with the old folks at home in Virginia. Bro. W. A. goes to first Reed City, and Bro. R. L. to Morley as agent. Bro. C. H. Daley, who relieved the latter as agent at Elmira, has been placed there permanently, relieved by Bro. Walter Holbrook on third Boyne Falls. "Mr." Mancy couldn't stand the pressure at "KS" tower and was relieved by Bro. Avery, of the G. T., making "KS" solid.

Mr. Waite is relieving Mr. Leahy on third "A" Kalkaska awhile.

Bro. F. C. Frymire, Alba, spent a month during the deer season in the upper peninsula, relieved by Bro. C. A. Brownell, of the P. M.

Bro. G. A. Hilliker, formerly of Mancelona, spent a few days there visiting with Bro. J. M. Bartholomy. George is looking good. Come again, old man.

Mr. Shue, of "FN" siding, worked a few nights at "KS" tower, relieved by Mr. Norton, a product of the Howard City ham shop. Boys, remember the slogan. Mr. Pugh relieved Mr. Shue at "KS" several days, and was relieved again by Mr. Shue.

In the death of C. E. Johnson, boys, we have lost a good friend. He had the blanks all filled out to become a brother on pay day. He was relieving Mr. Hough, agent at Clarion, on vacation, who returned the day Mr. Johnson came down with appendicitis and was taken to Lockwood Hospital at Petoskey and died there five days later. He was twenty-one years of age last August. The company has lost a good man and the parents a

loving son, always the same to everyone. The funeral was held at Clarion, November 23d, attended by a very large number of friends. Bros. W. S. Plummer, of Pellston; W. W. Holbrook, of Boyne Falls, and L. B. Babcock, of Petoskey, and Messrs. A. B. Weyant, freight agent Petoskey, and Stephenson, of Pellston, were in attendance. Mr. Johnson's father, A. Johnson, is section formen at Clarion.

Bro. R. A. Norin has returned from his western trip and relieved Bro. C. L. Sheets, who is in "DS" office. P. L. Boulard, dispatcher "GN," on six months' leave.

Bros. L. L. Wright and E. O. Brotherton have returned from vacation.

L. F. Judkins, agent Fife Lake for a number of years, has taken third Walton Jct., relieved by R. G. Herrick, of Pellston. J. L. Merrinane gets Pellston.

There has been some changing of agents lately:

B. V. Marble, of Muskegon, gets Grand Rapids freight agency, vice Robt. Orr, deceased; C. L. Lane, of Reed City, to Muskegon; E. C. Amphlett, of Mackinaw City, to Reed City; H. E. Blue, Manton to Mackinaw City; E. Phelps, freight agent Petoskey, to Manton; A. B. Weyant, Pellston, to freight agency Petoskey, and L. C. Lacey, Morley to Pellston.

V. A. Pool, agent Harbor Springs, off a while, was relieved by Relief Agent Graves, now relieving L. E. Foxworthy at Alanson. SKIDOO.

Trinity and Brazos Valley Ry.

The months of October, November and December will ever be remembered as eventful ones by the officers and members of Division 144. October saw the planning and the high hopes of everyone for a revised and better contract; November brought the negotiations which were completed in the short space of about nine hours all told, and Thanksgiving day our fondest hopes were realized and there was more than usual to be thankful for. Christmas brought its additional pleasures in the full enjoyment of a contract that we believe is second to none.

The committee carrying on the negotiations was composed of Bros. D. W. Ramsay, general chairman, Bardwell, Texas; N. W. Smith, general secretary and treasurer, and Horace Kemble, local chairman, Teague, Tex.; R. E. Evans, local chairman, Newby, Texas, and T. H. Stanton, special committeeman, Corsicana, Texas. These brothers went to Houston on No. 7, October 26th prepared to meet President Robins and Superintendent Allen on Monday morning the 27th. This meeting covered about three and one-half hours and all features of the revised schedule were promptly agreed upon, down to the wage increases; deferred until November 16th, when the committee again met in Houston, with headquarters at the Milby Hotel, ready for another audience with the officials. Every one of the committee was in the best of spirits, determined and confident, feeling as they expressed it to the officials: "We have not approached you as committees most often do,

anticipating about half of what is asked for, but we have made a very conservative estimate and are expecting every cent of it," and what was missed of getting it all was only about two and a half per cent. The total figures amounted to nine and three-tenths, while about six and seven-tenths was secured. It was a real pleasure to deal with Messrs. Robins and Allen, and all matters were closed up on the 17th and 18th without the least bit of friction. The road is gaining a well deserved reputation of having the finest bunch of officials in the country to work for, and the boys on this division are going to show their appreciation of the treatment they receive by "delivering the goods" every day in the year.

And now for a word about the good things we secured. The first clause carries the words: "It is understood and agreed between the management and the telegraphers" instead of merely "Rules and Regulations." The three-year bumping clause in Article III encourages one to settle down to a position and feel secure. It reads: "When positions are abolished or force reduced, telegrapher affected may displace any junior telegrapher, except those who have been assigned to a regular position continuously three years or more, or go on the extra list, retaining his seniority. In event there are no telegraphers in the service younger than three years, the youngest telegrapher may be displaced."

Article IV reads: "Telegraphers with families, who have been assigned regular one year or longer, will be given ten days' notice if cut off through reduction of force or abolishing of position."

The concessions secured in the hours of service and meal hour articles were most gratifying. At one-man stations the men only work eleven hours, as in the past, with one hour of this time for meal, *commencing and ending* between the hours of 11:30 and 1:30 day or night, as the case may be; the words "commencing and ending" were introduced to prevent the frequent argument that if a telegrapher got started to his meal even as late as 1:29 it was in conformity with the old contract. At three-man stations and dispatchers' offices, eight consecutive hours, without time for meal, constitutes a day's work; at the two-man stations, or nine-hour jobs, the men will get thirty minutes of this time for lunch. The overtime rate was raised to a minimum of thirty-five cents, as against twenty-five cents in the past. Telegraphers on duty at wrecks, washouts and similar emergency offices who formerly received \$2.50 per day of ten hours or less, time computed from time they started until they returned, except deductions would be made for time relieved from duty for rest, will now receive \$3.00 per day for ten hours or less, time to be computed from *time they are called to start* until they return, with deductions as above and \$2.00 expense money as in the past; this makes practically \$5.00 per day for this class of work. Telegraphers required to leave their home station to relieve another telegrapher will receive \$2.00 per day expense money.

The minimum pay for telegraphers is now \$65.00 per month, as against \$60.00 in the past. There

is not now an agency on the line paying less than \$70.00, eleven of them having been raised from \$65.00. This is approaching right onto the much-talked-of \$75.00 minimum. Let's all try a little co-operation and make it a reality. Several agencies were raised from \$70.00 to \$75.00 some to \$80.00, and one to \$87.50; none of the regular assigned cashiers are receiving less than \$80.00 since the new rates went into effect; terminals and junctions are now paying \$75.00, \$77.50, and one \$95.00; relay men are now getting \$80.00 and \$90.00. Express and telegraph commissions are provided for in the wage schedule and can not be taken away without an adjustment being made.

A contract like this should certainly bring the few remaining nobs into the fold especially the one for whom a \$10.00 raise was secured, and who is holding out on account of a little grudge, blaming the division and heaping upon our shoulders a load the origin of which he could find by looking at home.

There are now fifty-eight telegraphers enjoying seniority on our list, with eleven non-members or delinquents, whom we expect to soon line up.

Bro. O. Thompson, T. & V. B. Jct., was in Houston on November 16th and 17th, and was at the train to shake hands with the committee when they landed on the 16th. We were all glad to see him.

It gives us great pleasure to have Bro. J. P. Kelley back with us on third "JC," after being so long out in Morenci, Ariz. Thought we had about lost him. Stay with us, boy. Bro. R. V. Smith, second "JC," enjoyed a vacation during the holidays. C. O. Presley, former dispatcher in "DI," is back with us in the telegraph department, assisting Bro. O. Thompson, on first "JC," who has to spend a great deal of his time looking after the yard situation, due to congestion of business caused by recent floods.

Bro. C. W. Weaver, cashier Waxahachie, bid in the cashiership at Mexia, relieved by Bro. C. E. Earl, ticket clerk Waxahachie. Bro. C. H. Wagner is back with us again and settled down to cozy housekeeping at Waxahachie.

Bro. J. B. Milstead, agent Reagor Springs, off two weeks during the holidays, relieved by Bro. J. A. Morgan, of the T. & P., whom we hope will stay with us.

Bro. D. W. Ramsay, our general chairman, spent Christmas at home in dear old Bardwell and used that \$10.00 raise to spread the Christmas menu with good "eats."

Bro. W. B. Langford, formerly cashier Mexia, bid in Emhouse agency, vice Bro. W. H. Lunsford, resigned, after long years of service, to accept a position with the pipe line company.

Bro. T. H. Stanton, first Corsicana, who served on our committee on the revised contract, is taking an active part in all division matters. We are more than glad to have him on our division and hope to see him elected to office in the near future. Having had a broad experience, and naturally an enthusiastic worker, he loves to be "in harness." He is doing us a world of good. Bros. G. W. Howell and M. A. Cummings, second and third

Corsicana, are both new members, whom we are proud of.

Bro. J. A. Boyd, agent Navarro, is enjoying life on his elegant little farm near the station. It is gratifying to know that a great many of the agents and operators along the line are acquiring land, and managing their farms with great success. The T. & B. V. Ry. runs through a territory in which property is increasing every year, and the telegraphers are using good judgment in making these investments. It should be the aim of every one to secure some of this land and settle down with a comfortable home.

Bro. E. E. Hardie, agent Kirvin, has a little agency that is growing right along, and he is getting on fine.

Bro. F. E. Stevens, agent Teague, has plenty of work to keep him going, but never too busy to show his interest in matters of the division. We like to see these brothers who are holding exclusive agencies and other promotions stay with the boys who are building up a progressive division. Bro. J. E. Glenn has been on the sick list, but we hope for his complete recovery soon. He is in the branch office of the superintendent of car service at Teague where our old-time friend, Mr. Cash, holds forth. These two worthy boys have a neatly equipped little office and are handling the "red and green ball" freight movement to a finish. Bro. Ferd Hamilton, second Teague, on a two weeks' vacation during the holidays, visited home folks at Sweetwater, Texas. Bro. J. I. Maxwell, third Teague, has returned from a visit to New Orleans and other points. Bro. Horace Kemble, first Teague, and wife, spent Christmas with their folks in Denison, Texas. Bro. G. W. Maynard, first trick dispatcher Teague, as well as the other two boys, H. V. Evans and W. M. Upshaw, are keeping the train sheets pretty well filled up during the movement of congested freight, due to the recent washouts.

Our amiable chief, E. R. Gassman, is "on the job" every minute of the day, with his smile and pleasant words, making it a pleasure to "hit the ball." He meets all the reverses, such as washouts and wrecks, good naturedly, and goes in to win out. Our energetic and pleasant trainmaster, J. W. Carnes, has been sticking pretty close to the dispatcher's office, assisting Mr. Gassman in handling the trying situation. Superintendent H. E. Allen has been up and down the line, right on the scenes of the trouble, and the prompt and efficient work of the officials, assisted by an able following of employees, has enabled the T. & B. V. to recover from the floods and handle traffic with only slight interruption. Bro. D. B. Frost, our lineman, is passing around the cigars celebrating the advent of a fine baby girl at his home. S. B. Kelley, chief clerk to Superintendent Allen, is to be commended for his policy of having everyone concerned live strictly up to the telegraphers' contract. Mr. Kelley is a great baseball enthusiast, and still talks of the great world's series game.

P. Conners, cashier at Cleburne, has returned from a two weeks' vacation and hunting trip to find a copy of the revised schedule awaiting him.

He says he will soon be Bro. Conners. Bro. H. A. Nelson, recently reinstated, who came back from Oklahoma and relieved Mr. Conners at Cleburne, is now at Dobbins agency, relieving Bro. J. H. Henderson, on sixty days' leave.

Bro. W. Cole, Covington agency, who has not had a vacation for four years, is now figuring on a little needed rest.

Bro. C. W. Bryan, Osceola agency, keeping the ball rolling like the rest of us, enjoyed his Christmas turkey.

Bro. M. M. Cotton is still at Hillsboro "delivering the goods."

Bro. W. C. Driggs, Bynum agency, has shipped a great deal of cotton this fall. We tried hard to secure a helper, and know he will not think hard of us for being unable to do so this time.

Bro. T. R. Deen, Malone agency, was boosted up in salary along with others in the recent wage increase.

Bro. J. I. Weatherford, cashier Hubbard, is always there with prompt service on the wire and with tests. Let's all take a little tip from him and make ourselves worthy of the new contract.

Bro. G. W. Thorpe, Cooledge agency, reports the parcel post increasing his mail business until it is no longer a little sack for the shoulder, but a dray load, and that it costs money to have it hauled. Something should be done through legislation about this mail proposition.

Bro. C. B. Tomme, operator Cooledge, resigned after a long service, was relieved by J. C. Yancey.

Bro. J. R. Eskew, Donie agency, is improving and making a valuable piece of property out of his nice farm.

Bro. T. C. Montgomery, Concord agency, has improved that station 100 per cent under his administration.

Bro. R. E. Evans, Newby agency, our local chairman on the south end and one of the committee on the revision, came in for a \$7.50 raise. Unfortunately, he had to leave Houston before the negotiations were completed, and the rest of the bunch had a joke on him that he "beat it" as soon as he got the raise.

Bro. A. E. Gormley, Flynn agency, is getting the business there.

Bro. C. H. Crockett, North Zulch agency, has had lots of trouble with his meal hour on account of the noon passengers, but these words in the new contract, "commencing and ending between 11:30 and 1:30," fixed him up all O. K., and with his \$5 raise "Davy" is now "jam up."

Bro. J. A. Newsom, Iola agency; Bro. D. W. Norman, Singleton agency; Bro. Wm. Reddy, Shiro agency; Bro. R. L. Lienweber, Richards agency, and Bro. R. E. Lavender, North Houston agency, report "no news of especial interest." The latter, we are glad to state, was reinstated several months ago to his old position there.

The brothers at Tom Ball, as well as Teague and Corsicana, are greatly elated over their eight-hour tricks and the \$75 minimum at these stations. Bro. G. F. Barnhill, first Tom Ball, still handles the express, but, owing to the eight-hour shift,

some new arrangement will be put into effect regarding it. Bro. N. B. Anderson, on second, reports his farm in good shape. Bro. B. P. Lee, third, spent a few days in Houston recently, relieved by C. O. Presley. Tom Ball (exclusive) agency was recently transferred from W. F. Crabtree to J. F. McDonald. Neither are telegraphers. While both gentlemen are our friends and we want to see them do well, we believe these exclusive agencies should be given to telegraphers in the way of promotions, thereby encouraging them to look forward to something better.

Bro. A. L. Burrow, the faithful old war horse who spent so many years in Teague as operator and personal record clerk in the superintendent's office, is now personal record clerk in President Robin's office. We hated to lose "ABO," but glad to see him do well. He is now working alongside of our dear friend, Judge G. W. Frazee, operator "HS" office.

Bro. Carl F. Bartz, day operator and clerk Galveston, is enjoying life in the "Island City," even though the telegraphing grows heavier every month, and the cotton movement is on.

Sister C. Smylie, Newby nights, who managed Newby station on both dates while Bro. Evans was on committee work in Houston, was on a few days' vacation during the holidays. Sister Ethel Smylie, Dobbin, nights, was also off a few days during the holidays.

Bro. J. H. Ferrell, of the Grand, has returned from the W. V. Ry., and is now on extra here.

Bro. J. C. Cherry was at Big Sandy, Tex., when last heard from. We would be glad to have him come back and hang onto the extra board. We are always delighted to hear from any of the old boys and glad to receive communications from any of the brothers and assist them to get employment when anything opens up. That's our greatest aim—to get steady card men on good jobs.

Bro. N. W. Smith, our general secretary and treasurer, is doing some good work, keeping every feature of his duties in first-class shape. Filling the position of extra telegrapher on the wrecker and regular lineman, he is enabled to travel up and down the road and visit the members. We are sorry to report his family on the sick list, but hope for their speedy recovery.

G. W. Winters, new man, on second T. & B. V. Jct. a few days.

Bro. J. P. McDonald, of the Grand, is at Stree-man nights—new position opened up on account of heavy business.

Our old friend "Dad" Vance was at Norman-gee a few days, assisting Bro. J. W. Frost.

Bro. D. W. Norman, Singleton, is swamped with the express and I. & G. N. business diverted via T. & B. V. on account of washouts, and has put on additional help to handle the joint agency there.

Bros. C. W. and J. R. Donaho, from the Cotton Belt, passed through Teague on December 21st on their way to North Zulch; the former to the

Magnolia Oil Line at Concord, Tex., and the latter on the T. & B. V., extra.

Sister Florence P. Pierce, grand secretary and treasurer of the Ladies' Auxiliary, writes that the insurance feature has been added to the L. A. Policies will be written for \$150 and \$300 at a cost of \$1.60 and \$3.20, respectively, per year. The ladies on Division 144 now holding cards should get some of this insurance, and the brothers should help look after this feature. We will soon take up the matter of getting the charter for our L. A. on this division, completing the movement that was started last year. CERT. 37.

Fort Worth & Denver City R. R.

Brothers, this is the time of year we give thanks and presents. We have all more or less to be thankful for. The benefits the telegraphers have derived during the past year should be a great incentive for increased zeal in our services to our employers in order that we can in a measure make them feel that the concessions that have been given are fully appreciated. Therefore answer your calls promptly. We are a progressive body and as time goes forward we will probably ask for more privileges, and will be all the better fortified to demand them by giving good service.

The past year has seen quite a number of new members initiated into our Order, but we have not done it all, as there are a few nons yet on our line. Our general chairman has been quite busy and has done excellent service in this work, but we are depending too much on our officers to line the nons up. Each one should take a hearty interest in this matter, as you can not fail to see it is to our interest to be solid. Of course the boys are coming and going, but so long as they are on our line, keep after them.

It is Bro. D. S. Witty on third Vernon now.

Delinquent Blakeney, at Oklaunion, will line up at once; also Mr. Wilson, agent at Rhome, and Mr. Newell will have a card if he remains at Decatur.

Messrs. Robinson and Conley are still holding out, but I think they have about made up their minds to join.

Recent engine failures on account of changing to Arkansas coal caused a great many of the boys at one-man stations to be called at night and make a few dimes for Christmas.

Bro. Weaver recently made a trip over the south end and had a word with all the nons and brothers.

Bro. Webb spent Christmas at home in Arkansas.

It has been decided to make the dues for each half \$5.00 instead of \$4.00. The standard of pay on our line will fully justify this and with the recent increase it will not be noticed out of our checks. Notice of dues were sent out last month and I hope each member will remit in good time. "No delinquents for 1914" would be a good motto, and then make it "100 per cent strong."

First and Second Divisions—

"VN" closed and Bro. Allen transferred to "RD" nights.

On account of reduction of force Bro. Wales, third "BI," relieved Bro. Stephenson, going to third, Bro. Greenwood second and Bro. Hodges on as first and cashier.

Bro. Black, third Decatur, resigned and gone to Rusk, Tex., relieved by our new Bro. Turner.

Bro. Durrett off for holidays, relieved by Mr. Wilson, former dispatcher.

No notes from the W. Valley this month. Bro. Casey, at Weinert, seems to have gone to sleep at the switch.

The recent bad weather caused all trains to be more or less off schedule, resulting in considerable overtime for the one-man stations. Don't forget what's coming to you, boys.

On several occasions communications have been addressed to me regarding the matter of seniority, men being laid off when jobs have been closed, etc., when younger men were retained in the service. Such matters as this should be referred to the officers only after all the means in your power have been exhausted to set matters right through your own efforts. If these fail, and justice is not done, then it is the duty of our chairmen to take it up with the officials. And, furthermore, copies of all grievance correspondence should be attached to your file when forwarded to the chairman, in order that he may have grounds on which to present a case and material to fight same with when so presented.

Notices of dues have been mailed to all members, and while you have until the 28th of February in which to remit, still it is the waiting game that causes the trouble. Now is the time to remit for your dues, and also don't fail to get lined up on your insurance, dues for which must be mailed direct to Bro. L. W. Quick, at St. Louis. Don't try to be the last to line up, try to be the first.

Mr. Pyle, first at "WF," has forgotten, but we expect him to line up after the Christmas expense is over.

Bro. Pinky Webb spent the holidays at his home in Little Rock. He took his lucky "Philipino cent" with him. Relieved by Bro. Rutherford, from Div. 126.

CERT. 43.

First and Second Districts—

A more genial and efficient set of officials could not be found anywhere and all the boys should appreciate this fact and render efficient service. The greatest success to be achieved by telegraphers is by promptness in answering their calls on the wires and attentiveness to business. Let the officials see that you are trying to do right and they will appreciate it as well as assist you. Do not entertain the idea that because you are out on the line the officials do not know what is going on. During the hours assigned you devote your entire time to the company's interest and not to periodicals, dime novels or writing to your best girl.

Bro. Harry O'Bryant, late of Ludlow, Colo., is now at Spur, on the Valley. Glad to have him back with us.

Bro. Merritt, second Dalhart, is in Kansas City on business, relieved by Bro. Holloman.

John Cunningham, the genial night yard clerk, Childress, spent his holiday vacation in and around Galveston and Houston sightseeing.

Inadvertently we recently stated that Bro. R. S. Holmes had resigned and gone North. We are glad to note that he is still with us at Texline.

Bro. J. M. Erwin, Clarendon, is contemplating going into other business in the near future. We will not lose him as a brother, however, as he will continue to carry an up to date.

Agent Cotton, "CD," Childress, is to be congratulated on having so genteel and competent a ticket force as Bros. Johnston and Campbell. The former is looking after private affairs up town when off duty. Wonder who it is?

Bro. F. V. Mize, bumped at "X" Childress, is temporarily at "FK" Ft. Worth.

A brother agent holding one of the heaviest stations on the road recently received an application from a "telegrapher" employed on the Santa Fe, asking for work. He replied if he was an up-to-date O. R. T. man to apply at a certain station for transportation and come at once. Nothing more was heard from Mr. Santa Fe man. You can all guess why. Let every brother agent follow this example and we will get better results.

We are all proud of the boys at Texline—solid to a man. They are a team hard to beat.

Bro. Phelps, "X" Childress, who usually takes a hunting trip every fall down on the Nueces where the "dear" are plentiful, will remain at home this year as there are plenty of "dears" around Childress.

Bro. A. W. Thomson, Texline, on a fifteen days' leave, is visiting in Birmingham, Ala., his old stamping grounds.

We are glad to announce that it is now Bro. D. Kersey, Amarillo.

Sorry to learn of Telegrapher Oster's condition physically; some excuse for "GO."

Bro. G. W. Wheeler, on a sixty days' leave, will return with a life long companion. Heartly congratulations and a long life.

Among the notable "invincibles" is W. D. McDowell, second trick "X" Childress, who persistently declines to be one of us. He is evidently anticipating a high official position soon. "It is well to be wise."

Elmer Pyle, Wichita Falls; C. I. Scofield, third Clarendon, and W. H. Baird, first Memphis, are troubled with the "shorts." They better make good their promises while the coming is good.

Bro. G. H. Longwell, new man at Electra, will transfer to No. 145. Bro. T. H. Black, of the Grand, has already done so.

Bro. J. H. Farrell, of Idaho Falls, Idaho, a late arrival, is now at Holiday on the Valley.

Boys, be courteous and obliging to the traveling public and your co-workers, as it leaves a good impression and will repay you.

We wish one and all a happy and prosperous New Year with renewed vigor to bring our Order on these lines up to the standard with that of other roads. Let our motto be that of Bro. Brown, of the R. I.: "Unionism is ostracism." Div. Cor.

Third and Fourth Districts—

We had a very pleasant call recently from Bro. A. C. Wilson, late of the dispatcher's staff at Wichita Falls. Bro. Wilson is undecided what he will do just yet.

C. B. Sansing, a new man, relieved Bro. J. C. Sides, at second Tascosa, for his Christmas holidays, spent in Missouri and then resigned; relieved by R. McKay, another new man. Understand Bro. Sides will not return alone.

The W. V. boys are coming in now. One new brother has just sent in his application.

Bro. Thomson, first Texline, is on vacation, visiting in and around Birmingham, Ala., relieved by Mr. Converse, a new man.

Bro. Henderson, third Anarillo, was off two days recently, looking after outside business.

Bro. Mentzer, Childress, has been under the weather for the past three weeks, threatened with pneumonia.

Night yard clerk at Childress, John Cunningham, is rusticated in Ft. Worth.

Dispatcher Darling was off a few days with a severe cold. Glad to see him back again.

Quite a reduction of force was recently made in the car, track, clerical and mechanical departments.

Jack Tayler is relieving Jargo Harrison, night yard master Childress, taking in the sights of St. Louis during the Christmas holidays.

Snow blockades in Colorado are making all trains very irregular, which gives the terminal operators all the business they can handle.

Some good brothers on the north end write us a few happenings occasionally. Wake up, boys, you have played Rip Van Winkle long enough; let's hear from you.

Bro. E. B. Abbington, agent Goodnight, is now cashier there. We are glad to have him so close to headquarters.

J. W. Huggins, late of the dispatcher's force, Wichita Falls, is now in the coal and transfer business in Childress. Bully for you, Joe, we wish you the best of success. Div. Cor.

Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic Ry.

Brunswick Division—

I would be very glad indeed if you brothers on the Atlanta and Birmingham end would give me a few dots once in awhile, so we can let the others know what we are doing.

The Thomasville Branch is solid with the exception of one man, Moultrie, and he will come in in a few days.

We had a good meeting at Fitzgerald in December. We usually have a good crowd at our Fitzgerald meetings from the Brunswick end. Bro. Campbell, from Thomasville, has never at-

tended any of our meetings, and I am going to make a special effort to get him out at our next meeting.

Bro. Lindsey, at Merrillville, on the sick list several days, was relieved by Bro. Stephens, from Mauk.

Bro. Hay, of Cooleage, has had his hands full this fall with cotton and W. U. work.

The new man at Tifton came in a few weeks ago.

J. K. Brinkley, another new man, has been appointed agent at Double Run. We hope some of the brothers will investigate as to how he stands.

A. S. Newbern, another new man, now has Byromville agency. Hope someone close will get busy with him.

Hortense agency, recently filled by N. C. Martin, another new man.

Relief Agent Brown has been on the go for some time, relieving several who were sick and on their vacations.

Please remit your dues at once for our new cards for 1914. Do not overlook this and put it off.

Our general chairman, Bro. Gorman, made a trip over the entire division recently in order to get such information as he could not get otherwise to help him in future to adjust any difference at any particular point on the line.

L. C. MOBLEY, Div. Cor., Cert. 49.

Delaware & Hudson Ry.

Saratoga Division—

This division has elected the following officers to conduct the regular monthly meetings at Mechanicville, N. Y.: Chief telegrapher, T. F. Cassidy, Mechanicville, N. Y.; secretary, E. M. Hughes, Albany, N. Y.; first-vice, C. H. Kemp, Waterford, N. Y.; second vice, J. Govreau, Glens Falls, N. Y.; Marshall, D. Higgins, Green Island, N. Y.; past chief telegrapher, T. Coyne, Mechanicville, N. Y.; sentinel, H. Leonard, Troy, N. Y.

These meetings are well attended, but there is still a big chance for improvement. At December meeting a lengthy letter from our Second Vice-President T. M. Pierson expressing regrets for his not being able to be with us, was read. We have Tom's promise that if business will permit he will be with us next meeting. Very interesting talks were given us by General Chairman G. A. Johnson, D. Danks, local chairman Pennsylvania Division; J. Lawrence, local chairman Susquehanna Division; C. H. Kemp, former local chairman Saratoga Division, and B. N. Nichols, our former secretary and treasurer of old Division 78. How many of us possess the spirit of loyalty to the O. R. T. as Bro. Nichols? Some time in 1906 Ben left the D. & H. and yet to-day he still has in his possession an up-to-date car! while I am sorry to say quite a few telegraphers, after receiving something like \$50 increase per year, two days off per month with pay and other benefits have not contributed to the expense of securing them.

How much longer do these men (?) want the members of the O. R. T. to secure for them more

increases and better working conditions, so that they may sit back and take life easy at the expense of the O. R. T.?

Did you ever hear of a non refusing to accept an increase secured by the O. R. T.? No! neither did I. Yet any increases got for these men on the D. & H. is more than enough to keep them in good standing in the O. R. T. Perhaps I had better not be too harsh with these men, as our membership is increasing very good lately, and it may hamper the good work being done by some of the members in getting new candidates.

At January's meeting it is hoped that there will be a large attendance on hand, as this meeting will be the last previous to our first annual dance, which will be held at the Music Hall, Mechanicville, N. Y., January 29, 1914. All indications point to this dance being a great success. It is not unreasonable to say that the committee expect each member to get rid of at least five or ten tickets, and in places that are well inhabited by railroad men the members should get rid of twenty-five or fifty. I think the committee will offer a good prize to the member selling the most tickets.

I have no notes at present, but if the different members will send me the happenings in their locality before the 20th of the month I will try and have a write-up representing the D. & H. in each issue of THE TELEGRAPHER.

DIV. COR.

Virginian Ry.

First and Second Divisions—

Several new offices have opened up recently at Goodview, Huddleston, Phenix, Adsit and Suffolk, which goes to show that business is better than it has been before on this end.

I think that this should make us all more determined to land all of the nons and have solid divisions when we go up for another schedule.

Boys, all of you remember that it is now time to be getting your new cards and you do not want to hesitate a single day before mailing the proper amount to Mr. Goodwin and get them as early as possible.

The three nons at "MA," "C" and "SU" have all promised to come in and we will be glad to have them do so.

Bro. Herring, first "SK," bid in second "CH," relieved by Bro. Strickland, third, and he by Bro. Holland, second, relieved by Mr. Marks, a new man from the Burlington, who will come in first of the year.

Bro. Herring, off a few days, relieved by Bro. Bevell (a new man from the C. & O.) is calling on his future intended down in the "Tar Heel" State. We all wish him much success.

Bro. Lucy, relief agent, bid in second "CD," relieved by Bro. Clark. It has not been decided who will get first "CD," as there seems to be some misunderstanding about that job.

Bro. Giles, first "CD," has been promoted to dispatcher. We are glad to have him work along

the wire and hope he will be successful in his new position.

There are many changes being made that your correspondent can not obtain. Each one of you mail him your notes each month so that he may get them in for the journal in good time.

Our regular correspondent has dropped out of the Order. Perhaps he will see his mistake and come back with us.

Wish you all a happy New Year.

"RED," "SK," Cert. 83, Acting Div. Cor.

Chicago, Indiana & Southern R. R.

Danville Division—

Mr. Hardesty, agent Cook, off a few days, was relieved by Cunningham.

Bro. J. E. Withrow, after a season of relief, is back at Kentland days.

Now, boys, business is getting heavy and lots of train orders. Be on the job and do not let the dispatchers get angry calling you, as they are good fellows and will do good by you.

Keep the telephone receiver hanging on the hook, so you will know where to find it, and it will cut down the resistance on the line also.

Campbell opened November 15th with Bro. Humphrey on second and Mr. Bern third; Tab, with Bro. Handley second and ex-Bro. Johnson third; Handy, with Bro. Blaney second and Cunningham third.

You nons just stop and think what the engineers and conductors are now getting on their schedule, and it was not their first schedule either. The operators on this or any other railroad will not get anything if you continue to stay out and do nothing to help the good cause along. You believe organized labor is a good thing, but you are too timid to step out and help to organize by joining and being a member and helping it along financially. You might ask some of the best union members of some of the strongest unions of today and you will be surprised to learn what their dues and assessments cost them, and then you still hesitate and claim you can not stand \$5.00 semi-annually for a card.

I received no items from any of the boys and this was all I was able to get off-handed. This is my first attempt; will do better next time if the brothers will send me the news.

C. L. SMITH, Div. Cor.

SOME DON'TS WHILE WORKING ON THE PHONE.

Don't butt in on the dispatcher with your "OS" or questions while he is putting out orders or is busy with other work which is far more important.

Don't butt in while someone is holding phone conversation.

Don't let the dispatcher ring you four or five times before answering.

Don't "holler" into the transmitter; talk low and you will get best results and will not "bust" someone's eardrum.

Don't lay back in your chair and expect to be heard over the telephone while you are two feet away from the transmitter.

Don't let trainmen or enginemen take their orders. You are there for that purpose and are discriminating against yourself by allowing them to do this.

Don't be snappy and grouchy to the dispatcher when he has to have some information, but help him all you can.

Kankakee Division—

Bro. N. A. Jackson, Streator second, has resigned and left for Oakland, Cal. We are very sorry to lose Bro. Jackson, as he is a "live wire" and a worthy member. He was relieved by T. D. Arnold, of Ladd, who promises to be with us next pay day.

Mr. Ikerd, of McNabb, resigned, and C. E. Layman bid it in, and promises to join as soon as settled. He was relieved at De Pue by R. E. Jones, who claims he will join, but falls down on his promises.

Recent new members: Alex Morton and Mathew Cinnetto, of Seatonville, and James Montague, of Momence, Ill. Two or three others have promised for next pay day.

Ex-Bro. Thomas, of Ladd, will soon be with us again. We are pleased to hear that his wife, who has been very ill for a long time, has recovered sufficiently to be up.

Bro. Mark Glover, of Granville, is making too many trips to "Monkey's Nest."

Bro. Hartigan, of North Judson, surprised the boys the other day by going over the division as student brakeman. Says he needs the exercise.

Remit your dues for new card to Bro. C. C. Barnes, 724 East Sample street, South Bend, Ind. Notices were mailed you.

Bro. Moran, of Kankakee, spent Thanksgiving in Seatonville.

Old Jack Driscoll says he has to buy Christmas presents for his Mandy and can not be with us until later. Hope he don't wait until he gets out of date.

Don't forget to ride with Bro. Grady while in Dwight. He is in the lively business.

Delmar is now a three-trick job, with all the C. T. H. & S. E. men in charge. This does not keep them from taking out the necessary papers.

The new tower at Schneider will soon be in operation, and the men there will not have time to think. However, it is a fine building and that will help some; but, oh, you seventy levers and all the switching, too.

Mr. Dooley, the new dispatcher, is getting onto the ropes and seems to understand his business. His is a good job if we can believe Jack.

There is some talk of turning the locals at North Judson. If this is a fact, we should have no trouble in moving our cars.

Bro. Hartigan, first North Judson, resigned and went braking, relieved by Bro. J. C. Kelly, formerly of the L. S. & M. S.

Bro. Bain and Claussen have quit worrying about switch lamps.

Bro. Krick, North Liberty, is back from Florida. Understand he went fishing there. (Look out, boys.) He wanted to bring half car of fruit, but his wife wouldn't let him. J. E. H.

Ford Patton, agent at Knox, had the great misfortune to lose his wife, who died November 21st. All of his old fellow employes extend him their sympathy. Perhaps in the near future we may be able to grasp his hand and say "Brother."

SHIMANEK, G. C.

Cornwall & Lebanon R. R.

The manual block system went into effect on this line November 3d. This keeps us operators very busy along with the station work.

A few more of the boys have joined the O. R. T. Boys, get busy and get the rest to join. We have long days and small pay, and as the cost of living is very high, we should receive more for the work we are doing.

Let us do the very best for our employers, and perhaps they will do something for us.

CERT. 2197.

Omaha Railroad Telegraphers' Club.

The social which was held in Labor Temple Hall, on Tuesday evening, December 9th, was a pronounced success, far exceeding the most sanguine expectations of the officers of the club, and everything running according to the previously arranged program.

Promptly at 8:30 p. m. Bro. Archie Burnite, leader of the O. R. T. Orchestra, gave the "band," composed of ten pieces, the "HI" sign, and the festivities were launched, commencing one of the most enjoyable evenings the members of this club ever participated in. After a preliminary musical selection, the orchestra started one of Archie's favorite "dreamy" waltzes, and President Ackerman called the dancers to the floor, thirty to thirty-five couples responding. There was a total attendance of seventy, and we were sorry so very few of the boys from out of town were among us.

After several dances, we were treated to an excellent musical program. Mrs. J. W. Langley, wife of Bro. Langley of Division 6, gave a piano recital, which was greatly appreciated and well applauded by an attentive audience. Next followed a vocal selection by Miss Flannigan, pianist of the orchestra, which called forth such an encore that she was obliged to respond by adding another number to the program. Miss Flannigan plays her own accompaniment on the piano, and was assisted by "The Rev." Mac, the artist on the cello. We all enjoyed the music very much, and thank the donors for their valuable services, so cheerfully given.

About ten bells the orchestra called a halt, and the committee on refreshments announced luncheon. The refreshment committee was ably assisted by the two boys of Bro. Potter of Division 6 and also by Master Tathewell, son of Bro. Tathewell of Division 23. It was necessary to run a second section of the "refreshment train,"

which was evidence that the luncheon provided by the wives of the members was greatly appreciated, and the ladies were complimented on the excellent repast.

Among those who attended from out of town were: Bros. C. E. Maxwell and H. J. Mohler, of Division 31, who enjoyed themselves to the limit. Bro. Frank Vybiral and wife came in from Schuyler. You can't lose Frank; he's always here when "something's doin'," and his wife, also being one of the "live ones," accompanies him. Bro. Reisener, from Gilmore Jct., U. P., also made a special effort and attended, bringing his dancing partner with him. What we can not see is that the brothers from the outlying districts and nearby stations were able to attend while a number of the boys living within a few blocks of the hall failed to appear. They were the losers however, as those who attended will no doubt tell them. Watch for our next date, boys. It is planned to have one of these socials each month, if we can arrange satisfactorily to all concerned for the hall.

The Burlington had a good bunch with us, there being eight or ten men from the general offices, and the U. P. boys also turned out in grand style. The I. C. was represented, as usual, by Bro. Jack Harty, and the Milwaukee was represented by the "whole bunch" from "the Bluffs." We are very sorry some of the Missouri Pacific boys did not seem to care to attend. We are satisfied they each had an invite, but there were only three of the members from Division 31 present, excepting the general chairman and general secretary and treasurer.

We are not able to announce the date of the next social in this number of THE TELEGRAPHER. I suggest that the members of divisions covering lines entering Omaha get in touch with the vice-president of the club representing their line, and he will post them on the date, and be in position to give them the particulars.

The expenses of these affairs are very low and were paid by the club members at the meeting held in November, each one attending that meeting donating a small sum toward the entertainment fund.

No charge was collected at the hall, and as the invitations stated, "admission free," we require each person attending to present the invitation at the door. You will all readily understand that we must maintain this rule, otherwise we would have people who are not desirable and others who have no right to admission. We did not make any iron-clad rule, however, that a man had to be up to date to be with us, as we invited some "prospective" members also. Several of them were there and enjoyed themselves, and we believe passed the good word along.

There was no speech making whatever. The evening was spent in getting acquainted and by dancing and at luncheon. Everyone attending voted the affair a great success.

President Ackerman made a short announcement of our next regular meeting, December 22d, at the

Paxton Hotel, and urged all the members to attend.

It was with reluctance that the orchestra played "Home, Sweet Home" at 11:55 p. m., but as the lights are turned off in all halls at 12 o'clock, it had "to be did."

Your faithful scribe has endeavored to cover the event as best he could, but as he was "25" a great part of the time, enjoying himself, was unable to get all the notes. "THE SCRIBE."

Chicago CORT Club.

Our regular meeting of November 6th was a success in every particular; a very interesting time was enjoyed and many old familiar faces were in evidence, which was very gratifying indeed.

The meeting was called to order at 8:20 p. m., with President Craig in the chair and all other club officers present.

A committee of three, consisting of Bros. Corcoran, Smart and Rose, were appointed to draft a club resolution indorsing H. R. Bill 1873 and Senate Bill 927, and urging our Congressmen to support it. This was duly accomplished and copies of the resolution mailed to all concerned.

After the usual club business terminated, First Vice-President Newman was called upon for a few remarks, and spoke at great length relative to the good work that had been accomplished in the past few months on railroads on which he had conducted negotiations for new and revised schedules. To learn of the increases in wages and the betterment of working conditions procured by Bro. Newman and his various committees was very pleasing indeed. Bro. Newman deserves great credit for the many successful negotiations conducted by him since his last address to this club. Some of these schedules are really among the best in the country. This gilt edge work that is being accomplished every day by the O. R. T. certainly should induce the brothers in the ranks to place their shoulders to the O. R. T. wheel of fortune and back their union officials in conquering the corporations flanking us every day in a determined effort to conquer us. All this good work that is being accomplished in Bro. Newman's territory is liberally being placed by him with the rank and file along the line. See that you are deserving of this reward. Bro. Newman's remarks were delightfully received and applauded.

Bro. Smart, C. & N. W., was then called upon and gave a short but interesting narration of existing conditions on that road, and what was being accomplished relative to organizing Division 76 individually and collectively and urged the club members to use drastic personal effort in procuring the applications of other O. R. T. members for membership in the CORT Club as a means of advancing it socially and financially.

Bro. Soyster, general chairman Division 23, was then called upon and gave us one of his ever-interesting talks as to conditions generally, as well as those prevalent in his territory. Bro.

Soyster, with his pure, fair-minded, unadulterated facts, mingled with good humor, is certainly a favorite among the club members, who are always delighted to see him take the floor. His remarks always prove wonderfully beneficial to conservative members.

Bro. Jones was (as usual) right on the job and gave us all an carfull of the ever-welcome information relative to doings around the federation hall and State legislative matters.

Bro. and Mrs. P. E. Gray spent Christmas with relatives in LaPorte, Ind.

Bro. Smart was off a week visiting relatives at Greenview, Ill.

Bro. J. A. Rose and family spent Christmas day with Bro. A. L. Bradley and family, of West Chicago.

CLUB COR.

Topeka O. R. T. Club.

The meeting on Sunday evening, December 14th, was called to order at 8:00 p. m., with First Vice-President Bro. H. A. Ford in the chair, owing to the absence of President Stover, who was compelled to work that night.

The minutes of last meeting were read by Secretary Powell and approved as read. Bro.

O'Grady, of No. 126, moved that the club pass a resolution at this meeting conveying our sympathy to Sister Brown, of "KI" Topeka, who lost her father recently. Seconded by Bro. Powell, and the chairman appointed Bros. Powell, O'Grady and Hattwick as a committee of three to form a resolution to this effect.

Although the attendance was not large, the meeting was very interesting in every respect, and some very heated debates were indulged in and good points brought out.

Short talks were made by Bros. Ford and Love, of Herington, and Dix, of St. Louis; Powell, O'Grady, Meador, Allen, Ehrhart, Hattwick and Hamilton, of Topeka, and Valdez, of the Southern Pacific.

Every one was well pleased with the meeting, especially Bro. Charlie Hattwick, of "KI." He hasn't been with us very often owing to being on nights, but thinks he will attend regularly now.

Bro. Carver was called home suddenly from the meeting and told us the next day "it was a boy and a dandy, and was going to be a world's champion sender just like 'Dad.'"

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 p. m.

R. A. POWELL, Sec'y.





NOTICE

J. H. Johnson, Certificate 607, Division 2, has been expelled from the Order for conduct unbecoming a member.

Mutual Benefit Department

Assessment No. 133 is due January 1, 1914.

Time for payment expires February 28, 1914.

AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENTS.

On \$ 300 00 (Series A).....	\$2 40 per year.
On 500 00 (Series B).....	3 60 per year.
On 1,000 00 (Series C).....	7 20 per year.

BENEFITS PAID DURING DECEMBER, 1913.

CLAIM No.	NAME.	CAUSE.	DIV.	CERT. No.	SERIES.	AMT.
1514	Elmer Bostic.....	Acute Pulmonary Tuberculosis....	33.	26945..	B..	\$ 500 00
1515	Edward P. Mulvey....	Drowning.....	8.	26474..	B..	500 00
1516	C. A. Spires.....	Pulmonary Tuberculosis.....	6.	27842..	C..	1,000 00
1517	Wm. Wiist.....	Cerebral Hemorrhage.....	138.	33629..	A..	300 00
1518	W. B. Ferrill.....	Appendicitis.....	132.	19038..	B..	500 00
1519	Geo. E. Robinson.....	Pulmonary Tuberculosis.....	2.	14550..	A..	300 00
1527	David C. Bailey.....	Tubercular Abscess Ruptured in Bowels.....	59.	32262..	C..	1,000 00
1529	W. C. Roundey.....	Pulmonary Tuberculosis.....	Grand.	18659..	C..	1,000 00
1532	Evelyn C. Phelps.....	Septicemia of Right Arm.....	8.	15671..	A..	300 00
1533	Henry C. Schwalm.....	Pulmonary Tuberculosis.....	Grand.	6880..	C..	1,000 00
1536	Herbert H. Chamneiss..	Pneumonia.....	40.	23710..	A..	300 00
1539	Geo. B. Goodin.....	Chronic Rheumatism.....	118.	14132..	B..	500 00
1540	J. B. Copp.....	Pulmonary Tuberculosis.....	31.	27750..	C..	1,000 00
1541	Sidney L. Owen.....	Typhoid Fever.....	93.	34668..	C..	1,000 00
1542	Mrs. Nellie J. Paine...	Tuberculosis of Lungs.....	8.	26213..	A..	300 00
1543	Carl J. Davis.....	Gunshot Wound in Temple.....	146.	37737..	C..	1,000 00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—MORTUARY FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Received on Assessment Account to November 30, 1913.....	\$1,345,116 35
Received on Assessment Account December, 1913.....	12,142 19
	<u>\$1,357,258 54</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Death Claims paid to November 30, 1913.....	\$ 935,581 47
Death Claims paid in December.....	10,500 00
Assessments Refunded, account rejected applications.....	1,770 74
Assessments Transferred to Dues.....	267 28
Cash on hand to credit Mortuary Fund December 31, 1913.....	409,139 05
	<u>\$1,357,258 54</u>

L. W. QUICK,

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Division Directory

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No. 1—Division covers the Grand Trunk and Grand Trunk Pacific Rys. Meets subject to call of Chairman. L. M. Eddy, Gen'l Chairman, Grand Trunk Ry., Marcellus, Mich.; R. L. Harrop, Gen'l Chairman, Grand Trunk Pacific Ry., Justice, Man.; D. L. Shaw, Gen'l S. & T., 427 William st., London, Ont.

No. 2, ST. LOUIS, MO.—Meets 1st and 3d Mondays of each month at 8 p. m., Small Hall, south side, 3d floor, Masonic Temple (Odeon Bldg.), Grand and Finney aves., St. Louis, Mo.; L. W. Quick, Chief Telegrapher, 7th floor, Star Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.; R. J. McElhinney, S. & T., 4107 Hartford st., St. Louis, Mo.

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No. 7—Division covers the Canadian Pacific Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. G. D. Robertson, Gen'l Chairman, Box 205, Welland, Ont., Can.; R. C. Wilton, Gen'l S. & T., Kenora, Ont.

No. 8—Division covers New York Central Ry. H. B. Morey, Gen'l Chairman, 102 Jefferson ave., Utica, N. Y.; A. E. Blim, Gen'l S. & T., Chili Station, N. Y. Hudson Division—Meets 3d Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p. m., G. A. R. Hall, 27 Garden st., Poughkeepsie, N. Y. F. P. Fraleigh, Local Chairman, 67 Washington st., Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Western and Rochester Division—Meets 3d Saturday in February, April, June, August, October and December at 10 o'clock a. m., and 8 o'clock p. m., at Rochester, N. Y., 3d Monday of January, March, May, July, September and November, at 10 o'clock a. m., and 8 o'clock p. m., at 148 No. Salina st., Syracuse, N. Y., in conjunction with Mohawk Division. W. R. Miller, Local Chairman Rochester Division, Victor, N. Y. W. P. Mansell, Local Chairman Signalmen, Western Division, Corfu, N. Y. A. E. Blim, Local Chairman Station Dept., Western Division, Chili Station, N. Y. Mohawk Division—Meets 3d Tuesday each month at 8 p. m., at 510 State st., over Fagan's

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No. 16—Division covers the Michigan Central Railroad. Meets 3d Monday of each month at 7:30 p. m., Prismatic Hall, 130 First st., Detroit, Mich. J. C. Culkins, Gen'l Chairman, Albion, Mich.; J. H. Staley, Gen'l S. & T., Box 903, Welland, Ont.

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No. 18—Division covers the New York, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad System. Meetings 1st District at Conneaut, in G. A. R. Hall, Main st., cor. of Washington st., every third Monday of each month. Meeting 2d and 3d Districts at Bellevue, Ohio, in B. of L. E. Hall, every 3d Friday of each month; meeting 4th District in I. O. O. F. Hall, State st., Hammond, Ind., every second Saturday of each month. F. F. Cowley, Gen'l Chairman, 519 W. Lincoln st., Findlay, Ohio; C. O. Crisenberry, Gen'l S. & T., Knox, Ind.

No. 20—Division covers the New York, Ontario & Western Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. T. F. Cullinan, Gen'l Chairman, 2 Albert st., Middletown, N. Y.; H. D. Pfoor, Gen'l S. & T., P. O. Box 28, Jermyn, Pa.; C. L. Cook, Local Chairman Southern Division, P. O. Box 183, South Fallsburg, N. Y.; H. J. DeGraw, Ass't Local Chairman Southern Division, Hancock, N. Y.; G. W. Merwin, Ass't Local Chairman P. J. & M. Branches, High Falls, N. Y.; P. J. Boland, Local Chairman Scranton Division, 160 Dundaff st., Carbondale, Pa.; F. L. Spratt, Ass't Local Chair-

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No. 21—Division covers the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. E. F. Stenger, Gen'l Chairman, R. F. D. No. 3, Miamisburg, Ohio; C. B. Miller, Gen'l S. & T., Piqua, Ohio.

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No. 25—Division covers the International & Great Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. T. C. Berry, Gen'l Chairman, Encinal, Tex.; R. B. Adams, Gen'l S. & T., Oakwood, Tex.; D. D. Hungate, Local Chairman Gulf Division, Jewett, Tex.; J. J. Burns, Assistant Local Chairman and Division Correspondent, Box 133, Spring, Tex. Chas. C. Webner, Local Chairman Ft. Worth Division, Mart, Tex.

No. 26, NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.—Meets 2d Wednesday of each month, 9 p. m., Grand Union Hotel, New York City. W. A. Fuller, Chief Tel., 525 West 146th st., New York City, N. Y.; A. R. Linn, S. & T., 116 Willett st., Jamaica, N. Y.

No. 27—Division covers the St. Louis, Vandalia & Terre Haute Railroad System. Meets on the 15th of each month in the Mayor's office at Green Castle, Ind. E. E. Pierron, Gen'l Chairman, Pierron, Ill.; C. R. Shortridge, Gen'l S. & T., Coatesville, Ind.

No. 29, NEW HAVEN, CONN.—Meets 1st Friday of each month at 8 p. m. and 3d Tuesday of each month at 10 a. m., in Red Men's Hall, 48 Church st., cor. Crown, New Haven, Conn. L. H. Dowd, Chief Tel., 57 Ludlow st., Waterbury, Conn.; G. F. McCormack, S. & T., 95 Main st., West Haven, Conn.

No. 31—Division covers the Missouri Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to call of the Chairman. C. E. Maxwell, Gen'l Chairman, Room 401, Star Building, St. Louis, Mo.; N. S. Morgan, Chairman Relay Offices, 418 Geyer ave., Kirkwood, Mo.; W. L. Wilmarth, Member General Committee M. P. Ry., Holden, Mo.; J. E. Lewis, Member General Committee, Tallulah, La.; H. J. Mohler, Gen'l S. & T., Room 401, Star Building, St. Louis, Mo.

No. 32—Division covers the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad System. Meets subject to

call of the Chairman. C. G. Kelso, Gen'l Chairman, Box 87, Springfield, Mo.; M. T. Fullington, Gen'l S. & T., Box 87, Springfield, Mo.

No. 33—Division covers the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the Chairman. C. B. Pierce, Gen'l Chairman, 2021 Longwood st. (Walbrook), Baltimore, Md.; C. B. Rawlins, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, R. F. D. No. 1, Moore's Hill, Ind.; W. Edgar Frasher, Gen'l S. & T., 814 W. 9th st., Wilmington, Del. Philadelphia Division—Meets in Red Men's Hall, 17th and Union sts., near B. & O. depot, Wilmington, Del., third Saturday evenings in January, March, May, July, September and November at 8 p. m.; meetings in February, April, June, August, October and December, subject to call of Local Chairman. F. F. Sullivan, Local Chairman, Van Bibber, Md., Western District of the Baltimore Division. Meets subject to call of Local Chairman. W. Q. Stouffer, Local Chairman, Point of Rocks, Md. Eastern District of the Baltimore Division—Meets subject to call of Local Chairman. D. J. McGrath, Local Chairman, 2811 Frisby st., Baltimore, Md. "GO" General Office, Baltimore. Meets subject to call of the Local Chairman. C. B. Pierce, Local Chairman, 2021 Longwood st. (Walbrook), Baltimore, Md. Pittsburg Division, Pike River and P. & W. Districts—Meets 4th Thursday night of each month at 8 p. m. and 10 a. m., 4th Thursday in February, April, etc., 1914, at 417 Wood st., third floor, Pittsburg, Pa.; J. Yeager, Jr., Local Chairman Eastern District Pittsburg Division, 810 Bay Ridge ave., Brookline, Pittsburg, Pa.; E. J. Olwell, Local Chairman Western District of the Pittsburg Division, 120 Charles st., Knoxville, Mt. Oliver Station, Pittsburg, Pa. Cleveland Division—G. H. McCoy, Local Chairman, 1716 Wooster st., Massillon, Ohio. Chicago Division—Meets 3d Wednesday night of each month in Red Men's Hall, Defiance, Ohio. T. J. Eiler, Local Chairman Eastern District; G. H. Harer, Local Chairman Western District, Milford, Ind. Newark Division, including all its subdivisions and branches, will hereafter meet in Newark on the third Monday of each month. Meetings will be held alternately in the afternoon and evening, beginning with an evening meeting in December. J. P. Welsh, Local Chairman Eastern District of the Newark Division, R. F. D. No. 3, Box 17, Barnesville, Ohio. J. F. Iden, Local Chairman of the Western District of the Newark Division, 541 Maple ave., Newark, Ohio. New Castle Division meets last Saturday evening in each month in Central Labor Hall, 3d floor, Walsh Building, South Main st., Akron, Ohio. J. R. Ault, Local Chairman, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

No. 34—Division covers the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railway System. Meets subject to the call of Chairman. J. V. Phillips, Gen'l Chairman, Wellington, Ill.; S. M. Rittenhouse, Gen'l S. & T., Sidell, Ill.

- No. 35, PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month in Swart's Lodge, Odd Fellows' Hall, 96 Westminster st., Providence, R. I. J. D. Vanderbeek, Chief Tel., 284 Montgomery ave., Providence, R. I.; W. J. Smith, S. & T., West Kingston, R. I.
- No. 36—Division covers the Pennsylvania Lines west of Pittsburg. Meets subject to call of the Chairman. J. B. Finnan, Gen'l S. & T., P. O. Box 659, St. Louis, Mo.
- No. 37, NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y.—Meets 2d Friday evening each month, 8 o'clock, Lambden Bldg., 252 Main st., New Rochelle, N. Y. Theodore A. Reif, Chief Tel., 9 Abendroth place, Port Chester, N. Y.; B. E. S. Seaman, S. & T., 1210 Evergreen ave., New York, N. Y.; T. O. Tiger, Local Chairman, 907 Main st., Stamford, Conn.
- No. 38, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.—Meets 3d Saturday each month, 7:30 p. m., 373½ Main st., Springfield, Mass. Frank P. Sargent, Chief Tel., 24 Colton st., Merrick, Mass.; J. R. Cardinal, S. & T., 566 Main st., Springfield, Mass.
- No. 39—Division covers the Pere Marquette Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. Chicago-Muskegon Division holds regular monthly meetings in Eagle's Hall, Benton Harbor, Mich., on the 2d Saturday of each month, at 8:15 p. m. W. A. Knister, Gen'l Chairman, Coatsworth, Ont.; W. R. Adair, Gen'l S. & T., 372 Goodwin ave., Detroit, Mich.
- No. 40—Division covers the Chesapeake & Ohio and Chesapeake & Ohio Indiana Lines. L. E. Hicks, Gen'l Chairman, Craigsville, Va.; J. W. Kiser, Gen'l S. & T., Barboursville, W. Va.; C. D. McGehee, Chairman Piedmont and Peninsula Districts, 2803 E. Clay st., Richmond, Va.; L. G. White, Chairman Rivanna District, Scottsville, Va.; H. S. Shuey, Chairman Mountain District, Craigsville, Va.; F. L. Fletcher, Chairman James River District, Eagle Rock, Va.; J. J. Holt, Chairman Allegheny and Greenbrier Districts, Covington, Va.; J. E. Wheatley, Chairman New River District, Prince, W. Va.; J. W. Kiser, Chairman Huntington Division, Barboursville, W. Va.; H. O. Irwin, Chairman Lexington and Big Sandy Districts, 416 E. Carter ave., Ashland, Ky.; G. F. Willis, Chairman Cincinnati District, Greenup, Ky.; E. W. Johnson, Chairman Chesapeake & Ohio of Indiana, Converse, Ind. Regular meetings are held at Richmond, Va., in Fraternity Hall, 215 W. Broad st., on the 4th Thursday night of each month; at Clifton Forge, Va., in I. O. O. F. Hall, on the 4th Saturday night, and at Hinton, W. Va., in the Big Four Building, on the third Thursday night of each month.
- No. 41, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets 2d Saturday night of each month, Engineers' Hall, 164 Canal st., Boston, Mass. T. J. Fogarty, Chief Tel., 71 Clarendon ave., West Somerville, Mass.; F. C. McGrath, S. & T., 614 Main st., Winchester, Mass.
- No. 42—Division covers the Erie Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. Joint meetings of the Meadville and Mahoning Divisions will be held at Warren, Ohio, corner Park ave. and Market st., every 3d Saturday of each month. New York Division, Branches and Side Lines—Regular meetings 3d Monday of each month, 8:30 p. m., Union Hall, Grave and 4th sts., Jersey City, N. J. W. H. Husted, Gen'l Chairman, Richwood, Ohio; C. L. Bridge, Gen'l S. & T., Deposit, N. Y.
- No. 43—Division covers Canadian Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. Frank Munsey, Gen'l Chairman, Beaudette, Minn.; G. H. Palmer, Gen'l S. & T., Dauphin, Man.
- No. 44, NEW YORK, N. Y.—Meets 2d Saturday each month at 8 p. m. in Fraternity Hall, 22-24 Harriman ave., Jamaica, N. Y. C. B. Van Nostrand, Chief Tel., Hempstead, N. Y.; A. A. Leonard, Gen'l Chairman, 71 Puntine st., Jamaica, N. Y.; E. H. Decker, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, No. 17 Sheridan ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.; L. Meringer, S. & T., 13 Cooper st., Brooklyn, N. Y.; L. Meringer, Chairman Towermen, 13 Cooper st., Brooklyn, N. Y.; A. Filby, Chairman Agents, 1055 East 34th st., Brooklyn, N. Y.; W. S. Leahy, Chairman Telegraphers, 4 Randall ave., Corona, N. Y.
- No. 45, WOODSVILLE, N. H.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., K. of P. Hall, Woodsville, N. H. Geo. A. Hamilton, Chief Tel., Wells River, Vermont; Geo. A. Wheeler, S. & T., Wells River, Vermont.
- No. 46—Division covers the Central of Georgia Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. C. H. Livsey, Gen'l Chairman, East Point, Ga.; O. S. Travis, Gen'l S. & T., Route 68, Atlanta, Ga. System meetings held at O. R. T. Hall, Macon, Ga., subject to call of Gen'l Chairman. Macon Division—Meets with Dixie Club, Federation Hall, Atlanta, Ga., every second Saturday night; O. S. Travis, Local Chairman, Route 68, Atlanta, Ga. Savannah Division meets at Macon, Ga., subject to call of Local Chairman. D. M. Rogers, Local Chairman, Register, Ga. Chattanooga Division meets at Lafayette, Ga., every second Sunday; Local Chairman, O. W. Bledsoe, Lafayette, Ga. Southwestern Division meets subject to call of Local Chairman. J. H. Randall, Jr., Box 25, Smithville, Ga. Columbus Division meets at Opelika, Ala., subject to call of Local Chairman. M. J. Newberry, Hollins, Ala.; F. S. Baskerville, Local Chairman Macon Terminals, Macon, Ga.
- No. 47, CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.—Meets 3d Thursday of each month at 8 p. m., at B. I. S. Hall, Charlottetown, P. E. I. J. A. Kelly, Chief Tel., Charlottetown, P. E. I.; E. R. McEwen, S. & T., Charlottetown, P. E. I.

- No. 48—Division covers the Detroit, Toledo & Ironton and Ann Arbor Railways. Meets subject to call of Chairman. G. H. Simmermon, Gen'l Chairman, Flat Rock, Mich.; J. S. Kneisley, Gen'l S. & T., Quincy, Ohio.
- No. 49—Division covers the Denver & Rio Grande Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. H. J. Fulton, Gen'l Chairman, 112 E. 11th st., Leadville, Colo.; F. W. Moore, Local Chairman First Division, Room 6, Union Depot, Pueblo, Colo.; H. J. Fulton, Local Chairman Second Division, 112 E. 11th st., Leadville, Colo.; J. A. Ray, Local Chairman Third Division, Hotchkiss, Colo.; M. D. Wright, Local Chairman Fourth Division, La Veta Pass, Colo.; W. E. Hopkins, Local Chairman Utah Lines, 421 First ave., East Waterloo, Salt Lake City, Utah; A. E. Roberts, Gen'l S. & T., Fountain, Colo.
- No. 51—Division covers Bessemer & Lake Erie Railway System. Meets the fourth Thursday of each month in Eagle's Hall, Greenville, Pa. F. N. Williams, Gen'l Chairman, Oakmont, Pa., W. B. Risley, Gen'l S. & T., 96 Marshall st., Conneaut, Ohio.
- No. 52, PITTSBURG, PA.—Meets 2d and 4th Saturday evening of each month at 7:45 p. m., 417 Wood st., 3d floor, Pittsburg, Pa. J. G. Rothrock, Chief Tel., 3032 Bergman st., Sheridan, Pa.; H. K. Klingensmith, Secretary, 124 Suburban ave., Beechview, Pittsburg, Pa.; C. C. Campbell, Treasurer, 108 Fremont st., Mt. Oliver Station, Pittsburg, Pa.
- No. 53—Division covers Southern Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. John E. Cowgill, Gen'l Chairman, Room 601, Argonaut Hotel, San Francisco, Cal.; D. C. Wells, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, 2500 Marengo st., New Orleans, La.; D. W. Koppikus, Gen'l S. & T., Oakville, Cal.
- No. 54—Division covers the Northern Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. Sam Johnson, Gen'l Chairman, North Branch, Minn.; I. N. Holmes, Gen'l S. & T., 1009 E. 3d st., Olympia, Wash.
- No. 55—Division covers the Wheeling & Lake Erie and Wabash, Pittsburg Terminal and West Side Belt Railways. Meets third Saturday evening of each month at Harmon, Ohio; J. O. Peoples, Gen'l Chairman, Bolivar, Ohio; C. E. Hiltzer, Gen'l S. & T., P. O. Box 246, Navarre, Ohio; O. B. Handy, Local Chairman, Norwalk, Ohio; B. E. Miller, Local Chairman, W. & L. E. Telegraph Office, Navarre, Ohio; H. K. Bell, Local Chairman, Bolivar, Ohio; W. A. Albaugh, Local Chairman W. P. Ry. & W. S. B. R. R., Mingo Junction, Ohio.
- No. 56—Division covers Georgia Southern & Florida Railway System. J. M. Wooten, Gen'l Chairman, Unadilla, Ga.; E. H. Baker, Gen'l S. & T., White Springs, Fla.
- No. 57—Division covers the Houston & Texas Central Railway System. Meets every third Saturday at 8:30 p. m., in Labor Temple, over 401 Main st., Dallas, Tex.; A. E. Laisure, Gen'l Chairman, Corsicana, Tex.; W. M. Moseley, Gen'l S. & T., Rice, Tex.
- No. 59—Division covers the Southern, Northern Alabama and Virginia & Southwestern Railroads. Meets subject to call of Chairman. H. G. Alexander, Gen'l Chairman, 122 Tate st., Greensboro, N. C.; J. W. Burgess, G. S. & T., 223 Ninth st., S. W., Charlottesville, Va. Local Chairmen: J. W. Burgess, Washington Division, Charlottesville, Va.; R. W. Duncan, Danville Division, Pelham, N. C.; meets J. O. U. A. M. Hall, Greensboro, N. C., 4th Saturday night; S. A. Davis, Richmond Division, South Boston, Va.; W. N. Thornton, Norfolk Division, Courtland, Va.; W. R. Little, Asheville Division, Barber, N. C.; W. E. Jones, Winston-Salem Division, Coolemeec, N. C.; P. B. Gibson, Murphy Division, Murphy, N. C.; W. H. Holmes, Charlotte Division (North), Lowell, N. C.; O. R. Doyle, Charlotte Division (South), Calhoun, S. C.; M. D. Denny, Acting Local Chairman Columbia Division, Lexington, S. C.; J. W. Sheely, Acting Local Chairman Spartanburg Division, Hodges, S. C. Columbia and Spartanburg Divisions meet first Sunday each month at 1632 Main st., Columbia, S. C. E. E. Cauthen, Charleston Division, Summerville, S. C.; H. L. Allen, Atlanta Division, Route No. 3, Atlanta, Ga.; J. C. Brown, Columbus Division, Yatesville, Ga.; R. A. Kipp, Northern Alabama Railway and Birmingham Division, 2500 31st st., Birmingham, Ala.; T. W. Cox, Mobile Division, Marvel, Ala.; R. F. Atchley, Memphis Division, Barton, Ala.; W. H. Cord, Knoxville Division, Charleston, Tenn.; meets third Saturday night, 8 p. m., K. P. Hall, Knoxville, Tenn.; C. B. Gray, Coster Division, 211 Walnut st., Knoxville, Tenn.; meets with Knoxville Division; C. F. Smith, Virginia & Southwestern Ry., Mendota, Va.; C. L. Watson, Louisville Division, Veechdale, Ky.; L. E. Crandall, St. Louis Division, Chrisney, Ind.
- No. 60, WASHINGTON, D. C.—Meets first Wednesday of each month at 8 p. m., in Building Trades Hall, 611 G st., N. W., Washington, D. C. E. E. Bailey, Chief Tel. Rockville, Md.; W. J. Southworth, Sec'y-Treas, 48 H st., N. E., Washington, D. C.
- No. 61, CAMPBELLTON, N. B.—Meets 4th Tuesday evening each month in Engineers' Hall, Campbellton, N. B. A. Rautliier, Chief Tel., Assametapoghan, P. Q.; G. F. Ward, S. & T., Chatham, N. B.
- No. 62—Division covers the Queen & Crescent Route (North). S. H. McCait, Gen'l Chairman, Lancing, Tenn.; J. W. Anderson, Gen'l S. & T., Oakdale, Tenn.; E. H. Boutwell, Local Chairman Cincinnati Division, Walton, Ky. J. W. Anderson, Local Chairman Chattanooga Divi-

sion, Oakdale, Tenn.; J. J. Carter, Local Chairman A. G. S. Division, York, Ala. Meetings subject to call of Chairman.

No. 63, MONCTON, N. B.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month, alternating at Moncton, N. B., St. John's, N. B., and Sussex, N. B. R. A. Brown, Chief Tel., Salisbury, N. B.; R. M. Scribner, S. & T., Shediac Road, N. B.

No. 64, LEVIS, QUE.—Meets 3d Tuesday of each month. Place of each following meeting to be chosen by a majority vote of members present at each regular meeting. A. Dion, Chief Tel., 17 d'Yourville st., Quebec, Que.; Wm. Parsons, S. & T., St. Germain, Grantham, Que.

No. 65, ROCHESTER, N. H.—Meets at 7:30 p. m., 2d Saturday each month in G. A. R. Hall, Rochester, N. H. H. A. Beacham, Chief Tel., Union, N. H.; C. P. Lord, S. & T., 7 Lincoln st., Summerworth, N. H.

No. 66, TRURO, N. S.—Meets 3d Wednesday each month, McKay's Hall (B. R. T. room), Inglis st., Truro, N. S. G. L. Roulston, Chief Tel., Westchester Station, N. S.; J. E. McDonald, S. & T., Belmont, N. S.

No. 69—Division covers the Queen & Crescent Route (South). Meets subject to call of Chairman. M. V. Hickman, Gen'l Chairman, Heidelberg, Miss.; E. M. Bilbo, Gen'l S. & T., Q. & C. Yard Office, Meridian, Miss.; P. W. Burdeaux, Local Chairman, V. S. & P. R. R., Monroe, La.; H. O. Peavey, Local Chairman, A. & V. Ry., Meehan, Miss.; E. M. Bilbo, Local Chairman, N. O. & N. E. R. R., Meridian, Miss.

No. 70—Division covers Great Northern Railway System.

No. 71—Division covers the Minneapolis & St. Louis Ry. A. L. Gardner, Gen'l Chairman, Abbott, Iowa; J. C. Sandmier, Gen'l S. & T., Waukee, Iowa.

No. 76—Division covers the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. Jas. Troy, Gen'l Chairman, Jewell, Iowa; Ira R. Kempkes, Gen'l S. & T., Nevada, Iowa.

No. 77, DENVER, COLO.—Meets 1st Monday evening in each month at Markham Hotel, Denver, Colo.; F. Epplesheimer, Chief Tel., 2341 King st., Denver, Colo.; C. L. Cheney, S. & T., 935 Seventeenth st., Denver, Colo.

No. 80—Division covers the N. O. M. & C. Ry. System. C. H. Thompson, Gen'l Chairman, Leaf, Miss.; J. E. Swenson, Gen'l S. & T., Beaumont, Miss.

No. 81—Division covers the Colorado Midland Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. A. C. Ellis, Gen'l Chairman, 209½ E. 7th st., Leadville, Colo.; H. M. Loveland, Gen'l S. & T., Howbert, Colo.

No. 82—Division covers Western Maryland Ry. System. Meets subject to call of Gen'l Chairman and Local Chairman. R. E. Smith, Gen'l Chairman, Smithsburg, Md.; E. C. Kohlbaugh, Gen'l S. & T., 24 Eichelberger st., Hanover, Pa. Local Chairmen Maryland Division: C. E. Stouffer, Edgemont, Md., First District, including Middle Division and Fifth and Sixth Districts of Eastern Division; R. E. Smith, Smithsburg, Md., Second District, covering territory on Eastern Division from Security east to Hillen Station; E. C. Kohlbaugh, Hanover, Pa., Third District, covering territory from Fairfield, Pa., to Hampstead, Md., and the Fourth District, including West Virginia Division: C. G. Blair, Ohio, Pa., Eastern District, covering territory from Connellsville, Pa., to W. Va., C. Junction and the G. C. & C. Ry.; N. T. Downs, Mill Creek, W. Va., Western District, covering territory east of W. Va., C. Junction to and including Durbin, W. Va.

No. 83—Division covers the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the Chairman. C. S. Newcomb, Gen'l Chairman, Frankfort, Me.; J. L. Robbins, Gen'l S. & T., Grindstone, Me.

No. 88—Division covers the Texas & Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to call of the Chairman. W. K. Gremillion, Gen'l Chairman, Donaldsonville, La.; B. T. Hambright, Gen'l S. & T., Roanoke, Tex.

No. 89, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets 1st Saturday each month at 8 p. m., in Harmony Hall, also 3d Saturday each month at 10 a. m. (daylight meeting), in Harmony Hall, 694 Washington st., Boston, Mass. J. E. Kerns, Chief Tel., No. 2 Josephine ave., Medford, Mass.; J. H. McDermott, S. & T., 46 Crocker st., Mansfield, Mass.

No. 91, CHICAGO, ILL.—Meets 1st Saturday of each month at 8:15 p. m., in Hall 912, Masonic Temple, cor. Randolph and State sts., Chicago, Ill. G. Dal Jones, Chief Tel., 2530 North Kedzie blvd., Chicago, Ill.; W. E. Carter, S. & T., 5443 Broadway, Chicago, Ill.

No. 92—Division covers the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg Railway System. Meets subject to the call of Chairman. F. L. McGraw, Gen'l Chairman, Backus, McKean Co., Pa.; J. T. Simmons, Gen'l S. & T., 901 W. Long ave., Du Bois, Pa.

No. 93—Division covers the Illinois Central Railroad and the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley Railroad. Meets subject to call of Chairman. C. A. Mulhall, Gen'l Chairman, Clarkson, Ky.; G. E. Chance, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, Mounds, Ill.; R. R. Green, Gen'l Chairman, Y. & M. V. Lines, Doddsville, Miss.; R. L. Shannon, Gen'l S. & T., Anna, Ill.

No. 94, MERIDIAN, MISS.—Meets 2d Saturday night of each month in Pythian Hall at Artesia, Miss.; H. W. Bell, Chief Tel., Ethelville, Ala.; C. E. Hendley, S. & T., Artesia, Miss.

- No. 95, PORTLAND, ME.—Meets 3d Thursday of each month at 546½ Congress st., Portland, Me. C. E. Adams, Chief Tel., Springvale, Me.; F. C. Twombly, S. & T., Buxton, Me.
- No. 96—Division covers Chicago Great Western Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. A. L. Coleman, 402 Troup ave., Kansas City, Kan., Gen'l Chairman; C. E. Norris, Gen'l S. & T., Inver Grove, Minn.
- No. 97—Division covers the Seaboard Air Line Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. D. May, Gen'l Chairman, Carlton, Ga.; F. O. Cumming, Gen'l S. & T., 15 Dinwiddie st., Portsmouth, Va.; J. T. Benn, Local Chairman Virginia Division, Thelma, N. C.; E. H. Moore, Local Chairman North Carolina Division, Marshville, N. C.; Frank Taylor, Local Chairman Georgia Division, Lawrenceville, Ga.; W. L. Tidwell, Local Chairman Alabama Division, Helena, Ga.; J. L. Vining, Local Chairman South Carolina Division, Macclenny, Fla.; F. W. Brown, Local Chairman Florida Division, Cedar Keys, Fla.
- No. 99, COBALT, ONT.—Covers Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Ry. Meets at Englehart, 2d Sunday in May, July, September, November and January, or on call of Gen'l Chairman. F. J. Murray, Chief Tel., Englehart, Ont.; J. B. Flagler, Gen'l Chairman, Macclenny, Ont.; R. Richardson, S. & T., Latchford, Ont.
- No. 102, PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Meeting place subject to notice from Secretary and Treasurer. H. O. Mennig S. & T., 1630 East Hector st., Conshohocken, Pa.
- No. 103, STELLARTON, N. S.—G. L. Tattrie, Chief Tel., New Glasgow, N. S.; J. P. Swift, S. & T., New Glasgow, N. S.
- No. 104, AYER, MASS.—Meets 3d Sunday of each month at 9:30 a. m., in Room 5, Oxford House, Clinton, Mass. C. A. Wheeler, Chief Tel., Berlin, Mass.; James P. Rutledge, S. & T., Box 174, Clinton, Mass.
- No. 105, CONCORD, N. H.—Meets third Saturday each month at 7:30 p. m., in Concord Hall, Concord, N. H. J. T. Turcotte, Chief Tel., Pembroke, N. H.; H. M. Clay, S. & T., Gerrish, N. H.
- No. 106, HAGERSTOWN, MD.—Meets 3d Thursday of each month at 8 p. m., 8 Court Place, Hagerstown, Md. John H. Goshorn, Chief Tel., Greencastle, Pa.; J. K. Snyder, S. & T., Box 46, Hagerstown, Md.
- No. 108, ADDISON, N. Y.—Meets 2d Monday each month at 8 p. m., Edgcomb Hotel, Galton, Pa. E. C. Cole, Chief Tel., Cowanesque, Pa.; C. E. Belcher, S. & T., Osceola, Pa.
- No. 111—Division covers San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. W. D. McGee, Gen'l S. & T., 320 Concord st., Los Angeles, Cal.
- No. 113—Division covers the Ulster & Delaware System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. M. L. Klein, Gen'l Chairman, 74 Abeel st., Kingston, N. Y. H. J. Halstead, Gen'l S. & T., Oneonta, N. Y. R. H. Henson, Local Chairman S. C. & K. Branch, Phoenicia, N. Y.; C. W. Pough, Local Chairman Main Line, 81 Hone st., Kingston, N. Y.
- No. 114, ANNAPOLIS ROYAL, N. S.—H. A. Jacques, Chief Tel., Middletown, N. S.; Stanley Tavener, S. & T., Tupperville, Anna Co., N. S.
- No. 115, QUEBEC, QUE.—Meets 1st Monday of each month in I. O. O. F. Hall, Ste. Anne de Beaupre, Que. J. J. White, Chief Tel., No. 4 St. Angele st., Quebec, Que.; J. E. Potvin, S. & T., Cote de Peres, Beauport, Que., Can.
- No. 116—Division covers the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Railway System. Meets 2d Sunday of February, April, June, August, October and December, in places designated by Gen'l Chairman. P. M. Stillman, Gen'l Chairman, Seney, Mich.; C. W. Danielson, Gen'l S. & T., Chassell, Mich.
- No. 117, SHAMOKIN, PA.—Meets at Milton, Pa., in S. of V. Hall, 4th Saturday of following months at 7:15 p. m.: January, February, April, May, July, August, October and November, and at Catawissa, Pa., in S. of V. Hall, 4th Saturday of the following months at 7:30 p. m.: March, June, September and December. H. M. Michael, S. & T., Quakake, Pa.
- No. 118—Division covers Toledo & Ohio Central, Kanawha & Michigan, Hocking Valley and Zanesville & Western Railway System. A. P. Hines, Gen'l Chairman, Burr Oak, Ohio; R. M. Henderson, Gen'l S. & T., 512 Knower st., Toledo, Ohio.
- No. 119—Division covers the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Railway System. G. W. Lewis, Gen'l Chairman, 2921 Chicago ave., Minneapolis, Minn.; F. C. Paine, Gen'l S. & T., Erskine, Minn.
- No. 120—Division covers Lake Erie & Western Railway System. C. I. Turner, Gen'l Chairman, Ambia, Ind.; M. A. Steckel, Gen'l S. & T., Atlanta, Ind.
- No. 124—Division covers Lehigh Valley Ry. System. L. W. Quick, Acting Gen'l S. & T., 711 Star Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.
- No. 125—Division covers Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Railway System. Meets at 8 p. m., the 2d Friday of each month, at Fredericksburg. E. A. Foster, Gen'l Chairman, Potomac, Va.; J. C. Farmer, Gen'l S. & T., Fredericksburg, Va.
- No. 126—Division covers Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway System. W. T. Brown, Gen'l Chairman, Room 314, New England Building, Topeka, Kan.; C. H. Meador, Gen'l S. & T., Room 314, New England Building, Topeka, Kan.

- No. 127, VIRGINIA, MINN.—W. W. Woodward, Chief Tel., Hibbing, Minn.; C. J. Keenan, S. & T., Kelsey, Minn.
- No. 128—Division covers the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. L. A. Tanquary, Gen'l Chairman, Board of Trade Bldg., Pueblo, Colo.; L. W. Quick, Acting Gen'l S. & T., St. Louis, Mo.
- No. 129—Division covers Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway System. G. E. Kipp, Gen'l Chairman and Local Chairman Eastern Division, Bladell, N. Y.; G. R. Smith, Assistant Gen'l Chairman and Local Chairman Detroit Division, Rockwood, Mich.; E. D. Graham, Gen'l S. & T., and Local Chairman Western Div., Mishawaka, Ind.; E. E. Smith, Local Chairman Franklin Division, Stoneboro, Pa.; J. T. Bearss, Local Chairman Toledo Division, 412 Prospect st., Sandusky, Ohio; L. O. DeWolfe, Local Chairman Old Road & Branches Michigan Division, Quincy, Mich.; D. E. Royce, Ray, Ind., Local Chairman Lansing Division; R. B. Stevenson, Local Chairman Air Line District, Michigan Division, 217 F. Chestnut st., Wauseon, Ohio. The Michigan, Toledo and Detroit Divisions hold joint meetings the third Tuesday of each month in the Crowe Hall, No. 852 Broadway, Toledo, Ohio, at 7:30 p. m. Other divisions meet subject to call of Local Chairman.
- No. 130—Division covers Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. J. F. Carder, Gen'l Chairman, 717 S. 4th st., Burlington, Iowa; J. H. Rogers, Jr., Gen'l S. & T., 717 N. 10th st., LaCrosse, Wis.
- No. 131, TRING JUNCTION, QUE.—E. Lafontaine, Chief Tel., St. Henedine, Que.; A. Lagueux, S. & A., Tring Junction, Que.
- No. 132—Division covers the Atlantic Coast Line R. R. B. F. Wheeler, Gen'l Chairman, Oviedo, Fla.; J. H. Williams, Gen'l S. & T., Wilson, N. C.; J. K. McCotter, Local Chairman Richmond District, 1025 McDonough st., South Richmond, Va.; D. H. Parker, Local Chairman Norfolk District, Speed, N. C.; J. L. Bridgers, Local Chairman Fayetteville District, Dillon, S. C.; E. R. Jones, Local Chairman Wilmington District, Castle Hayne, N. C.; F. T. Murray, Local Chairman Columbia District, R. F. D., Cameron, S. C.; H. E. Bolick, Local Chairman Charleston District, care A. C. L. Dispatcher's Office, Charleston, S. C.; W. A. Hollahan, Local Chairman Savannah District, R. F. D. 1, Jacksonville, Fla.; A. L. Pixley, Local Chairman Waycross District, Waycross, Ga.; W. F. Thames, Local Chairman Montgomery District, Climax, Ga.; W. W. Tedder, Local Chairman Jacksonville District, Seville, Fla.; M. H. Martin, Local Chairman Gainesville District and Jacksonville Terminals, Palatka, Fla.; W. R. Lott, Local Chairman Lakeland District, Trilby, Fla.
- No. 133, SYDNEY, N. S.—Geo. O. Forbes, Chief Tel., Sydney, N. S.; A. F. Macdougall, S. & T., West Bay Road, N. S.
- No. 134, JACKSONVILLE, FLA.—Meets subject to call of Chief Telegrapher. E. I. Barnard, Chief Tel., 30 Sevilla st., St. Augustine, Fla.; J. H. Meyers, S. & T., Homestead, Fla.
- No. 136, READING, PA.—Meets 3d Friday of each month. Lloyd A. Miller, Chief Tel., Calcium, Pa.; C. F. Petree, S. & T., 932 Pear st., Reading, Pa.
- No. 137—Division covers El Paso & Southwestern Railway System. F. A. Thomas, Acting Gen'l S. & T., 4112 Arsenal st., St. Louis.
- No. 138—Division covers C. C. C. & St. L. Railway System. Edw. Whalen, Gen'l Chairman, 1601 Third ave., Terre Haute, Ind.; Geo. Lavengood, G. S. & T., 109 E. Jackson st., Alexandria, Ind. System meetings held at Spencer Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind., subject to call of the Gen'l Chairman. Cleveland Division meets 2d Wednesday of each month at 1501 Columbus road, Cleveland, Ohio; Hugh T. Sloan, Galion, Ohio, Local Chairman. Cincinnati-Sandusky Division meets 3d Tuesday each month in Johnson Bldg., Springfield, Ohio; L. F. Armstrong, 116 N. Greenmount ave., Local Chairman. St. Louis Division, Edw. Whalen, Local Chairman St. Louis Division, and Cairo Division, B. T. McConchie, Marshall, Ill., Local Chairman Cairo Division, hold joint meetings 1st Wednesday night of each month in Knights of Pythias Hall, Paris, Ill. Indianapolis Division meets 3d Monday of each month in Room 11, 2d floor, Anthony Bldg., Muncie, Ind.; E. P. Jenkins, 1603 East Jackson st., Muncie, Ind., Local Chairman. Chicago Division meets subject to call of Local Chairman, A. J. Hornung, Greensburg, Ind. Michigan Division meets subject to call of Local Chairman, Geo. Lavengood, Alexandria, Ind. P. & E. Division meets subject to call of Local Chairman, I. E. Schlosser, Waynetown, Ind.
- No. 139, NORTH ADAMS, MASS.—Meets on the 2d Saturday of each month in Odd Fellows' Hall, North Adams, Mass. O. A. Pitcher, Chief Tel., Charlemont, Mass.; J. W. Banker, S. & T., Schaghticoke, N. Y.
- No. 140—Division covers Maine Central Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. V. W. Hobbs, Gen'l Chairman, Mattawamkeag, Me.; H. N. Bates, Gen'l S. & T., Gardiner, Me.
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EDITORIAL



THE YEAR 1913.

IT is said that history sometimes repeats itself, which statement has proven the rule instead of the exception with the Order of Railroad Telegraphers during the last several years. During that period, to write the history of the Order is simply to repeat the history of the previous year with some additions. Each year has been a record of accomplishments, of advancements, of wonderful progress, and the close of the year 1913 finds the Order stronger numerically and in every other way than ever before. The number of schedules in existence at the close of the year is greater than ever before in the history of the Order or of any other telegraphers' organization that ever existed.

The year 1913 furnished a striking illustration of the potency of the Order and its great benefit to the railroad telegraphers. Although business stagnation existed throughout the country during the latter part of the year and hundreds of thousands of men in the railroad service

were laid off, no telegrapher on a scheduled road suffered a cent of reduction in wages. On the contrary, the general committees on the various lines continued their efforts for better conditions and much progress was made along those lines. A brief resume of the work of the Order during the year will better chronicle its progress than all the words that could be coined.

During the year 10,511 members were admitted as follows:

January, 554.	July, 907.
February, 870.	August, 832.
March, 1,016.	September, 906.
April, 1,026.	October, 895.
May, 604.	November, 830.
June, 872.	December, 1,109.

During 1913 fifty-four new and revised schedules were secured on the following named railway systems:

Queen & Crescent, South.
Bessemer & Lake Erie.
Chesapeake & Ohio.
Delaware & Hudson.

Southern Railway.
 Illinois Central.
 Virginian Railway.
 Seaboard Air Line.
 Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound.
 Union Pacific.
 Chicago Great Western.
 Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic.
 Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac.
 Intercolonial Railway.
 Queen & Crescent, North.
 Kingston & Pembroke.
 Central New England.
 Maine Central.
 New York, Ontario & Western.
 Atlantic Coast Line.
 Temiskaming & Northern Ontario.
 Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg.
 New York, New Haven & Hartford.
 Boston & Maine.
 Boston Terminal.
 Chicago & North Western.
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 Rutland Railroad.
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 Minneapolis & St. Louis.
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 Ft. Worth & Denver City.
 Georgia Southern & Florida.
 Missouri Pacific.
 Northern Pacific.
 Chicago & Alton.
 Kanawha & Michigan.
 Southern Pacific, Pacific System.
 Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific.
 Central Ontario.
 Texas & Pacific.
 Trinity & Brazos Valley.
 Grand Trunk Railway.
 Kansas City Southern.
 Chicago & Eastern Illinois.
 Monon Route.
 Washington Terminal (wage increase secured by committee).

The Mutual Benefit Department made a very satisfactory showing during the year 1913, and furnishes further proof of the

correctness of the contention that that department is one of the best of its kind in the world. During the year \$93,700 was paid out on death claims, and \$48,045.33 added to the reserve in the Mortuary Fund. There are only a few words to be said in concluding this article, as the Order of Railroad Telegraphers is now on a solid business basis with the largest membership ever enrolled in a telegraphers' organization, and ample funds with which to back the contention of its members for better working conditions. The members, however, should not lose sight of the old motto that "Eternal Vigilance is the Price of Liberty." If the Order is to be maintained at its present high standard of efficiency, it will be necessary for every member to do his or her duty, not only in assisting in maintaining what has already been secured, but also in securing further improved conditions. There are still a number of eligible telegraphers outside of the fold who should be brought in, and every member will be materially assisting their own cause, as well as that of their co-workers, by assisting in bringing about complete organization. A 100 per cent membership insures a 100 per cent schedule. Get busy.

THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT CAMPBELL RETIRES.

D. CAMPBELL, Third Vice-President of the Order, has withdrawn from the active work of his office on an indefinite leave of absence to enter the practice of law. He will devote his attention to specializing in law in the interest of wage-earners in general and in taking care of the legal rights and liabilities of the members of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, and of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen in Canada in particular.

Brother Campbell has had ten years' experience in actual railroad service and has filled the office of Third Vice-President of the Order for the past thirteen years. His experience and the information thus acquired will be useful to him in his new field of activity. He will be engaged in defending members of the two organizations in cases of criminal prosecution for

negligence, in cases of fatal accident, in protecting the questions of indemnity bond, also in taking cases where damage suits are entered as a result of employment, or any other cases where legal recourse may be necessary.

Brother Campbell was appointed Third Vice-President on March 1, 1901, to fill an unexpired term, and has served in that capacity continuously since that time, having been re-elected at each succeeding conven-

successor, as every line of railway in the Dominion of Canada of any size is scheduled, thanks to the efforts of an enthusiastic and loyal membership, ably assisted by Brother Campbell. The best wishes of his associate Grand Officers, as well as the entire membership of the Order, goes with Brother Campbell for a brilliant success in his new field.

Brother G. D. Robertson, who for several years has been general chairman of the



D. CAMPBELL,

Third Vice-President of the Order, who has retired from the duties of his office to engage in the practice of law.

tion. It is sometimes said that a prophet is without honor in his own country, but not so with Brother Campbell, as the delegates from the Canadian Divisions at each session of the Grand Division have accorded him their hearty support, and each time requested that he be returned to them as their Vice-President, on account of the sterling work he had performed for them. In severing his active official service with the organization, Brother Campbell has left his territory in excellent condition for his

Canadian Pacific Railway System, Division No. 7, has been appointed Deputy President, and will perform the duties formerly performed by the Third Vice-President until the next session of the Grand Division. If anything was necessary to testify to the capabilities of Brother Robertson to fulfill these important duties, the very excellent schedule existing on the Canadian Pacific would most amply do this. He has been a prominent figure at all the recent sessions of the Grand Division a man of unimpeach-

able character, one endowed with the highest sense of honor, thoroughly capable, and such a man as would be a credit to any organization as one of its principal representatives.

A. P. MURPHY DEAD.

ARTHUR P. MURPHY, father of the Telegraphers' Nine-Hour Law, died in Rolla, Mo., his home, on Sunday, February 1st, from heart disease. Brother Murphy, who was a member of Frisco Ry. System, Division No. 32; started his business career as a railroad telegrapher; later studied law and was admitted to the bar. Having been a successful practitioner in his chosen profession, and through his sterling qualities gained the confidence and esteem of the citizens of his community, he was elected to Congress from the 15th Missouri Congressional District, serving two terms in that body. In the hour of his success, he did not forget his early struggle as a railroad telegrapher, and those now following that calling, and realizing the great necessity for a change in the hours of service of the railroad telegraphers, not only for their own welfare but also as a further guarantee of safety to the traveling public, he introduced a bill compelling the inauguration of an eight-hour day for railroad telegraphers, and his speech on that bill, when it came before Congress for consideration, was one of the most notable ever delivered in that great legislative body in behalf of a class of working men. Being a talented orator, and being able to speak from experience, he readily convinced members of Congress of the justness of the bill and the necessity for its passage, and although he was not able to prevent the adoption of an amendment providing for nine instead of eight hours, he succeeded in securing its passage in the amended form, and today the railroad telegraphers of the United States are enjoying shorter hours as a result of his efforts, and are deeply indebted to him for his great service. His memory will ever be cherished in the hearts of the railroad telegraphers of North America.

Among the numerous floral offerings was one from the Grand Division of the Order.

"O. R. T. MEMORIAL DAY."

IN accordance with action taken at the Ninth Biennial and Nineteenth Regular Session of the Grand Division of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, held at Baltimore, Md., May 12 to 21, 1913, it becomes necessary for the President to name a day to be known as "O. R. T. Memorial Day." The resolution adopted reads as follows:

"Resolved, That this convention of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers set aside a day each year to be known as Memorial Day, for the purpose of paying respect to the memory of deceased members. The President shall specify a day hereafter to be known as 'O. R. T. Memorial Day.'"

As our Senior Past President Brother A. D. Thurston passed into the great beyond the day after that resolution was adopted, it seems fitting that our Memorial Day should be named in connection with the life-work of the founder of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers. He was born on July 10, 1853, and passed away on May 21, 1913. We will commemorate the day of his birth as near as it will be practical for us to do so, and we therefore specify Sunday, July 12, 1914, as the first "O. R. T. Memorial Day."

Naming the date for the nearest Sunday will give more members an opportunity to pay their respects to his memory and that of other deceased members than would any other day of the week.

Each division of the organization will observe the day in any manner that it may select, and ample time is afforded by this notice so that the arrangements necessary may be made in advance.

H B. PERHAM, President.

AN IMPORTANT DECISION.

IN an opinion written by Judge Brewer, the State Supreme Court Commission of Oklahoma has taken an advanced position on the right of organized labor to strike in protest against the employment of a non-unionist, and the latter, according to the decision, has no cause for action, as workmen have the right, in the absence of contract, to quit whenever they choose. The decision is the result of a threatened

strike of union miners against the Western Coal & Mining Company at Lehigh, Okla., unless a non-unionist was discharged. The mine foreman complied with the request, and the non-unionist then sued the union for \$100,000 damages. The lower court sustained the union, and on appeal the State Supreme Court Commission affirmed the ruling. "Employees of a coal company," said Judge Brewer, "who are members of a labor union, have the right, when involved in a trade dispute between themselves and their employer and growing out of this relation, to protest to their employer against the employment or retention in his employment, of a non-union employee; and to accompany such protest with the statement that if such non-union man is employed, that such employees will strike—that is, that such employees will simultaneously cease to work for such employer—and if such protest is not heeded, the union men have the lawful right to strike; and if it is heeded, the non-union man who is discharged has no cause of action against either the union as an organization nor the members thereof as individuals. Any man, in the absence of a contract to work a definite time, has a right to quit whenever he chooses, for any reason satisfactory to him, or without any reason. If his wages are not satisfactory, his hours too long, his work too hard, his employer or his employment uncongenial, or his co-laborers objectionable, his right to quit is absolute. What an individual may do, a number of his co-workers may join him in doing, provided the thing to be done is lawful."

HIRED THUGS.

THE practice of certain employers of importing hired thugs, notorious "gunmen" and other irresponsible characters in case of strike to act as "guards" has become so common, and the acts of these miserable hirelings have become so notorious, as to arouse public condemnation, that federal legislation correcting this flagrant evil seems assured. In his first annual report, Secretary of Labor Wilson requests Congress to pass legislation that will prevent the interstate transportation of armed guards in times of strike.

Reference is made to the use of these individuals who, the Secretary reports, "Are said to have been imported from Colorado and other States through a business concern engaged commercially across State lines in supplying corporations with an armed and trained soldiery or police in numbers running into hundreds and even thousands. In connection with the Pere Marquette strike in Michigan, armed guards, furnished by agencies in other States supplying men to take the place of local strikers, accompanied those men to Grand Rapids. They were then turned back by the United States marshal under instructions from the district judge. In the Calumet copper mining region armed guards under contract with the employers were forwarded to the locality by agencies in other States." Mr. Wilson urges Congress to take action within its constitutional limitations to regulate this business in the interest of peace and order. It is shown that this suggestion is neither novel or new, and the report of the Congressional Committee that investigated the Homestead strike, twenty-one years ago, is quoted at length as a precedent. This report favored regulation and declared these guards might "properly be characterized as a sort of private military or police force." Mr. Wilson submits that the rights of Congress in this matter are unquestioned, because of its laws relating to the "white slave" traffic and the opinion of Congress and the public generally that interstate commerce no longer applies to traffic in commodities only.

The *Denver Evening Express*, in a strong article on this subject under the caption "Private Armies and Private Government Intolerable in the United States," prints the following:

"The first political lesson at Trinidad, taught also at Homestead more than twenty years ago, is that private armies are intolerable in a free government. They helped to destroy Rome. They must not be allowed to contribute to the destruction of America. The enforcement of a law is a public duty. When it is subject to either party in a controversy, justice vanishes. Through its own agents, the United States now knows that, for months in the Colorado coal country, free government did not

exist—it had broken down. In its place was private government, paid for by federated greed. The governor of Colorado lays the burden of blame upon 'imported agitators;' but the United States now knows that the big trouble was with imported gunmen and with their remorseless employers, the absentee capitalist. It is not just to compel underpaid labor to bear the cost of this default in government. It is cruel to take it out of starving men and women. The public welfare clause of the federal constitution is ample warrant for Uncle Sam to butt in. Mother Jones' detention without due process of law is another immediate reason."

Senator Martine, chairman of the subcommittee of the United States Senate Committee on Education and Labor, who recently investigated the conditions existing during the West Virginia miner's strike, has made a strong report to that committee, which sustains the findings of Senator Borah, who formerly investigated matters connected with that strike.

It will be recalled that Senator Borah found complete domination by the military forces in the strikebound district and a setting aside of every constitutional guarantee, notwithstanding the fact that, to use his own words, "the civil courts were open, holding their terms as usual, disposing of cases and dispensing justice in the usual and ordinary manner." He further showed that arrests were made outside the military zone for offenses alleged to have been committed outside this district and at a time when martial law did not prevail. In many of these cases the parties charged were turned over to the military authorities for detention, trial and punishment, which resulted in penalties unknown to the statutes and in excess of the laws of the State. Senator Borah refers to the strong feeling engendered because of the strike, but says no threats of violence were made against judges or the courts, and the failure to convene grand juries was not justifiable, as an attempt should have been made to call grand juries and test the claim that it was impossible to maintain civil law. Senator Borah says this was not done. In his report to the main committee Senator Martine, who investigated the charge that mails

were interfered with by strikers, reports the claim not well founded, and says the charges that mail deliveries were interfered with was not proven. The Senator says the use of armed guards "can not be too strongly condemned," and that they loitered around the coal company's stores, which were often in the same building as the post-office. The transportation of foreigners by the companies is referred to "as a serious reflection on our boasted civilization." The following passage from the report gives some idea of the investigator's views as a result of his visit to Paint Creek and Cabin Creek: "In no spirit of malice or hatred, but with a view that the country, through knowledge of the true conditions, may right the wrong, I charge that the hiring of armed bodies of men by private mine owners and other corporations, and the use of steel armored trains, machine guns and bloodhounds on defenseless men, women and children is but a little way removed from barbarism." These reports will be included in the general committee's report to the Senate.

A USEFUL BOOK.

THE Grand Secretary and Treasurer, on behalf of the Order, has taken the agency for the Phelps Calculator. Any station agent or other railroad employe who has much extension work to do, who dreads the monthly reports, and who wants to cut down these operations (either freight or passenger) by one-half, and who desires to insure the accuracy of his calculations, will do well to secure one of these valuable books. The price of the book fades into insignificance in the satisfaction resulting from the Calculator's use. This book is also of inestimable value to shipping clerks in the traffic department of large mercantile houses.

Before taking the agency, the Grand Secretary and Treasurer had this book carefully examined by two old-time station agents, who pronounced it to be a most useful publication.

The price of the book is \$2.50 post-paid. Send all remittances to L. W. Quick, Grand Secretary and Treasurer, St. Louis, Mo.

AN IMPORTANT BILL.

HON. WM. J. STONE, United States Senator from Missouri, has introduced a bill in the United States Senate to prohibit the importation into the United States of goods manufactured in part or whole in foreign countries by convict or pauper labor, which bill will be of great interest to organized labor in the United States. The bill is known as Senate Bill No. 4161 and is as follows:

A BILL

To prohibit the importation and entry of goods, wares and merchandise made in whole or in part by convicts, pauper or detained labor, or made in whole or in part from materials which have been made in whole or in part or in any manner manipulated by convict or prison labor.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all goods, wares and merchandise produced in whole or in part by convict, pauper or prison labor, or in the production of which foreign convict, pauper or prison labor has been employed, either directly or indirectly, in any manner and for any purpose; or in the production or manufacture of which has been used any material, prepared, manipulated or assembled by convict, pauper or prison labor, and all materials, wholly or partly finished articles, goods, wares, or merchandise, or wrappers, or containers, or attachments of merchandise, separately, or a part of any goods, wares and merchandise, all the foregoing upon which, or any part of which, has been employed in any manner the labor of foreign convicts, or of prisoners confined in any jail, penal institution, workhouse, or other place of restraint, detention or occupation, permitted, established, and set aside, to be utilized by or for criminals or detained persons in any foreign country, and whether the same be the product of the field, the quarry, or manufacturing establishment, any part of which or the materials entering which have been produced, treated, manipulated, or manufactured at any stage, in whole or in part by convict, pauper, or prison labor, or by detained persons in a foreign country,

shall not be entitled to entry at any of the ports of the United States and the importation thereof is hereby prohibited.

Sec. 2. That such materials, goods, wares, and merchandise in any manner the product, in whole or in part of convict, pauper, or prison labor, or of persons under restraint whose service is hired, leased, contracted for, or given with or without compensation, and utilized outside of prisons, or in places of restraint or employment whether in the field, quarry, the forest, factory, yard, or inclosure, wherein such prison labor and free labor are utilized, such products, including all the products described and covered by section one of this Act, shall be deemed and held to be convict or prison-produced materials and goods, and the importation thereof is hereby prohibited.

Sec. 3. That if any consignor, seller, owner, shipper, importer, consignee, agent, or other person or persons shall enter or introduce, or attempt to enter or introduce into the commerce of the United States any prison-made goods, wares, and merchandise, as defined and covered by the provisions of sections one and two of this Act, such prohibited articles and the package or packages in which contained shall be seized and proceedings taken against the same as hereinafter prescribed.

Sec. 4. That all goods, wares, and merchandise covered by section one and two of this Act shall be liable to be proceeded against in any district court of the United States within the district where the same is found and seized for confiscation by a process of libel for condemnation. And if any such goods, wares, and merchandise is condemned as being within the prohibition of this Act the same shall be disposed of by destruction or shipment out of the country as the court may direct: *Provided, however,* That the destruction of the goods, wares, and merchandise shall be decreed unless the cost of such libel proceedings be paid by the claimant and upon the execution and delivery of a good and sufficient bond that said goods so condemned be landed outside the jurisdiction of the United States.

The proceedings of such libel cases shall conform as near as may be to the pro-

ceedings in admiralty, except that either party may demand trial by jury of any issue of fact joined in any such case, and all such proceedings shall be at the suit and in the name of the United States.

Sec. 5. That if any consignor, seller, owner, shipper, importer, consignee, agent, or other person or persons shall knowingly and fraudulently enter or introduce, or knowingly and fraudulently attempt, to enter or introduce into the commerce of the United States any goods, wares, or merchandise the importation of which is prohibited by this Act, such person or persons shall upon conviction be fined for each offense a sum not exceeding \$5,000, or be imprisoned for a time not exceeding two years, or both, in the discretion of the court: *Provided*, That nothing in this section shall be construed to relieve merchandise so prohibited from seizure and destruction as elsewhere provided by law.

Sec. 6. That in all suits or information made pursuant to the Act where probable cause for seizure and prosecution is shown, if the property is claimed by any person or persons, the owner, importer, shipper, consignee, agent, or claimant of such goods shall establish the fact that such goods are not convict, pauper, or prison made, as prohibited by this Act.

Sec. 7. That the arrival of any goods, wares, and merchandise prohibited by this Act within the territorial limits of the United States with the intent to land, or the existence of any other facts constituting a violation of this Act, shall be deemed an attempt to enter and import: *Provided*, That when any collector of customs is informed that entry of any such goods, wares, and merchandise is attempted he shall refuse entry thereof until the owner, consignee, agent, or claimant of such goods shall personally appear before him and subscribe to a declaration on entry that the merchandise is not prohibited by this Act, the form of which declaration shall be prescribed and promulgated by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Sec. 8. That the importation into the United States of merchandise intended for sale, the product of foreign, State, and municipal charitable and pauper institutions,

is hereby prohibited, as within the meaning of sections one and two of this Act.

Sec. 9. That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby directed to prescribe such regulations as may be necessary for the enforcement of this Act, and to annually report to Congress all violations of and prosecutions under this Act, together with his decisions and recommendations in regard thereto.

Sec. 10. That all acts, or parts of acts, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed. This Act shall take effect one month from the date of its passage.

WILL INVESTIGATE MICHIGAN AND COLORADO STRIKES.

BY a vote of 151 to 15, the House of Representatives of the National Congress has ordered its Committee on Mines and Mining to make a thorough and complete investigation of conditions in the Michigan copper fields and the Colorado coal fields. The committee is given wide powers and will have authority to subpoena witnesses and to hold hearings wherever it may find it necessary. Under the resolution, the following questions will be given especial consideration: Whether a system of peonage is or has been maintained in those strike zones; whether the postal service has been interfered with; whether the immigration laws have been violated; investigate the charge that citizens of the United States have been accorded treatment that is in violation of the constitution; investigate the charge that combinations exist that have for their purpose the controlling of the product of those fields, and the charge that firearms have been shipped into those fields to further this purpose; in the event any or all of these conditions exist, investigate the causes leading up to said conditions. Because of the agitation that has been conducted under the direction of the American Federation of Labor, little opposition to the resolution was presented. One of the best speeches made in favor of the resolution's adoption was that delivered by Congressman Lewis, a member of the labor group, who said: "Shall the laws be so reformulated as to provide a peaceful remedy for these con-

flicts between labor and its employers? And the essential elements of that subject involve both State and federal institutions in the most direct way. For example, I think that all will agree that the feudal system is fundamentally inconsistent with American institutions and in conflict with our established civilization. And yet, let me say, that in the mining industry it is common for an incorporated company to own the land, own the mine, own the jobs, own the store, and even the transportation, the means of ingress and egress to its one industry, town or community. In that case I suggest you have the feudal system as complete as it has ever shown itself in history."

NEW RECORD FOR TRANSMISSION.

IN sending out the message of New Year's greetings from President Daniel Willard to the employes of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad System, with the dawn of January 1st, the telegraphers on that line are said to have made a record for telegraphic service. The publicity bureau of that road gives the following interesting facts in connection with that service:

Under the arrangements for handling the telegram, which contained 337 words, it was sent from the headquarters of the company, in Baltimore, to the 65,000 men in the service of the Baltimore & Ohio, Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern, Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton, Sandy Valley and Elkhorn and the Staten Island lines in exactly twenty-seven minutes and was delivered to the employes as they reported for duty Thursday morning.

President Willard wrote the telegram of good wishes to his men, as his last official act of 1913, and everything was gotten in readiness for sending it out with the dawn of the New Year. Notices were sent out during the evening on New Year's Eve to the twenty-two division headquarters and intermediate cities and towns between New York, Chicago and St. Louis, and from the Great Lakes to the Ohio River and down into the mountains of Kentucky, that an operator should be at the key in each of the 1,200 telegraph offices on the system to

receive a message which the president of the road would send out.

Just as the United States Observatory at Washington signaled the beginning of the New Year, the operators, with the members of their families and other railroad men who understood the Morse code, sat listening intently as the telegraph instruments began clicking off the tidings of good cheer from the president to the men associated with him in the operation of the railroad system.

In the offices at Baltimore the work of sending the message was handled under the direction of Charles Selden, superintendent of telegraph, and a corps of telegraph chiefs and operators, including W. H. Hoffman, night manager; G. W. Buckman and E. S. Wyant, assistant managers, and Operators H. R. Watkins, E. J. Stephens, C. C. Brown, R. H. Lipscomb, F. W. Fox, F. S. Day, W. B. Holden and W. A. Tuck.

At the moment that the New Year was ushered in the highly-charged wires leading from the main telegraph office in the Central Building of the road at Baltimore began transmitting the message to all parts of the system. Sending the telegram to each of the division points and intermediate offices, it was arranged to make extra copies of the message for relaying it to the offices and signal towers not in direct communication with the Baltimore office. At 12:27 a. m. the last of the message had been sent out and signed for by the receiving operator, and the work of distributing the greetings to the employes was begun.

The distribution of the message to the individual employes was handled in the same systematic manner as had been followed in transmitting the dispatch. At the larger places on the system many extra copies were made, in addition to which the telegram was posted on all bulletin boards, in the stations, shops and other places of employment. Early morning trains, leaving terminal points, carried copies of the message to the various agencies for delivery to the men. Trainmen on the road at the time were handed the message of greetings from President Willard as they stopped for train orders; and in other instances, as the trains slowed down so that the members of crews could lean out and grab their orders with-

out coming to a full stop, the executive message was attached. No employe of the railroad system, however lowly the nature of his duty might be, was overlooked in distributing the New Year's message. Track walkers, track gangs and other laborers at points on the line of road had the message thrown off of moving trains for their perusal.

The custom of sending a message of this kind to the men of the rank and file is an annual one with President Willard.

AN APPEAL.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 27, 1914.

TO All Organized Labor:

Members of organized labor are undoubtedly fairly well posted from press reports upon the situation as it exists in Calumet, Mich., as a result of the strike of the copper miners. More than unusual space has been given to this strike by the press on account of the duration of the struggle, the large number of strikers involved, particularly since national attention was attracted to the struggle by the calamity that attended the Christmas celebration arranged for the children of the miners, and the unlawful deportation and brutal, murderous assault made upon President Moyer and Organizer Tanner of the Western Federation of Miners at Calumet.

The situation was first officially brought to the attention of labor in a circular issued from headquarters of the American Federation of Labor, under date of August 28, 1913, calling upon the workers for financial assistance to aid this strike and requesting central bodies to appoint committees to appeal to all workers and friends for contributions. A second appeal was issued September 29, 1913, and since then members of organized labor have been kept as fully informed as possible upon the developments through the columns of the American Federation of Labor Weekly News Letter, which is furnished to the labor and reform press.

The officers of the American Federation of Labor have kept in close touch with the

situation to the end of rendering every possible assistance. At various times Vice-President Mitchell and Treasurer Lennon made visits to the Calumet district, in the interest of the strikers, and several organizers of the American Federation of Labor have been and are now active there, and aiding by their best efforts to bring about an honorable adjustment of this bitter struggle.

Further attention has been given to the situation in urging action on the part of the Department of Labor and by assisting in every way possible in securing the passage of a resolution by the House of Representatives providing for a congressional investigation of the Calumet and Colorado situations and outrages, which resolution was passed today. Thus far our efforts to pave the way to a settlement of the strike have not availed. The copper mine owners have had full tyrannical sway so long that they regard the requests of the miners as a rebellion; they refuse to in any way recognize the right of the strikers to have a hearing on their demands and grievances. The strikers on the other hand are maintaining a magnificent struggle in defense of their rights, their manhood, the principles of justice and liberty for their wives and children, and are enduring hardships in order that the justice of their cause, which is the cause of labor and humanity, may be vindicated.

Members of organized labor have contributed generously for the aid of these strikers, and our affiliated organizations are to be commended for the prompt and substantial contributions which they made in response to the needs of these defenseless people. You can readily realize, however, that a tremendous sum is required to give them the bare necessities of life, even in the line of food, and we are again appealing to our affiliated organizations and members to render further financial aid to these strikers, even to the extent of making some sacrifice in the matter, to help them stave off hunger and cold so that they may maintain this struggle to a victorious termination. Bear in mind that the rigors of the

winter are severer in the Calumet district than in most parts of our country.

You are aware that we are now passing through the most severe season of the year, and we are sure that the fact alone that these strikers and their families are bravely enduring so much distress for the cause of labor, right and humanity will be sufficient to quicken the sympathies of our fellow-workers and friends and inspire the most generous response that it will be possible to make.

Let all organized labor act generously and promptly. In addition to appropriations from organizations, the membership should respond to this appeal, and organizations should elect committees to appeal to all who love their fellows to help in the appeasement of suffering as well as to establish a greater degree of justice.

Send all contributions to Frank Morrison, Secretary, American Federation of Labor, Ouray Building, Washington, D. C., who will receipt for the same and promptly forward it for the immediate aid of the struggling miners of Calumet.

Faternally yours,

SAM'L GOMPERS,
President.

Attest :

FRANK MORRISON,
Secretary.

JAMES DUNCAN,
First V.-President.

JAMES O'CONNELL,
Second V.-President.

D. A. HAYES,
Third V.-President.

JOS. F. VALENTINE,
Fourth V.-President.

JOHN R. ALPINE,
Fifth V.-President.

H. B. PERHAM,
Sixth V.-President.

FRANK DUFFY,
Seventh V.-President.

JOHN B. LENNON,
Treasurer.

*Executive Council, American
Federation of Labor.*

PRIZE CONTEST, 1914.

(Reproduced from December Issue.)

AS THE prize contests have proven so beneficial in the past, and in order that the efforts of members in securing new members may be rewarded, another series of prizes will be given to members securing new members during the year 1914.

To the member securing five or more new members during the year 1914, and who fails to secure any of the other prizes offered herein, will be given one of the official emblem rings.

To the member securing ten or more new members during the period named herein, will be given free dues in the Order for one year, their dues being paid by the Grand Division.

To the member securing fifteen or more new members during the year will be given a specially made emblem watch charm.

To the member securing twenty or more new members during the period named, will be given a fine solid gold watch chain.

To the member securing twenty-five or more new members during the period named, will be given a solid gold watch to cost not less than \$50.00.

To the member securing forty or more new members during the year 1914, will be given a solid gold watch to cost not less than \$75.00.

To the member securing fifty or more new members during the period named, will be given a solid gold watch to cost not less than \$100.00.

Members who have won prizes in previous contests of the same character to which they may be entitled during the year 1914, will be given its equivalent in other jewelry of their selection, but in no case will cash be given, for the very good reason that money is easily spent and forgotten, while a valuable piece of jewelry is always retained and serves as a constant visible token of appreciation on the part of the Order, for services rendered.

In the foregoing contest secretaries and officers of divisions, and all other members

receiving salary or expenses, or both, for their services are barred from participation.

THE FOLLOWING RULES WILL BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO IN THIS CONTEST.

In order to secure credit in this contest, it will be necessary for the member claiming the credit to have secured the petition personally, and not through anyone else. *It will further be necessary for the member securing the new members to immediately forward the Grand Secretary and Treasurer a notice to the effect that the new member has been secured, and unless this is done credit will not be allowed.*

The form of notification should be something like the following:

....., 1914. ...
L. W. Quick, Grand Secretary and Treasurer, St. Louis, Mo.:

I have today secured the petition for membership of and collected \$....., and have forwarded the petition and money to Bro., Secretary and Treasurer Div. No.

Please credit me with this petition on prize contest.

(Signature)

Cert. No. Div. No.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The mailing list will be revised after this issue and only members with dues paid to June 30, 1914, will receive future numbers from the regular list. Members who have not paid dues for the current term should do so at once.

Several steel mills in Pittsburg have resumed operation on full time.

Six hundred and thirty-eight new members were initiated into the Order during the month of January, 1914.

The Court of Appeals of New Jersey has upheld the constitutionality of the jury reform law of that State, thereby reversing the lower court.

A bill has been introduced in the New Jersey Legislature prohibiting the employment of women or girls as core-makers or moulders in foundries.

According to the Conservatives Club Gazette of London, the British Admiralty has ordered that all warships must be constructed of British material, and these must be purchased from firms paying the trade union rate of wages.

Joseph G. Armstrong, the new Mayor of Pittsburg, Pa., is the first union man to ever occupy the mayor's chair in that city.

Letters of patent were granted Jas. H. Tucker, of Petersburg, Va., Cert. 198, Division 14, on October 28, 1913, on a vehicle tire.

L. O. Sweatman, Cert. 2711, in the Grand Division, has been elected cashier of the Security National Bank of Jackson, Tenn.

The House Committee on Labor of the National Congress has reported favorably a bill to create a Bureau of Labor Safety in the Department of Labor.

Postmaster General Burleson is said to be now working on a plan to increase the weight of packages, which may be shipped by parcel post to 100 pounds.

The State Supreme Court of Indiana has rendered a decision that a verdict for \$8,000 damages against a coal company for the loss of a life is not excessive.

Under a decision recently rendered by the courts in the State of Washington, employers in that State can not evade the women's eight-hour law by placing their workers on a piecework system.

A judge of the District Court of Iowa has upheld the constitutionality of the Teachers' Minimum wage Law and ruled that criminal prosecution can be started for its enforcement.

The Department of Labor reports that for the month of December 95,387 emigrants were admitted into the United States, and that from the first of July to December 31st, 734,869 emigrants were admitted.

The Industrial Insurance Commission of the State of Washington has ruled that a workman employed on road work and who was bitten by a rattlesnake, is entitled to compensation from the State Industrial Insurance Fund.

The Pennsylvania State Department of Mines, in a report, shows that 1,141 mine workers were killed in and about the Pennsylvania mines last year; of this number 615 were killed in the anthracite region and 526 in the bituminous district.

International and national unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor made a net gain in membership during the months of October, November and December, 1913, of 174,139 over the corresponding three months of 1912.

One of the largest judgments ever rendered in a personal injury case was awarded by Supreme Court Justice Kelly at New York in the suit of Bruce Shanks against the D. L. & W. Railway for the loss of both of his arms just below the elbow. Shanks was given a verdict for \$40,000.

Secretary of Labor Wilson, in his first annual report, has urged Congress to make an appropriation of \$50,000 to be used by conciliation commissioners to

defray their expenses in their efforts to settle strikes.

Attorneys for the striking copper miners have filed motions to quash the indictments returned against their clients by the special grand jury. The legality of the grand jury and its methods are questioned. It is claimed that the grand jury was illegally summoned.

Mayor Albee, of Portland, Ore., has been arrested on complaint of the State Labor Commissioner, who charges the Mayor with violating the State eight-hour law by refusing to put city firemen and police officers on eight-hour shifts. This will be made a test case.

A. J. Hoffman, Cert. 2203, Division 53, of Sierra Blanca, Tex., is desirous of obtaining information in regard to the working conditions of railroad telegraphers in Brazil and the Argentine Republic and the opportunities in those countries.

The Grand Secretary and Treasurer is informed that O. C. Hall, of Whittier, N. C., is writing various members and divisions, requesting financial assistance and using "Cert. No. 2693," to indicate membership in the Order. The last card which Hall held was the one for the term ending December 31st, 1912.

The Editor has been requested to express his views on government ownership of telegraph and telephone. So far as he can see, the railroad telegraphers would in no way be affected by the proposed move. So far as the commercial telegraphers are concerned, he is of the opinion that they would be greatly benefited by government ownership.

The Finance Committee of the city of Chicago has recommended to the Common Council of that city that \$25,000 be appropriated to establish a municipal store which will sell groceries, clothing, meats and other necessities. If this plan is carried out, the store will sell only to

such persons as are recommended by the county agent as deserving of getting the reduced prices.

Assemblyman Nutting has introduced a bill in the Legislature of New Jersey, providing that all food products, canned or packed, shall have the date stamped thereon, showing when such product was placed in the package. The purpose of the bill is to enable consumers to tell the age of canned goods.

The State Supreme Court of Washington has ended a long fight waged by organized labor on behalf of the Spokane three-dollar minimum wage scale for street improvement work, by declaring the act providing for this rate constitutional, and that cities have the right to establish a minimum rate for municipal work, whether done by the city direct or by contract.

Assemblyman Quinn, of New Jersey, has introduced a bill in the Legislature of that State, providing that no restraining order or injunction shall be granted in any case between an employer and employee, relating to labor disputes or strikes, unless necessary to prevent irreparable injury to property or property rights of the person making the application, and for which there is no adequate remedy at law.

H. C. Peterson, Cert. 191 in Division 4, has announced his candidacy for State Railroad Commissioner in Nebraska. He is at the present time serving a second term as Mayor of Bloomfield, Neb., and is also agent for the C., St. P., M. & O. Railway at that place, and it is confidently believed the union men of Nebraska will rally to his support.

James O'Connell, Vice-President of the American Federation of Labor, and a member of the Federal Industrial Relations Commission, was a passenger on the Old Dominion Line Steamship Monroe, which was rammed and sunk by the Nantucket off the Virginia coast a few

days ago, and had a thrilling escape from death in that disaster. As the Monroe careened for the last time in going down, O'Connell was thrown high in the air over the vessel's side and landed astride the captain's neck in the last lifeboat that left the sinking ship.

Judge Brady, in the police court at Albany, N. Y., on January 8th, found the New York Central Railroad Company guilty of violating Section 8 of the labor laws of that State, which provide for two days' rest a month for signalmen. So far as known New York is the first State to put a law of this kind on the statute book, and it is proving of great benefit to the employees.

The strike on the Delaware & Hudson Railroad, which occurred a few days ago, and which was participated in by the five railroad organizations on that line, the B. L. E., O. R. C., B. R. T., B. L. F. & E., and O. R. T., resulted in a complete victory for the men after a few hours' struggle. After the settlement was reached, all men returned to their positions, including the two former employees whose discharge and refusal on the part of the company to reinstate them was the cause of the strike.

The body of a man was recently found in the Crazy Cat Mountains, near El Paso, Tex., and it is thought to be that of F. S. Armagost. The body was turned over to the authorities at El Paso, who are endeavoring to locate relatives of the deceased. Anyone knowing of the whereabouts of any of the relatives of F. S. Armagost are requested to promptly advise the Grand Secretary and Treasurer.

The State Industrial Commission of Ohio gave an illustration of the benefits of the Workmen's Compensation Law of that State by making the first payment to the widow and six small children of Alvah Hall five days after he was burned to death in the power house of a traction company in Springfield, Ohio. In the

five days the commission secured all proofs necessary from the widow, attending physician and others. The family will receive \$12.00 weekly until the maximum, \$3,744.00, is paid.

The State Supreme Court of Indiana has held the Chicago & Erie Railroad liable for damages in the case of a workman who was injured while executing a special order to move a car by placing his shoulder against it and his feet against an adjoining car on the same track. The cars were bumped and the workman was injured. The company contended the employe was guilty of negligence, but the court held that it was the duty of the foreman to protect the worker while he was obeying orders.

The long-drawn-out arbitration proceedings between the Boston Street Car Men's Union and the Street Car Company has finally been ended, the decision being a victory for the workers. The number of men involved is 9,474, and the arbitrators awarded them an increase in pay. Prior to the decision of the Arbitration Board, an employe did not receive the maximum wage until he had been in the employ of the company sixteen years. Under the award, an employe receives a maximum wage after six years of service. The maximum pay was also raised from 28.9 cents an hour to 32 cents an hour, effective May 1st next. The company claims the award means an increase in wages of \$500,000 a year.

The following request was published in the September, 1913, issue of this journal: "F. E. Pomeroy, Cert. 77, in Div. 38, whose address is Box 206, Chester, Pa., requests all members to forward him the trade-marks of the Central Union Smoking Tobacco, which trade-marks must bear the union printers' label." Pomeroy is badly in need of an artificial leg, which will be given him for 20,000 of these trade-marks, and which he is otherwise unable to secure. Advice is just received from him stating that he is still 1,000 labels short, and he earnestly requests all

members who purchase this tobacco to send him the labels.

The Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway, commonly known as the "Katy," is again a scheduled line, and before this journal reaches its readers, "M., K. & T. Railway System Division No. 22," will have been re-established with a larger membership than when it went out of existence, as a result of the 1904 strike on that line. The new schedule was signed on January 14th, and is a good one, comparing favorably with any of the other schedules in that territory. A photograph of the O. R. T. General Committee that secured this schedule appears in this issue of THE TELEGRAPHER.

The statement issued by the Bureau of Immigration for the month of September, 1913, shows that there were 209,076 aliens landed at the various ports of entry during the month; that there were 2,337 debarred from entrance, classified as follows: Idiots, 110; insane and epileptic, 24; tuberculosis, 1; loathsome or dangerous contagious diseases, 356; likely to become public charges, 1,024; mentally or physically defective, 407; contract laborers, 137; accompanying aliens, 49; under sixteen years of age and unaccompanied by parent, 71; assisted aliens, 7; criminals, 52; prostitutes and procurers, 61; without passport, 10; under provisions of Chinese exclusion act, 28. The report also shows that there were 399 returned after landing.

The banquet tendered President Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, on the occasion of his sixty-fourth birthday, by the Washington Central Labor Union, was a great success and was attended by over three hundred prominent labor leaders and their friends. Addresses were made by Secretary of Navy Daniels, Secretary of Labor Wilson, Senators Sheppard and Martine, the various union Congressmen and many others. One of the most conspicuous guests at the banquet was Tony Costello, who walked from Galveston, Tex., to

Washington, a distance of 2,300 miles, with birthday greetings to President Gompers from the trade unionists of Galveston.

In a letter addressed to all organized labor, President Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, calls attention to several important questions considered by the Seattle convention of that federation. By a unanimous vote, the convention decided that the efforts of trade unionists and their friends should be concentrated to secure the enactment at this session of Congress of the Bartlett-Bacon bill. President Gompers shows that the adoption of this bill into a law "will restore to the organized workers the legal rights to which they were entitled before the federal courts interpreted the Sherman anti-trust law to apply to the voluntary associations of the workers." The bill also intends to "eradicate the abuse and limit and regulate the issuance of injunctions." Every member is requested to give his hearty support to the Bartlett-Bacon bill and urge their Congressmen and Senators to support this measure.

The Birmingham Ledger, in its January 27th issue, publishes the following item under a Memphis, Tenn., date:

F. A. Butterfield, alias M. J. Burton, alias W. A. Fox, alias H. L. Burr, alias W. R. Montgomery, who the police say is employed by the Western Union Telegraph Company as an informant relating to commercial telegraphers union affairs, was arrested here this morning on information from Chicago that he is wanted there for theft of \$100 from S. J. Konenkamp, President of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union. He denies the charge. According to information in the hands of the police, they believe Butterfield is one of the men who rifled Konenkamp's baggage at Seattle, Wash., in 1911, taking valuable and private papers bearing on the Commercial Telegraphers' Union.

In the last two or three issues of THE TELEGRAPHER, members have been urged to write their Congressmen and Senators,

requesting them to support the Bartlett-Bacon anti-injunction bills, and with a view to acquainting all members with the attitude of the various Congressmen and Senators on this important measure, all members are requested to promptly inform the Grand Secretary and Treasurer of the substance of replies received in answer to their request to support this bill, which information will be published in these columns for the information of all concerned. Congressman B. I. Taylor, of New York, has promised to support the bill. Congressman J. D. Post, of Ohio, in reply to a communication on the subject, says: "I can not conscientiously support the Bartlett-Bacon bill, but will support the Burnett Immigration bill."

In remitting his dues and assessments for the whole of the year 1914, R. C. Hill, of Salt Lake City, Utah, Certificate 51, in the Grand Division, writes a very interesting letter, which should be of particular interest to the younger members who have not been compelled to make the sacrifices that were made by the old-timers, in order that the Order of Railroad Telegraphers might exist and overcome the many obstacles with which it was confronted in its early existence and reach its present high position in the labor world. The following is quoted from his letter: "Perhaps you know I have been a member of the Order for nearly a quarter of a century, and while I have not followed telegraphy for nearly twenty years, I am deeply interested in the great good the Order has accomplished. I never could quite understand how any telegrapher, especially those who are now enjoying the many benefits for which the Order is responsible, could refuse to become a member. When I joined the Order it had to be done on the quiet. We were in constant fear that the superintendent would learn of it and discharge us. I have not the slightest intention of ever again being engaged as a telegrapher, and I assure you that I have never thought of lapsing my membership in the O. R. T."

PERSONAL MENTION

The following births have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

To Bro. and Mrs. Frank Allen, a boy.
 To Bro. and Mrs. C. E. Shultz, a boy.
 To Bro. and Mrs. Jas. B. Powell, a boy.
 To Bro. and Mrs. B. E. Sanders, a girl.
 To Bro. and Mrs. A. A. Cridler, a girl.
 To Bro. and Mrs. R. E. Bailiff, of Iris, Cal., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. T. Jones, of Pineville, La., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. L. Oden, of Muscadine, Ala., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. J. Braxton, of Ladoga, Ind., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. A. McPike, of Chicago, Ill., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. C. Patterson, of Chicago, Ill., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. W. Begbie, of St. Anne, Ill., twin boys.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. K. Gray, of Crowley, La., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. C. Palmer, of Peebles, Ohio, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. R. O. Will, of Milwaukee, Wis., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. B. C. Madison, of Manteno, Ill., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. H. White, Jr., of Conroe, Tex., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. A. Brissette, of Ramdon, Que., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. B. C. Stoddard, of Kenyon, Minn., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. L. Casey, of Hamilton, Ont., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. O. Ponder, of Forest Hill, La., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. H. Hamblin, of Randolph, Neb., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. R. O. Dornblaser, of Edgewood, Ill., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. Pitkethly, of Paterson, N. J., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. P. C. Williams, of Salt Lake, Utah, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. R. R. Barr, of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. G. Castleberry, of Imperial Jct., Cal., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. T. M. Gillum, of Shinnston, W. Va., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. C. Rhodes, of White Bear, Minn., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. Brownlie, Jr., of East Everett, Mass., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. O. L. Howard, of Cooks Springs, Ala., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. G. A. Sullivan, of Keenesburg, Colo., twins, boy and girl.

The following marriages have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

Bro. G. L. Berquist, of Div. 54, to Miss Grey.

Bro. G. R. Cole, of Div. 62, to Miss V. Irvin.

Bro. C. J. Grimm, of Div. 93, to Miss Jessie Felthorn.

Bro. M. E. Clark, of Div. 2, to Miss Kathleen Benthol.

Bro. Fred A. Sherman, of Div. 43, to Miss Maud Adams.

Bro. C. Jay Merwin, of Div. 129, to Miss Stella Hesburn.

Bro. Frank R. Roberts, of Div. 129, to Miss Minnie C. Salow.

At Madison, Wis., Bro. H. R. Pigg, of Div. 76, to Mrs. Myrtle Porter.

At Franklin, Pa., Bro. Geo. W. Logue, of Div. 17, to Miss Ruth Karns.

At Portland, Ore., Bro. N. B. Evans, of Div. 54, to Miss Edna Botsford.

At Springfield, Mo., Bro. W. H. Pasley, of Div. 32, to Miss Maude Frost.

At Philadelphia, Pa., Bro. E. I. Leister, of Div. 17, to Miss Mayme Zerbe.

At Oakley, Mich., Bro. Earl DeBar, of Div. 16, to Miss Freida Bossbach.

At Redfield, Kan., Sister L. E. Twiggs, of Div. 31, to Mr. Fred Kluckhuhn.

At Kansas City, Mo., Bro. J. J. Gunn, of Div. 126, to Mrs. Hattie Elliott.

At Bay City, Mich., Bro. F. T. Kellogg, of Div. 16, to Miss Florence Bolert.

At Lake Crystal, Minn., Bro. E. W. Johnson, of Div. 76, to Miss Williams.

At Sand Point, Ida., Bro. J. R. Garber, of Div. 54, to Miss Josephine Seymour.

At Palmyra, Ill., Bro. Wm. B. Ridgway, of Div. 2, to Miss Martha A. Robertson.

At Boyertown, Pa., Bro. Harvey G. Grofe, of Div. 136, to Miss Laura E. Henry.

At Green Castle, Ind., Bro. A. A. Donovan, of Div. 33, to Miss Nettie Hunsucker.

THE TELEGRAPHER extends congratulations to the happy couples.

The following deaths have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

Bro. Edward A. Larkin, of Div. 16.
Father of Bro. J. W. Omer, of Div. 2.



E. B. CHITTY,
Deceased Member, Div. 60.

Sister of Bro. F. W. Laing, of Div. 7.
Sister of Bro. G. H. Swartz, of Div. 2.

Daughter of Bro. J. W. Carr, of Div. 31.
Mother of Bro. E. C. Oliver, of Div. 33.
Wife of Bro. E. W. Nicholson, of Div. 44.



E. R. MONTGOMERY,
Deceased Member, Div. 97.

Mother of Bro. J. F. Pearson, of Div. 46.

Father of Bro. C. L. Bottomley, of Div. 1.

Father of Bro. C. R. Williams, of Div. 4.

Brother of Bro. J. H. Allardice, of Div. 8.

Mother of Bro. Wm. F. Hover, of Div. 8.

At Altoona, Kan., Bro. G. B. Neill, of Div. 31.

Brother of Bro. F. W. Coleman, of Div. 42.

Infant son of Bro. R. F. Hickey, of Div. 54.

At Dresden, Kan., Bro. W. W. Walkey, of Div. 126.

At Wamsutter, Wyo., Bro. T. C. Sherman, of Div. 6.

At Buffalo, N. Y., son of Bro. E. S. Smith, of Div. 8.

At Shaftsbury, Mich., Bro. Harry F. Burdick, of Div. 1.

At Grafton, Ill., brother of Bro. Thos. Mooney, of Div. 2.

At St. Louis, Mo., brother of Bro. H. A. Ford, of Div. 126.



JAMES E. BOWERMAN,
Deceased Member, Div. 39.

At Fountain, Colo., mother of Bro. J. F. Evans, of Div. 49.

At Lyons, Colo., father of Bro. John Jamison, of Div. 130.

At Chicago, Ill., infant son of Bro. H. C. Patterson, of Div. 23.

At Sand Springs, Okla., mother of Bro. A. G. Spillman, of Div. 6.

At North Lansing, Mich., wife of Bro. Fred Szepanek, of Div. 16.

At Portland, Ark., eldest daughter of Bro. T. A. Corson, of Div. 31.

At Pascoag, R. I., infant daughter of Bro. P. J. Keenan, of Div. 35.

At St. Anne, Ill., infant sons (twins) of Bro. J. W. Begbie, of Div. 34.

At Science Hill, Ky., mother of Bro. W. L. Vallandingham, of Div. 62.

At Boyd, Wis., father of Bros. F. C. and L. H. Ludowise, both of Div. 119.

The bereaved relatives have the sympathy of all.

WANTED.

Present address of J. A. Quinn, recently at Revelstoke, B. C. **R. C. START.**

General Delivery, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Present address of W. E. Moore, agent for S. P. in Arizona in 1908.

P. P. GRAY,

Care C. P. Ry., Kamloops, B. C.

Present address of B. Nieswander, worked at Verdel, Neb., for C. N. W., during the land rush in 1911.

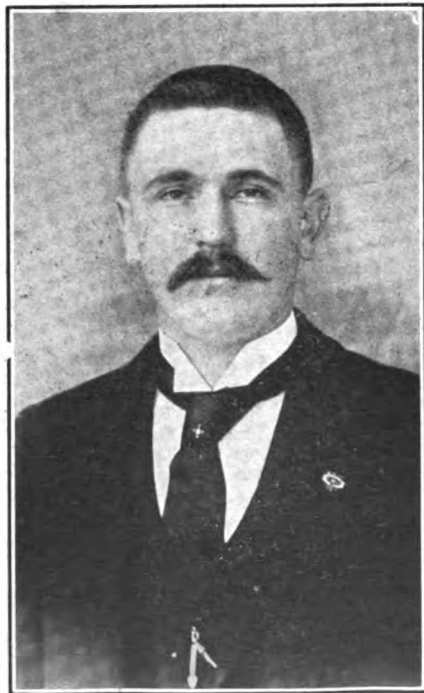
O. H. COATS, Rivulet, Mont.

Present address of Geo. Z. Johnson, worked on C. P. Ry., Calgary, Alta., Can. Zenies, if you see this, write to your mother.

E. M. ADAMS, DeLong, Ind.

Present address of C. C. Petery, last heard of on Y. & M. V., at Elizabeth, Miss.; also the address of G. W. Straughn, who worked on Big 4, in Cincinnati, Ohio, January, 1913. Boys, if you see this, write me at 9129 Exchange Ave., South, Chicago, Ill.

W. R. CALLOWAY.



A. DINSMORE,
Deceased Member, Div. 141.

Present address of Gus. McIntosh, worked with Intercolonial Ry. in 1899. "RS," if you see this, please write.

ARTHUR F. FOUGERE, Oakdale, Mass.

Present address of Operators F. W. Seabury and R. B. Williamson. Write me at Lake Butler, Fla., care A. C. L. Ry.

F L. WISE.

Present address of B. C. Pierce, operator, last heard from in Yuma, Ariz. "BC," if you see this, write.

C. E. BROWNING, Fletcher, Ala.

Present address of Dr. Chas. E. Teeter, last heard of in San Francisco, Cal. His mother is in poor health and anxious to hear from him. Write to C. C. Teeter, Disko, Ind.

Anyone knowing the present address of Operator Herbert L. Ballard, last heard of in Pittsburg, Tex., selling town lots, kindly communicate with his father, A. B. Ballard, Alwater, Cal.

Present addresses of E. L. Hardin and J. P. Davis, operators, last seen passing through River Junction, Fla., going west. Boys, if you see this, write me.

C. C. GRAVES, Yulee, Fla.

Present address of Miss Rose Moore. Ran across your cards of eight years ago,

while looking over some old letters. Where are you, now? Drop me a card, care O. R. T., St. Louis, Mo. "ES."

Present address of Ed. Leffingwell, railroad telegrapher, former home Greenville, Ill. Anyone acquainted with him will confer a great favor by calling his attention to this notice. J. L. BLODGETT,

Shore Acres, Alexandria, Minn.

Present address of H. K. Duffield, last heard of about eight years ago in Texas, a telegrapher in commercial work. He will learn something to his advantage if he will write to Anna Fullerton, 210 W. Excelsior St., Excelsior Springs, Mo.

LOST OR STOLEN.

Card No. 5943, Cert. 2020, Div. 7, for term ending June 30, 1914.

Card No. 10728, Cert. 1292, Div. 31, for term ending June 30, 1914.

Card No. 5044, Cert. 4031, Grand Div., for term ending June 30, 1914.

Card No. 1073, Cert. 8, Div. 70, for term ending December 31, 1913.

Card No. 1306, Cert. 3386, Div. 23, for term ending June 30, 1914.

Card. No. 30432, Cert. 343, Div. 31, for term ending December 31, 1913.



LADIES' AUXILIARY

YOUR DUTY.

By MRS. E. L. MATHIS, President.

WHEN your husband joined the Order he did so for you as well as for himself. He hoped by this to secure you and those dependent upon him a better living; he wanted to be able to better fulfill his duties to his family.

He joined hands with his fellow workers because he saw that whatever his trouble might be, it is at one time or another felt by the other workers; in a word, he knew his interests were common with theirs.

Experience taught them that their strength lay in union. They realized that a union of all those that worked at the trade and suffered from oppression would in time help to end low wages and long hours. They had to unite, for it was the only means of protecting themselves against the bosses whose opposition to the working man was growing day by day.

The only hope for the wage earner lies in his organization, for by its means he can force the profit-maker to be satisfied with reasonable returns and curb the promptings of avarice.

Why have the wages of the telegraphers been steadily and constantly on the increase for the past twelve or fifteen years? It is the result of the efforts of their organization.

I can enumerate many places of which I have personal knowledge where there is a vast difference in the working conditions now as compared with some ten or fifteen years back. One in particular, at one place where my husband worked for years as agent, the salary was only \$50 per month, and oftentimes he had to work from twelve to eighteen hours each day without extra

compensation. Today this same little office, without very much increase in labor, pays a salary of \$72.50 per month and 30 cents per hour overtime for all time worked outside of regular hours, all of which was brought about by the splendid and thorough organization of System Division No. 93. I could mention dozens of other places which are similar to this, but deem it unnecessary.

Now my dear sister, does this not appeal to you? If your husband has done so much for you, will you not try to do a little for him? The Ladies' Auxiliary was organized to hold up his hands and give encouragement to him in his trials and troubles. Will you not help him this much by joining the Ladies' Auxiliary? We have a little band of noble women who are trying to do all they can to encourage their men folks to better deeds and nobler work for the home and family.

I take this means of thanking Bro. Quick for his article in the last journal, and want to assure him that he will always be welcome, and that he will not have to dodge any flatirons, rolling-pins or dish pans, but on the other hand we welcome him at any and all times to our columns, and as this is the first recognition that we have ever had from any O. R. T. official, we feel highly elated, and only hope that he will give us an article each month. Indeed, we feel highly encouraged. I wish to call the attention of all interested to his article, as it is very important and of vital interest to you.

Come again, Bro. Quick.

Fraternally,

MRS. E. L. MATHIS.

Notes from the Grand Secretary and Treasurer.

I hope that every member of the Ladies' Auxiliary and non-member will read with care and serious thought the article in the January issue of the Ladies' Auxiliary Department, written by our worthy friend, Bro. L. W. Quick.

The obstacles he has encountered are such that every O. R. T. man should take heed, so that such neglect of their duty shall not be continued to the sorrow of their families.

Believing that the importance of some insurance within the reach of our means will be the same help to the husbands of our members, and that with the better understanding of the necessity to meet trouble by having some money to help out in times of distress, was the main reason the Ladies' Auxiliary felt that the Mutual Benefit Department in the Ladies' Auxiliary was as much needed as it was in the O. R. T.

We realize that many women do not believe in insurance, and look at it that the money put into it is thrown away and will be of no benefit to them. But with the better understanding of this question, which is considered by the world in general as most important, we believe that the Mutual Benefit Department of the Ladies' Auxiliary will help the O. R. T. and also make them more careful of the interests of their families, and if it is neglected by the husband, the wife will see that his certificate is made out for the benefit of herself and family. Our Mutual Benefit Department is now in full swing, and members are coming into it from all parts of the country, showing that we have met with the approval of our O. R. T. brothers, also stating that they wish to congratulate us upon establishing this department which makes it possible with the small rates for them to carry insurance both in the O. R. T. and Ladies' Auxiliary.

The Auxiliary felt sure that with the small fees it will be possible for every O. R. T. brother to take out insurance for his wife, which will be a help to him if necessary.

Rates are as follows:

Series "A," limited to \$150 (18 to 50 years), 80 cents each six months.

Series "B," limited to \$300 (18 to 40 years), \$1.60 each six months.

Series "A," \$1.60 per year. Series "B," \$3.20 per year.

Initiation fee in Series "A" and "B" is fifty cents (50 cents) until further notice.

Both fees must accompany application. If not accepted, fees will be returned to applicant. This to save time.

Applications for membership, both in Ladies' Auxiliary and Mutual Benefit Department, can be obtained from all Grand Officers, local officers, from their address in the Ladies' Auxiliary Directory, or from the Grand Secretary and Treasurer direct, by writing even a postal card to her address, 2021 Longwood St., Walbrook, Baltimore, Md.

Many have written that they are working for the prizes, and also the locals are offering a prize to the member getting the most new members.

Members securing five new members will be given one of the new Ladies' Auxiliary official emblem pins.

Members securing ten new members will be given a solid silver spoon with letters L. A. O. R. T. engraved upon the handle.

Members securing fifty new members will be given six of the silver spoons.

Members securing sixty new members will be given a watch, guaranteed, with monogram engraved upon the back.

This contest is open to all, and as the conditions surrounding our work are different to the O. R. T., we wish to allow every O. R. T. member to help his wife to secure a prize.

Send application to me direct, giving your name, division; or to your local officer, and you will be given credit for the same.

One of our faithful members, Sister W. J. McCarthy, of Portville, N. Y., wrote me, when paying dues for last term during the summer, that her husband had been struck with lightning while on duty, and was so very ill that she was afraid that he would not recover from the shock.

I am in receipt of another letter from Sister McCarthy, when paying dues again for this term, stating that her beloved husband passed to the great beyond on Novem-

ber 6th, just at the hour when he was accustomed to leave for his work. Everything was done to save his life, but it was no use. This sister says that he had insurance in the O. R. T., and as soon as she can get her affairs in shape she expects to take out insurance in the Ladies' Auxiliary Mutual Benefit Department, and that she hopes to always be a member of our beloved Auxiliary.

I can not help being deeply touched at the loyalty of this sister to the Auxiliary in her great sorrow, and that through it all she did not forget her duty and obligations to the Ladies' Auxiliary.

What Sister McCarthy can do, others with no trouble can do.

She has our heartfelt sympathy in this her hour of sorrow.

For the benefit of any who might wish to know about the security of the money in the Ladies' Auxiliary and Mutual Benefit Department treasury, I wish it to be known that the Grand Secretary and Treasurer carries a bond that much more than covers the money on deposit to the credit of the Auxiliary. This bond is given by one of the most reliable bonding companies in the country.

It again becomes my pleasure to announce to the membership that we now have another new local, No. 26, of Division 146, and the charter has been sent, and money for it was donated by the division, and in sending it Bro. Pye wrote that they are very proud to have a local upon their division and that the brothers are planning to hold an all-day meeting in the near future at Manchester, Ga., to which all O. R. T. brothers will bring their wives, and they plan to show the sisters a royal time, and that all hands will get acquainted and the sisters can decide what to do at the meetings and make other arrangements for pleasant times together.

I would be delighted to receive a request for a charter every month of the new year, and hope other divisions that are contemplating having a local will hurry in the money, and we will guarantee to furnish the members for the charter.

Many other remarks could be made of the work we are doing, but the space will not allow it. But I wish to thank the members for their promptness in paying dues, and hope the others who have not as yet done so will send it along.

Remember that the invitation is always open to all delinquent members to come back as new members, by filling out another blank, and I hope that when doing so they will not forget to send the Mutual Benefit Department blank.

Yours fraternally,

MRS. FLORENCE P. PIERCE,

Grand Secretary and Treasurer, 2021 Longwood St., Walbrook, Baltimore, Md.

Long Island Ry., Local No. 16.

The miscellaneous shower given by Sister Mary Webb in honor of Sister Edith Burke, on January 15th, was a great surprise to Sister Burke, who was the recipient of beautiful and useful presents. Sister Burke was so overcome with joy at her reception on this occasion that she did not know whether to laugh or cry.

The third annual theater party, held at the Court Theater, 48th St. and Broadway, New York, January 21st, was well attended by our members, who thoroughly enjoyed Miss Laurette Taylor's presentation of *Peg O' My Heart*.

Members of Local No. 16 extend sincere sympathy and condolence to Sister Miss D. H. Powers, in the sad loss of her sister. We also extend sympathy to Sister Mrs. A. Doxey, whose sister died recently.

Sister Mrs. Hellar, who has been on the sick list for several weeks, we are glad to note is gaining slowly.

There is an old saying: Happy, indeed, is the bride that the sun shines on, and the sun never shone brighter nor upon a fairer bride than it did on January 28th, when Sister Edith Burke, of Local No. 16, Ladies' Auxiliary, left St Mary's Church, Jamaica, L. I., the bride of Bro. Thomas F. Gafney, of Division No. 44, O. R. T.

The ceremony was performed with a nuptial mass. The church being comfortably filled with many relatives and friends of the bride and groom.

The bride, who is the daughter of our worthy Second Grand Vice-President Sister Mrs. Geo. W. Hilley, was handsomely gowned in white brocade satin, wore a bridal veil and carried a white prayer book.

A wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's parents, and the happy couple left for an extended wedding trip through the South, 'mid showers of rice and the best wishes of a host of friends.

In union there is strength, and this is a happy union where the parties are real unionists, both the bride and groom having long been earnest workers for the cause.

Sincere congratulations and best wishes, and may good fortune always attend them.

MRS. J. E. SHIELDS,
Sec. and Treas.

B. & O. Ry., Local No. 10.

I have wondered for quite a while why we do not have any news in the journal from the members of our local. Although I do not like to make the start, I will do so, that we may make a beginning.

Have received a good many pretty articles for our fair, from the different sisters of our division, and a great many more are promised.

Have gotten lovely squares for our O. R. T. quilt from Sister Lannan, of Webster, W. Va.; Sister Ferrell, of Silver Run, and Sister Thompson, of Fostoria, Ohio.

Our quilt and fair will be a complete success, and hope to hear from every member of our local that she will send something pretty for the fair and a square for the quilt.

We want all the ladies of our division to take more interest in our local and make it one of the strongest and most flourishing.

You can be supplied with application blanks for the Ladies' Auxiliary and Mutual Benefit Department from our General Chairman Sister J. H. Bell, New Concord, Ohio, our Local Secretary and members or myself, upon request.

If the members will send any news items they have, so our local can have a regular write-up every month in the journal, you can send them to Sister Pierce, or myself, and we will see that they appear in the journal.

Sister Mary Eiler, wife of Bro. Eiler, member of the General Committee, and daughter Marie, were in Baltimore, on a visit for a few days, and enjoyed their stay very much. These sisters are staunch members of our local

Sister L. Gertrude Allender, wife of Bro. Allender, member of General Committee, was in Baltimore for a few days and while there joined our local and took out certificate in the Mutual Benefit Department.

MRS. O. L. BAKER,
Local Chairman, Monongah Division, Petroleum, W. Va.

A. B. & A. Ry., Local No. 26.

It is with great pleasure that I announce that I am today sending our application for charter to the Grand Secretary and Treasurer, and that when this reaches you we will have a duly organized local on our road.

This local is intended for all of you. Personal invitations have been sent such of you as we have been able to secure the names of, but there are quite a number we have not been able to reach this way. To such we extend a cordial invitation through these columns, and application blanks can be secured either from Sister C. A. Pye, Oglethorpe, Ga., or myself. We hope that personal solicitation of your membership will not be necessary, and we assure you that our local will try to make it eminently worth your while to be of us.

Election of officers will be held as early as possible after the receipt of the charter. In the meanwhile Mrs. C. A. Pye, P. O. Box 182, Oglethorpe, Ga., will act as general secretary and treasurer, and all applications for membership should be sent direct to her. The rate for March is ninety cents.

Bros. O. D. Gorman and C. A. Pye have rendered valuable assistance in organizing this local, and the charter membership desires to thank them for their interest and work. Thanks are also extended for the financial aid that Div. 146 has given us in contributing our charter fee.

With the nice start we have, and the encouragement the O. R. T. brothers are giving us, we should soon have a splendid local, and I hope you will let Sister Pye have your application at once.

DITA MAY WEST.

Mo. Pac. Ry., Local No. 8.

I wonder how many of us resolved as the new year came in to put forth every effort to work for the Ladies' Auxiliary? Five new members were initiated in October. Let us see how much we can beat it in March. We ought to exceed that many times if we all interest ourselves in the work as we should. Let us make use of every available opportunity and not only get new members, but keep the old ones in line. There will be premiums given for the one getting the most members; just what they will be has not been announced, but they will no doubt be worthy of our best efforts.

We have some very ardent workers in this local. Let each one use her talents to the best advantage and see if we can not make No. 8 a banner local both in members and standing. Bro. Mohler has given us valuable assistance by sending a circular letter to all the O. R. T. members, for which we are very thankful. If

these members in turn will get us one member it will give us a lift we will long remember. Let us also work for the M. B. D., as it is a department worthy of liberal patronage and should win for us many members. We can fill the void the O. R. T. has left by bringing the families in touch with each other, and only then will we realize what a great thing it is to unite the families in a work that is doing more than anything else for the uplift of the wage earner. No force in our national life of recent years has done so much to secure respectable remuneration for the services performed and to give the wage earner a higher ideal of life, than the labor unions. I am sure that the wives, mothers and sisters and daughters are interested in seeing this work continue. You can be of untold support by assisting in a thorough organization of the Auxiliary.

We want a local chairman on each division of the system. We have several now but should have more. The cost of initiation and the dues are so low that they are not at all burdensome.

Any of the officers of the Ladies' Auxiliary will be glad to answer any questions and send application blanks.

Mrs. F. O. Mott,
General Chairman.





NOTICE.

There will be published in this department the names of firms in the United States and Canada who handle union label goods.

PHOTO-ENGRAVERS.

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Streissguth-Petran Engraving Co.,
Singer bldg., West Water and Wells st.,
Milwaukee, Wis.

M. G. Callahan Co., Marion, Ind.

Bureau of Engraving, 13-17 South Sixth
st., Minneapolis, Minn.

Minnesota Engraving and Colorplate
Co., 207 Sixth st., South, Minneapolis,
Minn.

Twin City Engraving Co., 16 South
Fifth st., Minneapolis, Minn.

Central Bureau of Engraving, 157 Will-
iam st., New York, N. Y.

Chemical Engraving Co., 9-15 Murray
st., New York, N. Y.

Colgan Engraving Co., 20 W. 17th st.,
New York, N. Y.

Electro Light Engraving Co., 411 Pearl
st., New York, N. Y.

Empire State Engraving Co., 190 Will-
iam st., New York, N. Y.

Farmer-Zehr Engraving Co., 167 Will-
iam st., New York, N. Y.

Galvanotype Engraving Co., 218 Will-
iam st., New York, N. Y.

Hartley Engraving Co., 129 Lafayette
st., New York, N. Y.

Hartley Half-Tone Dept., 124 White
st., New York, N. Y.

Knickerbocker Engraving Co., 656
Broadway, New York, N. Y.

Lenz Engraving Co., 46 New Chambers
st., New York, N. Y.

Manhattan Engraving Co., 11 New
Chambers st., New York, N. Y.

Moss Photo-Engraving Co., 297 Lafay-
ette st., New York, N. Y.

Phoenix Engraving Co., 152 E. 23d st.,
New York, N. Y.

Powers Engraving Co., 154 Nassau st.,
New York, N. Y.

F. A. Ringler Co., 21 Barclay st., New
York, N. Y.

Standard Engraving Co., 560 7th ave.,
New York, N. Y.

Scientific Engraving Co., 25 City Hall
pl., New York, N. Y.

Stockinger Engraving Co., 1013 Grand
st., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Walker Engraving Co., 141 E. 25th st.,
New York, N. Y.

MAGAZINES AND NEWSPAPERS.

American Press Association, 227 W.
39th st., New York, N. Y.

Brooklyn Eagle, Washington st.,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Brooklyn Times, 24 Broadway, Brook-
lyn, N. Y.

Harper Bros., 325 Pearl st., New York,
N. Y.

McConnell Printing Co., 232 William
st., New York, N. Y.

Reliance Trading Co., 120 W. 14th st.,
New York, N. Y.

Newark Evening News, 215-217 Market
st., Newark, N. J.

New Jersey Engraving Co., 282 Plane
st., Newark, N. J.

Sunday Call, 204 Market st., Newark,
N. J.

Star Engraving Co., Newark Star bldg.,
Newark, N. J.

Whitehead & Hoag, Washington and
Warren sts., Newark, N. J.

Grelle-Egerton Co., 210 Camp st., New
Orleans, La.

New Orleans Engraving Co., 524 Gra-
vier st., New Orleans, La.

Slattery-Smith Engraving Co., 302
Camp st., New Orleans, La.

United States Printing Co., Kenilworth
and Beech aves., Norwood, Ohio.

Oakland Tribune, 8th and Franklin sts.,
Oakland, Cal.

MISCELLANY

LINCOLN, THE MYSTIC.

"My sword shall be dipped in heaven."

—Isaiah 34:5.

AFTER the death of St. Francis it was the custom of his followers, when writing to one another, to close their letters with the words, "Yours in the holy memory." So ought we to speak softly when we recall the life of Lincoln, whose name is "a mystic cord of memory" uniting a nation once divided and estranged into a great and noble republic.

Often it is said, by those who would flatter the crowd, that the mass of humanity, of their own foresight and initiation, set out on enterprises of progress. But that is not true. If history makes anything plain it is that such movements are due, not to the efforts of a nation as a whole, but to the genius of a few men who, from time to time, rise above the mass, and focus in their prophetic souls the light of things to come. They are seers, prophets, heretics who care little and think less of their own fame than of the truth which they see afar off, and while they are indebted to the age for the conditions of growth, they are not made by it. They divine the curve of destiny, incarnating the word of the Spirit of the Time, and give it voice.

Of such was Lincoln—a simple, wise, far-seeing man who belongs of right with the prophets of righteousness and the doers of the will of God on earth. Lowly-born, uncultured, he towered above his fellows, and the future cast over him its light and its pall. Once again, in the thin worn frame of a country lawyer, the mighty, tender, heroic spirit of this land took shape and spoke to the souls of men. Never in our history have the qualities of seer, orator, and leader met in any person as they did in that strange, sad, gentle man, whose life

reads like a legend, and whose spirit is more alive today than when he lived among us. There was a mystery in Lincoln. Men felt it, followed it, loved it, though not understanding what it was that stirred them so deeply, and they feel it to this day though time has dimmed much else.

It is of that mystery that we are to study today, and methinks the secret of it lay in the soul of the mystic that was in him, giving light to his intellects, wings to his words, and a nameless grace to his homely face and awkward frame. After much study of him it seems to me that the thread on which his days were strung was something almost too fine for words—a vein of mysticism the slow emergency of which gave unity, spirituality, and beauty to his life. He was born a little way over on the shadowy side of life, where the veil between the seen and the unseen is thin, and where a window opens out into the darkness. He felt, always, a sense of something weird around him in the unseen forces, something unaccountable and dim about which he could not reason. In other ages, a man so endowed and so moved might have been the founder and leader of a movement of religious faith.

Not unnaturally this tendency took a form akin to superstition in his early years. It is apt to do so before a man knows what it is. Dreams, omens and premonitions were frequent with Lincoln, and while he himself set little store by them they influenced him deeply none the less. We might cast them aside, as he was wont to do, had not so many of his dreams come true, and so much of his mysticism turned out to be the shadow of fact. His fine logic and his rich humor saved him from eccentric acts and states of mind, but as life and sorrow refined him this seer-like fine-

ness of soul more and more ruled him, softening all that was hard and giving to his spirit a haunting charm. This it was that made his friendship like a religious experience to the young men who knew and loved him in those early days. Today, when they speak of him, a light comes into their eyes, and we realize what a profound reverence really is.

As early as 1843 Lincoln felt that some dark, tragic end awaited him. More than once he said to his partner: "Billy, I feel as if I shall meet with some terrible end," and he spoke as one awe-struck and haunted by powers he could neither divine nor resist. He did not know what would strike him, nor when, nor where, nor how, but he felt that he was marked for woe. With this dread came a feeling that, somehow, he, an obscure lawyer, was to have a part in putting an end to the overshadowing evil of slavery. To that end he began to train his mind, his use of words, his art of eloquence, the better to be ready when the call came for him to speak or act. He studied the slavery issue in all its aspects, from end to end and all through, seeking how to do a righteous act lawfully and righteously. He read the writings of the fathers of the Republic until their words seemed to rise up and march, like soldiers at the call of the bugle. He saw the problem steadily and saw it whole, and when the hour came the man was ready to meet it with a clear head and a heart of fire.

Now the work of Lincoln was threefold, and he seemed specially fitted for each phase of it. He had, in the first place, to see through the slavery tangle and find a way out. Here it was that his gift of seer-like vision came to his aid, and made an unknown lawyer a statesman of rarest insight into national affairs. Looking back, all seems clear enough to us, but nothing was clear then, save that a crisis impended. Of course, then, as now, there were fiery radicals who were sure that they saw the path to the right. They saw the evil, but they did not see how to deal with it without doing more evil than good. Not so Lincoln, who saw the whole scene, on all sides, in the large and in detail, with a calm and level gaze. He saw it was an evil of

long standing, disinfected by custom, entrenched in the law, and that radical policy meant ruin. His dilemma has been stated thus:

"Oath-bound to a narrow Constitution; conscience-bound to a broad humanity. Pledged to slavery; plighted to liberty. Sworn to defend and preserve a Constitution and an institution to one of which he was resolved to do violence, to the other—destruction. Meekly holding out hands for statutory and constitutional fetters which, in the holy of holies of his soul, he had covenanted with his Maker to rend and destroy. Pleading gentleness; planning war. Avowing boundless love for the South, his ancestral mother, yet soon to inflict a blow unparalleled in the annals of time—a Quaker destined to make the career of Attila seem like a dream of sugar-coated sonnets and moonlight madrigals. Brave, but—with a touch of superstition that sometimes made him tremble. Desiring long life and a tranquil exit from the world, yet with the prescience given to rapt souls, foreseeing villification, illimitable hatred, and a tragic death. And from all this from the first he realized there was no escape."

This, nobly said, is the exact fact as to the perplexity of Lincoln and his feeling with regard to it. At root, he was a moral prophet, and the issue before him was essentially a moral issue. For all his radical sympathies, he had a conservative intellect which made him pick his way slowly, carefully, "with malice toward none and charity toward all," eager, above all things, to know the will of God and alert for tokens of what that holy will should be. He knew that slavery was wrong, but he knew he had no right to do wrong in order to get rid of it. While he would not compromise the right, he was willing to wait until the right was ready, doubting until he knew the time had come and then acting as if he had never doubted at all. In this spirit he worked out his problem and found the truth which time has tried and sealed.

In the second place, he not only had to see a way out, but he had to convince the people that it was the right and practical

way. This required that he be a master of the high art of lucid and persuasive speech. No one now denies that Lincoln was a great orator, but his eloquence was as unique as it was compelling. No one need be told that he spoke with the ultimate grace of simplicity, with a familiar greatness of thought, and an austere economy of words. He made abstract truths concrete, domesticated lofty principles in prosaic minds, and tore sophistries to shreds. But he did more. He charged his audiences with the electricity of his moral passion, and made men see his visions and dream his dreams. He was genetic, constructive, daring. He had a vitalizing personality dangerous to know if a man did not want to adopt his truths and keep pace with his spiritual processes. He spoke not simply as an orator, but as a seer in whose tones, sometimes sharp and often melting, men heard their own souls speak in accents of entreaty or rebuke. It was so at Ottawa when, after exposing the quibbles of Douglas, he stood as one transfigured, his high shrill voice becoming strangely sweet and sad, his face aglow, his frame swaying with passion, he cried:

"When he invites any people, willing to have slavery, to establish it, he is blowing out the moral lights around us. When he says he cares not whether slavery is voted up or down, he is penetrating the human soul, and eradicating the light of reason and love of liberty in this American people!"

So, too, at Gettysburg when, after the studied oration of Everett, the President read a few lines from a sheet of paper. He gathered into a few short, simple sentences the faith, the philosophy, the history, the prophecy and dream of this Republic, his homely face and figure embodying the very genius of our nation. That address has no parallel in all history, unless it be the funeral oration of Pericles on the dead at Marathon, in which he summed up Athens at its brilliant best, before it became corrupt, and set forth a conception of citizenship democratic, sane, strong-souled, more eager for duties than for rights. And as the words of Pericles have lived for more than twenty centuries, so the

simple words of the great and simple Lincoln will live until men forget history and lose the love of liberty and truth. There spoke the mystic, the seer, the prophet, whose words walk up and down in the hearts of men to this day.

In the third place, Lincoln had not only to show men that his way was right, but he had actually to lead them in working it out. Such a task asked for a born leader and master of men, tactful and wise, skillful and firm, just and kind. Here, too, he measured up to the hour. Nothing shows his genius as a master of men more clearly than the success with which he made men of most diverse temper and ability tributary to his ends. He could tell a man he was a donkey, or ignore him altogether, and do it with such art that the man felt honored, while with men of influence and power he often came off victorious by what seemed to be a graceful surrender. As in oratory his seer-like soil tipped his logic with points of flame, so, in affairs of war and politics, it gave him an insight into men and things at times almost uncanny. It was not easy to tell him a lie. He knew men, and they felt in him a dignity and nobility of soul, an exalted honor, and withal a charm not to be defined.

Seward was a strong and able man, and he knew it. Sumner was autocratic and sensitive. Stanton was proud, petulant, hasty, but a man of great ability, fierce in the intensity with which he pursued his duties. Yet for four years Lincoln ruled these men, often when they thought they were ruling him, utilizing their rare powers the while in behalf of the common good. Surely this was a rare feat in leadership. Not more so, though, than his mastery of the intricacies of politics, as witness his handling of the Vallandigham affair. In the art of war, too, he became an adept, often making trained strategists marvel at his insight, until Dana declared him the greatest general of them all. Whether in oratory, politics or war, it was the vision of the seer that made him great—the same power which in eloquence throws over the awful tides of human circumstance the white light of the moral ideal, and which in religion makes the martyr and the saint.

He was of that company of fine spirits who have ears to hear, and to whom the unseen world is never far away.

Toward the end his dreams came to have a place in his life not unlike that of the mysterious Daemon in the life of Socrates. In times of danger and before a great battle, he was warned. One dream—that of a ship in distress, and when the ship was seen moving calmly to the haven he knew it for an omen of good. Shortly before his death he saw himself stretched upon his bier, and heard the sobs of the mourners as they passed by. It was a strange power, with which was joined in him the humanistic temper which made him an heir of the woes of humanity. Nothing more beautiful than the sympathy of Lincoln has ever been seen in this land. The pathos of life cast a shadow over his great, sensitive, pitying soul, and made him a brother to the lowly, the down-trodden, the helpless. His life, like, the life of his Master, was founded upon love and justice—the justice that is born of love. That love made him suffer, as it always does, and it was, therefore that he was a man of sorrows. He fulfilled the great words of Shakespeare:

“Conscience is born of Love.”

The spirit of Lincoln! If by some art we could send it into all the dark corners of the world, what a changed place this earth would be! It would make men unhappy—so unhappy that they could not rest while little children wear their lives out in factories, or die in the dirt of the city slum; while girls fade in filthy sweatshops, or fall into the abyss of vice; while men toil all their days, never out of sight of the yawning pit of pauperism—turned out at last, when bent and spent, all broken in mind and heart to totter into the wastebasket of humanity. The spirit of Lincoln! It will never let us rest until every man, woman and child has liberty and fair play—room to stretch their arms and their soul; the right to live and the right to work; the right to be happy and to look up at the stars!

What a life to read, and what a name to honor and remember! What noble integrity, what high courage, what delicate

justice and melting pity! What loyalty to the ideal, what common sense touched by poetry, what heights of vision and valleys of melancholy, what tear-freighted humor! It is a story to exalt and ennoble our faith and purify our dreams. Let us here “highly resolve” to follow no leader who, in private life and public duty, does not practice a like moderation, justice, firmness, and gentleness of spirit. By as much as we are true to the spirit of Lincoln and grow up to him, by so much do we become truly great—worthy of our history and the heroism of the days ago.

If ever again an evil hour strikes in this land, may a good God send us another simple, noble, seer-like statesman, with insight to see the right, a golden voice to speak it, and a mighty arm to do it. Such a man will bring us back from our selfishness and folly to the faith and spirit of our fathers—back to Lincoln, with his simple, old, eternal truths of honesty, justice and love. Once more his words will flash like fire, and his spirit will stir the souls of men, as of old, with love of liberty and home and native land. Long live the spirit of Lincoln—mystic, prophet, and, more than all, a man who loved his fellow man.—By JOSEPH FORT NEWTON in *The Railway Conductor*.

LOAN SHARKS—JOHN'S STORY.

A FEW years ago John, his wife Mary, and little son Jack, lived in a small flat—a very happy family. For some years John had worked in the railroad shop, starting there as an apprentice, had served his time, and was then getting about \$75 per month. The shop paid off the men twice a month, pay day coming on the 1st and 15th.

John and Mary were buying a home on monthly payments, and whenever they could save a little more they put it in the bank for Jack's education, or for use on a “rainy day.”

Bad luck brought that “rainy day” before they looked for it.

One afternoon soon after Christmas, the foreman called John from his machine and said: “Your wife has just 'phoned that little Jack got hurt coasting on his new sled.” Not stopping to telephone, John hur-

ried home, knowing no small trouble would cause Mary to send for him.

He found the boy very still and pale, and Mary heartbroken. After two weeks of misery the little sufferer was carried to the cemetery. Meanwhile the doctor, nurse, druggist, and others had taken all of John's savings and left him in debt. For Mary's sake there had been a decent funeral and money was needed at once for funeral expenses that could not wait. John and Mary had no friends to whom they could look for help. They had often read loan-office notices in their evening paper, and once Mary had said: "How benevolent those people must be to help the poor in their hour of need." Once, before they had begun to save money they wanted more things than they could pay for. John said it might be all right to borrow a small sum from a loan office, but Mary with sensible thrift had begged him not to do it. They both understood the rules of the shops, that if an employe had his wages garnisheed he would be subject to dismissal. But this was another case. Mary must not be troubled about money matters now.

Looking over loan-office notices again he was pleased with this one:

"SALARIED PEOPLE.

"Would you like to get a friendly loan of Five to One Hundred Dollars on your personal note, without indorsement or other security, at the cheapest rates, with best and most private terms in the city? The Friendly Loan Company will give it to you in a few hours after you ask for it. You can pay it in small weekly, bi-weekly or monthly payments, and get a discount if you pay before time. GOOD TREATMENT GUARANTEED."

This looked fair enough to John; besides, the undertaker was asking for payment, and several other bills were past due.

When John went into the office of the Loan Company at noon next day, the young woman at the window smiled in a friendly manner, so that John found it easier than he thought to hand her the notice he had cut from the newspaper, and to say: "I came to see about that." She invited him into the cheerful private office to take a

seat at a small desk, she sitting on the other side. "How much money do you need?" she asked cheerfully.

"I'd like to get the limit," said John, frankly, thinking of \$100.

"Well that depends upon the statement you make, you being a stranger to us," she answered smiling. "We have a printed set of questions to be filled out. If you will answer them I will write down your answers, and then we can tell how much money we can let you have."

So in a little while she drew from John his story, and had written down what he said of his needs and his wages; how and when they were paid; what payments he wished to make; and, of course, his name and address, and that of the shops in which he worked. She also asked where he had worked before, and what his reason was for leaving that job. She further asked the maiden name of his wife, and the names and addresses of their parents, brothers and sisters; and of three friends or acquaintances in that city; what real and personal property he had; what he owed, and to whom?

This statement he signed. Then she said: "We can let you have \$75, anyhow. I will ask my brother if he is as willing as I am to give you the other \$25. Come back before six o'clock today and get your money."

"When it is so easy to get money," said John to himself on his way back to the shops, "it is a pity that any one should be in want."

But he did not know how much time was spent that afternoon by an agent of the Friendly Loan Company investigating the truth of this story.

When he went back to the loan office at 5:30, the young lady was not in sight. At her desk sat a pale, dyspeptic-looking young man, with thin lips, large chin, Roman nose and keen, cold gray eyes. He called John by name and invited him to take a seat on the other side of the desk. Taking from a drawer a package of bills he slowly counted out \$100 and laid the money before John. "My sister said you asked for the limit. As a rule we do not care to loan so much to any one getting only \$75 a month, but as you have household furniture we will let

you have \$25 on that, so you will get \$100 after all. My sister left these papers for you to sign. She could not wait."

Then he showed John where to sign: First on nine notes of \$12.50 each, the first payable on the 1st of February, and the others on the same day of the months of March, April, May, June, July, August, September and October. Then he signed a mortgage on his household furniture only, as he thought, and signed the four notes secured by that mortgage for \$8.50 each, payable monthly on the 15th of each month—all the papers being dated January 20th.

"You will notice," said the loan agent, "that my sister made them out that way, for your rent and other bills become due on the 1st of the month, so the 15th will make it easier for you."

John really had not thought of that at all, and he was duly gratified and signed all the papers without more than merely glancing at them. He was pleased, however, to see that in each note was printed in black type, "Payable with interest at the rate of 7% per annum after maturity."

That sounded good to John. He eagerly took the money and paid it out before he went home, and showed his gratified wife receipts for the mourning suit, bill for the balance due the undertaker, and for small payments on account of several other bills that could then easily wait till the next pay day.

After he had told her how nice they were to him at the Friendly Loan Company, Mary grew thoughtful and asked: "Did you get copies of the papers you signed, John?" No, he had not thought of that, but he knew just on what dates the thirteen notes were payable, and he could easily manage those small sums as they fell due on the days he got his pay envelope. "Besides," he added contentedly, "we have to pay only 7% interest after maturity, so if we have to get further time, it will not cost much."

"That looks good," said Mary. "Let us enter the amounts of those notes, and the dates when they fall due in our book so we will not overlook any of them and thus be sure to pay them on time."

This they did, and John was very much ashamed to find that he had agreed to repay \$112.50 in monthly payments for the \$75, and \$34 in four monthly payments for the \$25, or \$146.50 in all for the loan of \$100 for less than nine months.

"Forty-six dollars and a half!" exclaimed Mary. "Why, John, that is an awful amount of interest to pay on \$100, is it not?"

"I did not know it was so much," said John. "It is bad business, mighty bad business, but what else could we do?"

"That is so, John. We just had to have the money and it's all right. I sha'n't need any new clothes for a long time."

"And I," said John, "will not get that bargain overcoat, and I have sworn off on tobacco. I did not spend much for it, but every little will count from now until we get this all paid off."

Furthermore, each of them thought but neither mentioned the fact, that two could live much cheaper than they three had been able to live. So they decided to honestly carry out the contract John had made, unjust as it seemed to them.

John had noticed that there was quite a little of fine print in each of the notes he had signed but he did not read it. Perhaps if he had he would have signed them anyhow, for had he hesitated he would have been told by the nice young lady's gentlemanly brother: "That is what they all sign—our regular form to protect ourselves against dishonest borrowers."

But the following shows the substance of that "regular form" which has been the ruin of so many, even among those much more business-wise than Honest John. It was copied with a few changes from the form of note used by the great "King of Loan Sharks." He began business in Chicago about ten years ago with only \$10,000. Now he claims to have over \$100,000 loaned out in Chicago alone, and he advertises that he "does business in eighty cities." That note is a masterpiece of legal wisdom, and yet there is a way to defeat it. There is some kind of remedy for almost every legal wrong founded on a moral wrong. The

notes that John signed read about as follows:

"January, 19. . .

.....after date, for value received, I promise to pay to the order of Myself Dollars at within banking hours, with interest at 7 per cent per annum after maturity.

"This note is one of a series of notes, of even date and amount herewith, payable, respectively on the day of each month for consecutive months. Default in the payment of this note, to render entire amount of notes, at option of legal holder, and without notice, at once due and payable.

"And I hereby appoint any attorney of any court of record in any state or territory in the United States, to appear for me in any court in term time or vacation, at any time hereafter, either before or after the maturity of this note, and waive issue and service of process and confess judgment against me for the amount of the above note and costs, including a sum equal to at least 25 per cent of the principal of this note or such other sum as the holder of said note shall agree to pay, as an attorney's fee, and to file a cognovit for that amount, and an agreement releasing all errors and waiving all appeals in said cause, and consent that execution may thereon issue immediately. It is agreed that no bill in equity shall be filed to interfere with the operation of said judgment or any execution issued thereon. It is agreed that no extension of the payment of the principal or interest of this note shall release me from the obligation of payment. This agreement shall be binding also on my executor or administrator and assigns.

"\$.....
"....."

John had noticed that the dates for payments were all right, but he did not notice that the place at which each note was dated was not the same for all the notes; and neither the place the same for payment of all the notes. That was something he failed to see in his hurry to get the money and get away to pay it out and then get home to tell Mary all about it and give her

a grand surprise—which he did, in more ways than one.

Besides, the pleasant young lady had left the papers for him to sign, and, of course, they were all right. Neither had he noticed that the mortgage was also a power of attorney, and that it was a lien, not only on his furniture, as he supposed, but also authorized the holder of any one of the four notes it secured to do almost anything in John's name with any and all of his property, real or personal, without any legal exemption whatever. He would have been dazed if any one had told him all the things that mortgage authorized, especially what it said about Lot No. 7 in Block No. 5, of the Home Builders' Addition, on which he and Mary had hoped soon to commence building their home. Among other things that innocent-looking mortgage stated was, that, in case the personal property failed to make good the whole sum secured, with interest, costs and attorney fees that should become due, then said attorney might sell any other property, real or personal, which he owned, at public or private sale, without notice, at the option of the holder of said note, and without any right of redemption or any right of suit for a relief in law, equity, or otherwise.

If John had noticed these things and had refused to sign, the loan agent would have said: "Well, you expect to repay that money, do you not? Then if your house burns and the furniture is destroyed or anything else happens, you want us to have good security on that extra \$25, do you not? Then what difference does it make? You have to pay the note anyhow, and when it is paid your mortgage is cancelled, and in the meantime we are secured. That is why we are willing to lend you the extra \$25." So John doubtless would have signed the mortgage anyhow, for he needed that \$25, and he had no doubt of his ability to pay the notes exactly as agreed.

The nice young lady had felt a real sympathy for John and his trouble at the time he told her his story. Perhaps that is why she was getting a good salary for acting well her part as "confidence winner." If she had been there to pay him the money, she would doubtless have wished to read

the papers to him, or at least explain their meaning, so he could know how to do what he so blindly agreed to do. Perhaps that is why she was not allowed to close the loan.

When the 5:30 whistle blew on the 1st of February, the day John's first note became due to the Friendly Loan Company, he hurriedly cleaned up, and before six o'clock was in their office with the \$12.50. The kind young lady was there, but her smile was different when she said: "I am very sorry that I can not accept that money. Your note for \$12.50 was protested for non-payment at three o'clock today, and is now in the hands of our attorney who will write you a letter tonight. I am quite disappointed in you. I thought you a man of your word. If you want to be treated well in this office you must do as you agreed. Why did you not pay that note before three o'clock today?"

"Before three o'clock?" exclaimed John. "I did not know that was necessary."

"Did not know? Why didn't you read the papers you signed? That note expressly states that it was to be paid on the 1st day of February, within banking hours, at this office, and every one is supposed to know that banks close at three o'clock."

John simply stared at her in silence. "Well," she continued, "there may be one way out of it. The protest fee is \$1.50. The attorney fee is \$5 and the smallest brokerage fee in this office for making such a settlement is \$2, so in addition to the \$12.50 you must pay \$8.50 for your neglect and your unbusinesslike way of doing business. I hope that it will be a good lesson to you," she added less sternly. "Perhaps the protest notices have not been mailed yet, nor the lawyer's letter. I'll go across the hall and see him." She came back with the note and said it could all be settled. Too astounded for words, John counted out the extra \$8.50—\$21 in all, and silently handed it to the young lady, who tore his signature from the note, handed the signature to him and placed the note in a safe with the money.

John hated to tell Mary of his blunder, but he made it a rule to talk over everything with her, so when he handed her

the balance of his half month pay check, or only \$16.50 instead of the \$25 she expected, he frankly told her how it happened.

The rent collector called that night and took \$10, leaving only \$6.50 with which to live on till the 15th of the month. It was well for them that they had good credit and that the \$5 monthly payment on the lot fell due on the 15th instead of on the 1st. On the morning of the 15th John got his pay envelope and just after noon was at the loan office with the \$8.50 due on the first mortgage note. Again the young lady looked at him with surprise and said: "Why did you come here at this late hour to pay that note? Did you not know that it was payable at Indianapolis?"

"No, I certainly did not," said John with considerable heat. "Why should I think that note payable anywhere but here where I got the money?"

"For the very best of reasons," said the young lady. "That note itself so states it. When we make two loans on the same day to the same person we usually assign the smaller loans to another company who shares the risk with us. Those four notes falling due on the 15th of the months of February, March, April and May, are all made payable at this address in Indianapolis," and she gave him a card.

"But what am I to do? I can not get this money there before three o'clock."

"The only thing I can suggest is that you leave the money with us to be telegraphed. That will cost you \$2.50, and there will be \$2 more for our brokerage fee. Shall I call a messenger and send it at once?"

John saw no other way out of it, and he paid her \$8.50 on the note and \$4.50 for the other items mentioned—in all \$13, and was told to come again before six o'clock to see about it.

On his way to the shops he went by the office of the Home Builders' Addition and paid \$5 due on his lot. That left only \$19.50 of his \$37.50.

When he went back to the office of the Friendly Loan Company the young lady had gone, but her brother was there. That young man said: "Well, if you aren't a

24-karat chump, I never saw one. You had better brace up, Mr. Mutt, or you will land in the poor house." John bristled up and was about to give back the kind of answer that makes more trouble, but he felt that he deserved to be laughed at for his stupidity, so he said rather sheepishly: "Well, I guess you got me down right. What about my mortgage note? Did your sister telegraph the money in time?"

"She telegraphed at once. Here is the result." And he handed John this telegram:

"Indianapolis, February 15th,
3:30 P. M.

"Manager out when message arrived. Money paid after three. Protest, attorney fee, telegrams, seven-fifty. Must be paid today."

"(Collect—20)

"....."

"Again your lack of attention costs you good money," said the young man sternly. "You'd better come across with the \$7.50, unless you want your employers notified tonight. It takes hard knocks to make you do business right."

Too deeply disgusted to talk back, John paid him \$7.50 and asked for a receipt. "That will not be necessary," said the agent. "I'm doing this to accommodate you and save you from greater trouble. You can get your note day after tomorrow."

One of the hardest things John ever did in his life was to give Mary his small balance of \$12 and explain that he had paid nothing except the \$5 on the building lot and the first mortgage note, with costs and expenses amounting to \$20.50. Mary grew pale with fear, but she did not blame her downcast husband. "Never mind, John. It was because you are too honest and trusting to deal with such people. It seems very strange to me though. Why not see a lawyer about it?"

"It does not look right to me either. But if I see a lawyer it will be at least \$5 more and we haven't got the money. Besides, the loan company would notify the railroad at once, and I sure would lose my job. We will just have to make the best of it and try once more."

"But what about the coal bill, and the grocer's bill, and the balance due on all the others?" said Mary, in despair.

"Well, they will just have to wait. We can't pay if we haven't got it," answered John gloomily. So they had to let it go at that.

On the last day of March, John got hurt in the shops so he had to be taken home. The next day he was suffering so much that both he and Mary forgot all about the note till too late to pay it before three o'clock. Mary thought, of course, that when the Friendly Loan Company agent heard the facts he would excuse the delay. She went at once to the shops, got John's pay check and was at the office of the Friendly Loan Company before four o'clock. She trustingly told the facts and laid the \$12.50 on the desk. The young man was very sorry that the note had been protested and the usual fees of \$6.50 were charged up against him. If they took the trouble to settle it for her and prevent that suit before evening they must have \$2.50 instead of \$2, because that was the second failure on these notes. He crossed the hall, but came back without the note, saying: "It has already been filed with the justice of the peace for suit and before it is withdrawn his costs of \$4.50 must be paid anyhow, making \$13.50 in addition to the \$12.50—or \$26 in all, which must be paid at once before those papers are served. It is well you came when you did. In fact, in an hour it would have been too late."

Gasping with fear Mary counted out the \$26. The agent went back and brought the note, tore off John's signature, gave that to Mary and put the note in the safe with the money. As Mary was turning away, absolutely crushed and hopeless, the loan agent said: "If you have not got money enough left to get along with, perhaps we might let your husband take out a new loan for \$30 and begin to do business right." Mary heard, but was too stunned to reply. However, after her spell of hysterical grief she told John what the loan agent had said. They talked it over seriously and agreed that it was the only thing left to do. They paid the rent that night, \$10, and had just \$1.50 remaining from the

half month's wages, and some bills that could not be put off any longer.

In a couple of days John was able to go to the loan company and Mary went with him. The young lady treated them kindly and sympathized with them for their bad luck. They signed papers for a new loan of \$30, again giving four monthly notes, each payable on the 15th. They carefully read each note before John signed it, seeing that it was payable on the 15th of the month, according to Mary's wise forethought; because they already had all they could pay on the 1st, and they saw that each was payable "at the office of the Friendly Loan Company, or of its endorsee, if the payor should be so notified." They did not quite catch the meaning of that last statement, but it proved a new and efficient cause of their ruin—for the endorsee and holder of these notes notified them from Chicago.

When the notes were signed, the loan agent handed out \$20, saying: "We always charge at least \$10 for making a new loan under such circumstances."

This was unexpected, but, as usual, there was nothing else to do but do as the loan agent said. John and Mary now believed that they were in his power, and that belief made them cowards. The agent told them that if they made any more blunders about their payments, the penalty would be all the greater, and they had better keep awake. He flatly refused to give them copies of the notes. John had been granted a new loan of \$30, but had received only \$20, and yet had signed four notes for \$10 each all payable within four months, on the 15th of the month which already carried a big burden. With that \$20 they paid something on account of the most pressing bills, and had \$2 or \$3 left to live on.

On April 15th John had two notes to pay, \$8.50 on the old mortgage loan, and \$10 on the additional loan of \$30 made April 1st; but the first note of \$8.50 was payable in Indianapolis, and in spite of all his precaution that note was protested and he had \$7.50 to pay extra. Doubtless feeling sure of their prey, the Friendly Loan Company allowed him to pay \$10 on the

first new note, without further costs; but when he paid the \$5 due on the lot he found that he had but \$5.50 left, because it would cost him \$1 to send the money to Indianapolis and get it paid there on time by a railroad man he knew. And so the "Brace Game" went on, for nearly two years thereafter, the Friendly Loan Company taking practically all of John's wages. It had sold out his furniture, and he and Mary were living in a little hall room of a dilapidated tenement house in a disreputable part of the city. Property in the Home Builders' Addition had begun to boom, and John's lot was worth four times the sum he had agreed to pay for it, but the title was no longer his. Under the power of attorney he had given, his contract for a deed on that lot had been sold for a song and assigned to the nice young lady in the Friendly Loan Company's office to pay some more fake protest fees and attorney fees and court costs. John and Mary were both looking seedy as to clothes, and both grew thin and pale for lack of food. More than once he seriously thought of suicide, but the unfaltering courage of his little wife helped him through.

Finally the foreman of the shops, a good friend of John's, learned from him the secret of his evident trouble and poverty. The foreman knew one of the company's attorneys personally and he laid the matter before him, saying a good word for John's workmanship and faithfulness to duty. The attorney sent for John and Mary. In his private office they told a simple, straightforward, miserable story. Instead of being discharged, John was told that he should not, under any circumstances, pay the loan sharks another dollar. They simply were to leave the matter with the attorney.

John and Mary were abused and threatened by the loan sharks and their agents, but he had regained his courage, and he was a man again; and the last collector who called was kicked down the stairs.

They soon moved into a decent flat, and began again to live like human beings.—*Educational Bureau, Illinois Central Railroad.*

KAINTUCK.

IN New York City there is a spacious excavation at the crossing of Broadway and Thirty-third street which is the entrance room of the Hudson tunnels. There are newspaper and candy stands, ticket offices and benches. One afternoon a tall, bony man descended the steps leading to this subterranean station and looked about him wondering.

He was Martin Granger, a Kentuckian, who had come from his native State to see New York. He had taken a tour in one of the big autocars in which strangers are shown the metropolis while a conductor points out the principal items of curiosity and comments on them through a megaphone. And now he had determined to go through the tunnel under the Hudson River that he might go back to Henderson County, Ky., and tell his children how the great ships, some of them 800 or 900 feet long, had sailed right over his head, while smaller boats without number had steamed back and forth in the same relative position.

Not knowing exactly how to get to the cars which were to take him on this (to him) perilous journey or perhaps wishing for time to screw up his courage to plunge under the great river, he sat down on one of the benches, presenting a perfect picture of a southwestern countryman wonder struck with that congregation of people which within a radius of twenty-five miles forms the largest in the world.

He had not been there long before a man came and sat down beside him. But Martin Granger was not interested in a single man, but the throngs passing through this station, wherein everything was as much alive underground as on the surface and were just as much alive above the surface as on it. The man beside him sat there but a few minutes, then got up and went away.

Presently Granger noticed persons buying tickets at a booth and put his hand into his pocket for money, intending to do the same thing. Casting his eyes down beside him he saw a small package on the bench. He took it up, looked at it, then cast a glance about him for the owner, thinking that it had been left through carelessness. A number of persons were near, but there was no

evidence that any one of them was the owner of the package. He weighted it and found it light—no heavier than paper. He pondered awhile as to what to do with it, then untied a string and partly unwrapped the covering.

Any look of surprise that had come over Martin Granger's face while in New York was surpassed by the one that came upon it now. He looked upon the corner of a bank bill and especially on the figures \$100. As soon as he regained something of his equanimity he lifted the corner of the bill, and underneath it was another of the same denomination. The next below this was marked \$50, the next \$20, the next \$100, and so on of different denominations. The package was about two inches thick.

"What you got there?"

Granger, looking up, saw a man standing over him, regarding him with a severe expression.

"Somebody has been powerful careless and left a whole stack o' bank bills on this yere seat."

"I'm in luck," said the other. "You've found the bills taken from the vaults of the ——— Trust Company."

"How do you know that?" asked Granger.

"I know it because I am a detective and have been shadowing the man who stole the bills. I followed him down here, and realizing that I had him trapped, rather than be caught with the plunder on him he sat down here beside you and when he went away left it. His intention is doubtless to follow you, and when you get far enough from the station and he thinks himself unobserved he will claim the property."

The westerner looked at the man with wonder. "You must be one o' them fellers that I've read about in the stories printed in our home paper. They kin tell from a shirt button or the stump of a cigar jist who done the murder."

"Yes; I'm a detective. Now I've got the stolen property I want you to help me take the thief. Where are you going?"

"I'm goin' down under the river jist to see how it feels to be joggin' along under the big ships."

"All right. Put the package in your pocket and"—

The speaker stopped short and turned his back on Granger as though he had no intercourse with him. In a few minutes he turned again and continued:

"I saw the rascal. He's gone down the stairs to the train. I didn't want to have him see me talking to you. Go to that bird-cage over there and buy the tickets. You'll be given two of 'em. Then go past that man over there and drop 'em in the box. Get on the train, and don't leave it till you get to the last station—Hoboken. I'll be in the same car with you, and quite likely the man who stole the bills will be on the train. When he joins you and asks you for his parcel I'll nab him."

"Waal, now, ain't that fine. I thort that when I come to New York I'd see some remarkable sights, but I didn't think I'd git inter one o' them detective stories."

The man gave him a knowing look, and Granger bought his tickets and, descending a flight of steps leading farther down toward the center of the earth, found a train, which he boarded, and was soon carried down under the mighty waters. He seemed overpowered and did not draw a regular breath till a guard called "All out!" and, seeing the other passengers leave the train, the visitor to New York also left.

He had no sooner stepped on the platform before he saw the detective looking at him, and Granger followed him up a flight of stairs, through a railway station and on to a ferryboat. As soon as the boat left the dock the detective joined the Kentuckian.

"I thort you was goin' to nab the thief," said the latter.

"He has eluded me. We'll return to New York. You may as well turn over the goods to me. I shall not be able to take the thief."

Now, Granger was a countryman, but there are few persons in the world who have not learned the principle that "possession is nine points of the law."

"What am I goin' to git out o' the find?" he asked.

"Oh, you'll get the reward. There's \$10,000 offered for the return of the stolen goods."

"Reckon that's all right. But if you do the returnin' how am I to git the reward?"

"I'll report you as the finder of the property."

"You jist tell me whar to turn it in, and I'll go thar with it."

There was a good deal of sparring on the part of the detective to get possession of the property, which failed. Before the boat landed he explained to the Kentuckian that the latter was in a very dangerous position. If the detective should arrest him as the thief it would go hard with him. But the bluff was not effective. The Kentuckian said that he thought he could prove an alibi since he had reached New York only that morning and Cy Butler could swear to the fact since he had come all the way from Henderson County with him.

"Well," said the detective, "I suppose I'll have to go with you to the bank that lost the money, but it's too late to go today. The banks don't keep open after 3 o'clock. You can stay with me overnight, and we'll turn the money over tomorrow morning."

The Kentuckian said he had promised to stay with Cy Butler at a hotel on the east side, but the detective explained that it would not do for him to let him go away with the money, so Granger finally consented to spend the night with him in his room.

The apartment was in a cheap flat-house. The detective, as soon as they had entered it, locked the door and said to Mr. Granger:

"See here, pard, there's plenty for both of us in this deal. I'm the man that took that money from the bank. There's \$80,000 of it. I'll give you \$20,000. What do you say?"

"What do I say? Why, I say I'm larnin' New York powerful fast. I thort you was a detective."

"You're a pretty good sort of chap," replied the other, "and I don't mind taking you into my confidence. I was the man who sat down by you in the Hudson tunnel station. I was trying to get away from a shadower. I concluded to load the goods on to you till I could get away from him and divide with you. All you've got to do to be rich is to turn the goods back to me and deduct your share."

Granger looked at him with righteous indignation and said:

"Stranger, I've lived in Henderson County, Kaintucky, for forty year. Anybody thar'll tell you I hain't got a dishonest ha'r in my head. I'm goin' to turn this money back to the bank that lost it, and don't you forgit it."

The man put out his hand and grasped Granger's, saying: "Anybody 'd know to look at you that you were an honest man."

Holding Granger's right hand, the rascal put his own left hand to his hip and drew a revolver. He had cocked and raised it only a part of the way to cover his man when Granger, quick as a flash, put his hand to the back of his neck and drew forth a knife about ten inches long and held it point downward over the so-called detective.

"I see that hand," he said quietly, "and go you one better. Drop yer weepin'!"

The man needed to raise his pistol but a short distance to make it effective, yet the distance was sufficient to give the Kentuckian time to draw his bowie knife—a weapon of the olden time—and hold it point downward over him. The villain quailed and dropped his pistol.

How the Kentuckian drove his enemy down and out into the street, met a policemen and the three proceeded to a station; how the next morning the money was turned over by its finder to the bank, is merely a succession of ordinary details. When the president handed Granger a check for \$10,000 the subject grows again interesting. The Kentuckian handed it back, saying:

"Do you reckon that if one o' my Kaintuck neighbors' mares war to stray away and git on to my premises and I sent her back by a nigger I'd take money for doin' it? No, sir. You may do things that a-way in New York, but we don't do 'em so in Kaintuck."

And, turning on his heel, he left the bank.
—By THOMAS R. DEAN, in *Lancaster Labor Leader*.

A man may be overwhelmed, crushed, baffled and apparently beaten beyond redemption, but if he has the right stuff in him he will still hold out.

SAUCE FOR THE GOOSE.

SILVESTRE, the editor of one of the biggest popular weekly journals, looked about him in despair. Never had he experienced such difficulty in getting the right stuff to fill his extra large weekly number, due to be published at the end of August, and he was pondering the matter with an irritable frown on his face when the door swung open and Hartley, the best journalist on his staff, came in.

They were old comrades, these two school fellows, and college mates as well, and now both were cutting their way up the difficult ladder of success in Fleet street.

"Hallo, Hartley! Got any ideas, or has this torrid heat soaked them out of you?"

"Pretty well, old chap. What's worrying you?"

"A couple of columns to fill up with, something new, something to attract the jaded appetite of the holiday readers. I wish—I say, Hartley, I've got it. Look here!"

Silvestre turned over a pile of daily papers at his elbow, extracted one sheet and thrust it over to the journalist, his finger on a paragraph in the society column.

"Read that."

Hartley read:

"Miss Anastatia B. Sympkins has arrived at Claridge's Hotel from Cowes, and leaves shortly for Scotland."

"Well, what about her?" asked Hartley. "And who the dickens is Miss Anastatia B. Sympkins when she's at home?"

"She's the daughter of some johnny who's made a corner in something or other—bricks or mortar, or some useful thing like that, and, as I need scarcely tell you, she is an American. Now you know what a rage there has been lately in the papers for articles such as 'Should Peers Marry American-Dollar Princesses?' and so on."

"Yes. One's pretty well fed up with them."

"Exactly. But I propose an article on altogether novel lines. What do you say to 'An Article by a Peer Who Proposed to an American-Dollar Princess?'"

"He'd be rather a cad to write it, I imagine."

Silvestre laughed.

"You're chock full of ideals still, old fellow; but you'll have to swallow all that because you're going to write the article."

"I? But I'm not, thank the powers, a peer!"

"You can be one for the moment, as it were. Did I dream it, or did I hear you tell some one once that Basingstoke's a cousin of yours?"

"He is. Not a relative to be proud of."

"I suppose not, but he's a peer all the same. Where is he?"

Hartley laughed.

"At the Antipodes. I believe the family pay him something to stop there. The title's likely to die out with him."

"What about yourself? You're a cousin."

"Yes, but on the distaff side, thank heaven."

"I see. Well, I'd like you for the time being to pose as Lord Basingstoke, get to know this charming and possibly beautiful Miss Anastatia B. Sympkins, and there you are. I leave the rest to you and the article, and luck go with you."

Hartley stared at the editor, then burst into a roar of laughter.

"You're not serious, Sylvestre?"

"On the contrary, I am."

"But how the dickens am I to set about it? And how do you know that Miss What-d'you-call-her has any special predilection for the peerage?"

"Because she's an American-dollar lady, my boy. And besides, look here!"

He extracted from his desk an American newspaper, opened it, and spread it out before Hartley. The glaring headlines struck him in the eye, as it were:

"ANASTATIA ARMED FOR CONQUEST.

Will She Gain the Strawberry Leaves? Departure of Miss Sympkins for Europe."

Hartley uttered a disgusted exclamation.

"What taste," he said with a shrug of his shoulders. "I suppose money has to pay—like everything else—for its privileges. Ten to one she's as plain as a pikestaff, though the papers do, I see, laud her to the skies, and call her the beautiful heiress. When were heiresses ever anything else? Where and how do I begin, Sylvestre?"

"That I leave to you, also the ways and means. All I want is a good interview, something out of the common, mind you—good stuff—and you shan't regret it."

There were not many preparations to make for his campaign—a few visiting cards, a neat but distinguished looking suit, and a taxi that one sunny afternoon deposited him at the door of the hotel where Miss Anastatia B. Sympkins was staying.

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"I guess peers don't grow on hedges like brambleberries," murmured Anastatia to herself, as she passed through the hall, casting a quick glance over the few people—ordinary-looking folk—gathered there, and letting her eyes rest for the fraction of a second on a decidedly good looking young man who was standing reading a paper. She liked the look of his well-fitting grey suit, and the bluish mauve tie that seemed to match his eyes. She saw them when he raised them for an instant and looked straight at her.

Anastatia felt the color rise to her face. She hurried forward. As she did so, the chain of the long purse she wore slung round her neck caught on a door handle. It quickly tangled as she caught impetuously at it, and would probably have broken it had not someone come to the rescue with a murmured:

"Allow me?"

And again she saw those blue eyes looking at her, as with deft fingers the young man disentangled her chain.

"Thank you," said Anastatia, hurriedly. "I am very much obliged!"

She paused for a moment.

A taxi came purring to the door, and the longing look in her eyes gave Hartley his inspiration.

"Miss Sympkins, here we are, two lonely folk thrown together by fate. Will you take pity on me further and come for a turn in the park? I know we've never been properly introduced, but I assure you I am quite a respectable person. It would be very kind of you to come?"

"I'd like to very much. I'm stranded here for a day or two because my friends in Scotland can't have me until the eighteenth. But perhaps you are going north, too? I

am going to stay with some people I met in Cowes—the Strangways."

"At Arrochar Lodge?" asked Hartley, eagerly.

"Yes. You do know them, then?"

"Yes, I know them; they happen to be cousins of mine," said Hartley, shortly.

The Strangways! He set his teeth, his eyes on Anastatia's fresh loveliness. He could guess very well why the Strangways had asked her up, why they had made such friends with the young millionairess. Wasn't Cecil, the eldest son, always looking for a rich wife? They were a scheming set of people, and he could read through their plans like a book, then—

He was pulled up shortly by the memory of his own plans and schemes where Anastatia was concerned. He felt a hot color rise to his face. Anastatia. The very name was a caress.

If only she hadn't those soft grey eyes that seemed to look through one for all their softness! If only she didn't look as Anastatia looked! If only she was as plain as a pikestaff; the sort of person an heiress ought to be by all the laws of compensation! But she wasn't.

But he had taken the plunge, now; better go on with it to the bitter end, now that he had started. Not that it was bitter at present—as Hartley speedily found out.

He learned a good deal during their turn in the park. Anastatia had no idea that she was doing an unheard of thing in driving there with a stranger, even though he was a peer of the realm. But then, even if she had known, it wouldn't have troubled her much, for she was utterly unconventional, and openly rejoiced over the fact that her official chaperon—one Lady Banister—was laid up with influenza, and had thus left Anastatia to her own devices, secure in the consciousness that her charge was safely on her way to Scotland.

He hated to think that in a few days she would be at the mercies of the Strangways, that they would speedily enlighten her as to his identity if she mentioned Basingstoke to them. How they would laugh and sneer, laugh at her, perhaps, for being so easily taken in and deceived. The thought made his blood boil.

He would have to own up before she left town.

But the next few days sped away, and Hartley and Anastatia Sympkins managed to spend much time together. It was easy. London was empty of those people to whom the heiress mattered, and she seemed in no hurry to be on her round of country-house visits. Influenza still kept Lady Banister a prisoner to her bed, and youth will have its way.

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"It's a trippery thing to do, but why not the river?" said Hartley, eagerly.

Anastatia looked up from a bundle of letters she had been reading. A curious smile danced in her pretty eyes, as she folded one with a colonial stamp and slipped it into her pocket. Outside, the sun was shining, and there sat Hartley, his eager eyes fixed on her—something in them that made her heart beat strangely fast. How much may happen in a week. Anastatia had often that thought to keep her company now. A week!

"I'd love to go on the river," she said. "Where do you think we could go?"

"Datchet—it's delicious down there; we can take lunch with us, and have tea at some riverside inn."

A delightful programme, and one easy enough to carry out, as Anastatia found.

They slipped smoothly down stream, Hartley leisurely, Anastatia comfortably settled against a pile of cushions. It was perfectly calm—the murmur of the river the only sound to break the peaceful stillness.

Hartley was very silent.

Tomorrow, or the next day, Anastatia would wing her way northward; something must be said. Confessions came with difficulty, because he had learned a lesson he had never even tried to learn before. He knew he had found the one woman he loved—Anastatia.

Curse her millions!

"I had a letter from a friend in Australia," said Anastatia, breaking in on his miserable thoughts suddenly. She was trailing one hand in the water, and, as she lay back against the dark red cushions in her white linen frock, a mauve ribbon round her shady white hat, and a string of

amethysts round her throat, Hartley felt his eyes grow a little dim. That he must lose what he had only just found! It was too hard. "She tells me that Lord Basingstoke is earning his living as a waiter in the hotel she was at."

"Basingstoke?"

"Yes. Funny, isn't it? I wonder"—Anastatia sat up and shook the glittering drops from her hands—"I wonder why you called yourself Lord Basingstoke?"

Hartley drew a long breath as they drifted into a quiet backwater. The moment he had dreaded was upon him.

"So you know?" he said, huskily.

"No, I think I guessed once or twice; I didn't feel sure until today."

"And yet you came out with me?"

"Oh, yes; you may not be a peer, but I know a gentleman when I meet one, even though he may do odd things. I think I have a right to hear your explanation, haven't I?"

"Yes. Before I tell you anything else, listen to me for a moment, Anastatia. I love you—I cared from the first. I know I haven't a chance because those hateful millions must always stand between us; the fact that I love you may be some small excuse for my conduct. I—began it for another motive, though."

"Yes?"

Out it all came. Anastatia listened with downbent head, and the queerest smile trembling round her red lips. Hartley didn't spare himself. Out it came, the story of the plot—the fact that his cousinship to the erring Basingstoke made it easy for him to assume, for the time being, that title.

"That's all," he finished, heavily, when the story was told, and the whole unvarnished truth laid bare. "Now, tell me you'll never speak to me again. I deserve it!"

"Do you? I wonder! I don't take the conventional view of things, I'm afraid, Mr. Hartley."

"You mean—"

"That I think I can understand. You see, haven't you an old proverb that says, 'What's sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander?' Well, I, too, have a confession of a like kind to make to you. I am not the millionaire's daughter at all."

Hartley uttered a cry.

"You—are—not—Anastatia—Sympkins?"

She laughed.

"Oh, my name is Anastatia Sympkins," she said, "only I happen to be just a poor, distant cousin to the millionaire's daughter, that's all. You see, it happened like this. I wanted to come to Europe to write up things; yes, I'm a journalist, too, and Anastatia—the real one—gave me my chance. She was to come over to do the grand tour, to catch a duke, and that sort of thing; only she happened to be in love with a nice young man in her own home, and she wasn't going to marry anybody else. So she sent me over here in her place; gave me a chance of writing up my experiences, and making any number of good articles out of them for a big American paper from whom I got a commission, and she stayed safely at home. She was generous, too—gave me an outfit, and all the introductions I wanted; so you see—as people who live in glass houses mustn't throw stones—I can't say much to you about your plot. We're birds of a feather. Shake hands on it, Mr. Hartley."

They shook; and Hartley did not let go of Anastatia's hand in a hurry. On the contrary, he held it fast.

"What are you going to do now?" he asked.

"Go home very soon to America," she told him, with a smile.

"Anastatia! Is there a chance for me? Now that I know you're only a journalist like myself, I shall be audacious enough to ask you to be my wife—some day. I'm getting on; I believe I can earn enough to keep a wife if she will let me. But I want no one but you—Anastatia. Darling, will you try to care a little?"

"It won't be hard," she told him, with an enchanting look that made him simply take her in his arms without more ado. "And we can work together. I believe I, too, cared always."

"And what a story it will all make," she said presently, when they came down from a special heaven of their own to more mundane matters. "Imagine what I shall be able to write now at first hand. And, dear, we needn't be poor, you know, because

Anna Stasia, my pen name, is pretty well known on the other side, and I can puff it up a little over there, too, if I like. But I won't poach on your preserves; I'll leave you write up the story of how you proposed to—"

"The best and dearest in all the world," said Hartley; "but that story is not for publication, madam."

Others were, however, and Hartley and his wife work together now, and are well-known authors, both here and in America.

—By ROY E. BURROWES in *San Francisco Examiner*.

IN THE NICK OF TIME.

ONE day, passing a furniture store with a sign in the window "This Stock Must Be Closed Out at Once," I went in to look for bargains. I bought a lady's writing desk for my wife, little thinking that fate was using me for one of its strange freaks.

The desk was sent home and placed in a little room my wife used for a boudoir. While she was putting it in order, dusting out the drawers and pigeonholes, she espied the corner of an envelope exposed and pulled out a letter. It was sealed, addressed and stamped ready for the post. When I came in from business in the evening she told me of her find and asked what she had better do about the matter of its delivery to the person for whom it was intended.

It was addressed to a hotel, where the occupants are constantly changing. I told my wife that there would be no more harm in our opening it than a government official at the dead letter office doing so and we would then know better what to do. But first I would telephone to the hotel where the letter was addressed to see if John Ridgewood, the addressee, was staying there.

An answer came that the gentleman had been there not long before, but was not there then, and the hotel management did not know where he was to be found. Having, as I thought, done my part of the work, I settled down to read the evening newspaper, while my wife opened and read the

letter. Presently she came to me, her eyes wet with tears.

"Henry, this is the saddest case I have ever known," she said. "A wife writes her husband, from whom she has been separated, telling him that she and their children are in sore distress. To get money for their necessities she has been obliged to sell piece-meal their furniture, including many of the presents given them when they were married. She begs him to return to her and all will be forgiven."

"Well, my dear," I said to her, "one would suppose from your distress that you were the deserted wife."

"I feel keenly for this poor woman," she said, "and I am going to try to find her husband and send him back to her. Why will men act so brutally?"

"You are indulging a feminine trait in condemning him unheard, Ethel," I replied. "However, I will aid you in any effort you choose to make to unite a divided family. My opinion is that instead of hunting up the husband you had better communicate with the wife and tell her that her letter has not reached its destination. Then you will know better how to act, if indeed you act at all. You must remember that persons who mix themselves up in other persons' affairs are liable to bring trouble upon themselves."

"I don't care," was the reply to this caution. "It is perfectly plain from what this woman says that her husband has treated her shamefully, and she must be an angel to offer to forgive him."

"Just so," I remarked and returned to my newspaper.

Later my wife showed me the letter she had written the deserted wife—a letter exhibiting a great deal of sympathy and assuring the poor woman that she must have a very forgiving spirit to offer to take back such an unfeeling man. I forbade Ethel to send the letter, telling her that the only missive I would consent to was one simply announcing that a letter had been found and asking for instructions in the matter. Ethel did as I suggested, and in due time a reply came which she read to me.

The trouble between the pair was that the husband insisted in treating the wife's

mother outrageously. "A case of mother-in-law!" I exclaimed when my wife read this. The wife had written the letter to her husband without her mother's knowledge or consent and left it on the desk to be posted. The mother, finding it there, had put it in a drawer. The desk had soon after been sold to get money to pay bills. The letter must have slipped down behind the drawer. Its writer acquiesced with her mother that it should never have been written. Ethel was requested to burn it.

"There is one little matter that is not stated," I said to my wife when she had finished reading the letter—"the mother-in-law, finding the letter on the desk, hid it between the drawer and the back of the desk and gave her daughter reason to suppose that it had been posted."

"How do you know that?"

"I don't. I surmise it."

"Well, what shall I do?"

"If you wish to confer a blessing on this family I would recommend your sending an infernal machine to the mother-in-law."

"Don't be ridiculous. This is a serious matter. The letter may have providentially fallen into our hands to reunite a divided family."

"And to divide a united one."

"What do you mean by that?"

"What I said before about mixing ourselves up in other people's affairs. Quarrels beget quarrels, and before we get through with the matter we may get into a fracas ourselves."

"That's simple nonsense."

My wife wrote a great many letters to the poor woman with the brutal husband, but I would not consent to her sending any of them. I knew that the mother-in-law held the fort, and so long as she did the situation would remain as it was. Therefore I saw no object in delivering the letter to the husband, for whom it had originally been intended. I persuaded Ethel to put it away. If Providence decreed that we were to make use of it to bring about the reunion of a divided family we would find it out in time. But I consented that Ethel should write the injured wife that should she ever have occasion to make use of the letter to let her know.

After some time a reply came containing an apology for the delay in writing, stating that "poor, dear mamma" had been very ill, and "I fear I shall not have her with me long."

"Let us hope," I remarked, "that she may be soon transferred to"—

"John!" exclaimed my wife severely.

Notwithstanding this shock I had given Ethel I noticed that every morning after that she took up the newspaper and carefully scanned the death notices. Three months passed before her daily watch was rewarded by seeing a notice of the death of Mrs. Steadman, "beloved mother of Mrs. John Ridgewood." I knew what had happened from the pleased look on Ethel's face when she looked up from the paper at me—a look she strove in vain to conceal.

"That poor woman," she said, "has lost her mother."

"Sad, isn't it?" I replied.

"The funeral is to take place on Thursday."

"What have we to do with that?"

"Why, I'm thinking that after it's all over we might send that letter."

"Perhaps it won't be necessary. The brute may see the notice and go home."

"I do wish you wouldn't be so cynical. Even if he does see the notice he may not go home. He may feel too antagonistic to his wife."

"She can write him another letter. The old lady having taken her departure, it will probably get into the mail."

"You have no evidence that she intentionally prevented the other one from getting there. The wife may not feel in the mood to write another letter. I'm going to send the one we have to the husband—that is, if you can discover his present address."

"That's legitimate," I assented. "Holding a letter addressed to him, you have a perfect right and good reason to deliver it to him. I think the day after the funeral would be a good time. The wife, having lost her mother, will probably have a soft spot in her heart for her husband."

Ethel was so pleased at the idea of being instrumental in a reconciliation that she failed this time to reproach me for my cynicism, begging me when I went to busi-

ness to look up the address of John Ridgewood that we might have it by the time his mother-in-law's remains were transferred to the cemetery. I had some trouble in finding the desired address, since Mr. Ridgewood had removed to a nearby city. Indeed, I did not find it for a week after his mother-in-law's funeral. As soon as I received it I put the letter his wife had written him into an envelope, addressed it to him and mailed it. I feared certain reproaches contained in it as to his treatment of the old lady might antagonize him, but since the cause of the rupture was now removed and the rest of the letter showed deep affection I hoped for the best.

One evening about a week after the forwarding of the letter, when my wife and I were reading in the library, there was a ring at the doorbell and a card bearing the name of John Ridgewood was brought in.

"Show him in here," Ethel said to the maid, anxious to hear what he had to say.

Mr. Ridgewood, instead of showing that brutish cast of countenance which might have been expected of him, was a benevolent looking, frank-spoken gentleman.

"I have called to thank you," he said, "for forwarding to me a misplaced letter and to tell you that it came in the nick of time to restore me to my wife and children. Ours was a case of"—He hesitated.

"Mother-in-law," I supplied.

"Right! So bitter had been the breach that I doubt if after her mother's death my wife would have written me another such letter, and I confess I intended to remain away from her forever unless she did. The letter, coming immediately after my wife's bereavement, turned the scale for both of us. I am happy to say that I found my children quite well, and"—

"Your mother-in-law in heaven," I supplied.

"Poor woman!" my wife added, with a frown at me.

"I dare say," Mr. Ridgewood went on, "that I should have borne with more patience, for my wife's sake and for family reasons if for no other, those little frictions which are liable to arise in any family"—

"Where there is an element of discord in an outsider," I supplied again. Since I

did not this time specialize, my wife refrained from attempting to frown me down.

"Please tell your wife how deeply I sympathize with her in her bereavement," said Ethel to the caller.

"With pleasure," replied Mr. Ridgewood. "My wife joins me in thanks to you, madam, for having brought about our reunion. She tells me that she requested you to burn the letter."

With that the gentleman took his departure, and we saw him no more. Ethel says that if I had not interfered with her forwarding the letter when we found it the matter might have been settled long before. That's all the thanks I get for keeping her out of a fiery furnace.—By F. A. MITCHEL in *Journal of Industry*.

JEAN TETERAULT'S START.

JEAN TETERAULT, a French Canadian boy, was born with an ambition not usual to those of French descent in the Dominion. He decided to leave the little patch of ground his father worked, with a view to entering a more exalted career. But what could the boy do? He had but little education and was only fifteen years old. True, he was big and strong for his age, but what is physical strength in the world's battle? Intellect even in a puny body is often its superior.

The Teterault farm was near the railroad, and Jean would have liked some position with the company, but he could not so much as secure that of brakeman on a gravel train. Besides, the conductors and others employed by the road told him that even if he found employment as a railroad man he would grow gray in the service with but a meager salary.

The railroad ran through a gut near the Teterault farm, and on the knoll through which it passed was a walnut tree. One October day Jean, taking a bag, went to the tree, climbed it and began to gather nuts. He had nearly filled his bag when he heard voices approaching, and several men came and stood under the tree, talking with one another. Jean kept quiet and listened. From what the men said he gathered that

they were intending to stop a train due in a short time and rob the express car.

A man who was evidently in charge assigned the positions. One was to go in the direction from which the train was expected and flag it, so that it would come to a halt in the cut. Another was to tackle the engineer and kill him if necessary; another was to look out for the conductor, while the leader was to rob the express car.

Jean, if the men had gone far enough away from the tree to permit him, would have descended and run through a wood that skirted the track ahead of the man who was to flag the train and given a warning. There was a bend in the road that would have rendered this quite easy. But the men did not go away, and when the train was heard in the distance all put on masks and got their weapons in readiness for a fight.

When the train came to a stop the express car was directly beneath the tree in which Jean was lodged. He saw a man call on the engineer and fireman to come out of the cab, and the order was obeyed. They were marched toward the rear of the train, where they could not get back into the engine. The leader of the gang was endeavoring to get into the rear door of the express car, which had been locked. Jean noticed that there was not a person between this robber and the locomotive. It occurred to him that he might scramble down to the locomotive, get aboard and pull the train on. But this would probably avail nothing. If he could first uncouple the express car so as to leave the passenger cars he might carry the robber away from his supporters.

The scheme was fascinating. Jean drew three or four long breaths. A resolution was forming within him—a resolution which might mean his death. There was no time to lose. The chief robber was calling to one of his men in the rear to go into the wood and get a piece of timber with which to batter down the door of the express car. Some of the passengers had thrust their heads out of the car windows. They would see him run down to the train, but the robbers were occupied.

Dropping from the tree, he rolled down the declivity, crawled under the express car

and wriggled on his stomach to the rear end. The old-fashioned coupling was then still in use, and Jean, watching his opportunity when the robber above him was engaged, reached up and removed the pin. Then, scuttling rapidly under the car to its front end, he climbed up to the platform and over the rear end of the tender.

Jean, having lived beside the railroad all his life, had picked up some knowledge about how to run a locomotive. He at least knew how to start and how to stop one. He opened the throttle rather suddenly, and the locomotive and express car started with a jerk.

The robber on the rear end of the car, finding himself moving away from the rest of the train and his companions, was puzzled to know what to do.

While he was hesitating he looked down on the ground to note the speed and thought he could jump off and get to the engine. He tried it and succeeded, but had just caught the rail to swing himself up when a blow from an iron poker caused him to release his hold, and he dropped to the ground.

Owing to his condition and the speed the engine had acquired he did not think it best to try again. Jean had the express car with the treasure in it, and that was all he could do. Those he had left must take care of themselves. The robbers, seeing what they had come for disappearing in the distance, took to the woods.

When Jean pulled up at a station and told his story the agent sent back a train with armed men on board, which brought on the cars Jean had left. Jean was sent for by the president of the railroad, was given a handsome reward and his request to be educated for a railroad man granted. He has recently retired from the presidency of that same road.—By LOUISE THORNTON, in *The Artisan*.

Where He Saw It.

"Did any of you ever see an elephant's skin?" asked a teacher of an infant class.

"I did," one of the little pupils replied.

"Where?" asked the teacher.

"On an elephant," said he.

CURTIS' VALENTINE.

"NO," SAID Grace, decidedly, "I don't want anyone to send me a valentine. I'm sick and tired of those foolish frills of lace paper with a tender sentiment that lies only on the paper and not in the sender's heart."

"Surely," argued Graham, "you would not want every chap who sends you a valentine to be as madly in love with you as the sentiment on his offering would indicate. You received seventeen last year, I believe."

"Eighteen," she corrected. "One came the next day. Jimmie Curtis sent it from town."

"Jimmie always was about a day slow," commented Arthur.

"Jimmie is all right," she insisted, warmly.

Arthur saw the danger signal in her flaming cheeks and smiled. He remembered that the unfortunate Curtis had gone around with a mournful face for a week in consequence of the letter she had sent him.

No one knew exactly what the contents had been, except the sender and recipient, but for a year one paragraph had echoed through Curtis' head.

"You sent me a valentine," she had written, "breathing all sorts of devotion, and yet you care so little that you did not even remember the day until it was almost too late. I don't believe you when you write that you love me, and shall not answer until next St. Valentine's."

The last referred to a letter Curtis had sent after the valentine and in which he had made a proposal of marriage. This was the real secret not only of Grace's indifference to valentines, but of her coldness to her admiring court, of which Graham was the chief resident member.

None of them took her declaration seriously, and on St. Valentine's morning there was a goodly pile of envelopes and packages at her plate. Rapidly she ran them over and her face fell. Curtis had not sent one. In spite of the fact that this was to have been the end of his probation, he had not even thought.

She held her head high in the air as she opened the various envelopes and smiled

as the family were alternately lost in wonder or moved to laughter at the odd assortment, but once in her room her head drooped and the tears fell unheeded upon the dainty creations with which her arms were littered.

She loved Jimmie Curtis, but she resented his absorption in business. Ever since he had left the little town to go to the city he had seemed so far away, and to this sense of distance was added the brevity of his letters.

That Jimmie was working for a position which would enable him to make a home for her did not matter. She wanted long letters, not brief, chatty little notes telling her how busy he was and how rapidly he was making progress.

Then when he had forgotten to send the valentine last year until late in the afternoon, she had placed him on probation and he had cared so little that he had not even remembered.

She cast the packages upon the table and sank sobbing upon the bed. It was an hour before she had gained the mastery of herself and was able to go downstairs and mingle with the family, but when she did there was no trace of the tears, no suggestion that behind her smile hurt pride was making her heart ache terribly.

She went out in the afternoon to compare valentines with the other girls, and afterward went skating with Graham, who improved the opportunity by proposing and, to his surprise, was refused.

The incident angered her. It was not Graham's fault, of course. It was Jimmie's. If he had only remembered she could have announced her engagement and there would have been an end to other proposals.

She kissed her mother and went to her room for another cry. The gaudy valentines, still scattered upon the table, were the final straw, and in a moment she was crouched in the depths of the big chair sobbing in the dusk.

Even a ring at the door bell did not rouse her, and not until the maid tapped on the door and announced that there was some one to see her in the library did she check her tears.

It was hard to make her eyes presentable, but she bathed them as well as she could and descended to the lower floor. The library was dimly lighted, but in a corner her eye caught sight of a huge creation of lace paper and ribbons. It was a crimson heart resting on a bed of lace, and from the center rose a most lifelike image of Curtis' head.

With a cry she stepped forward, and as she did so the head smiled. "Late as usual," laughed Curtis, "but I had to wait. You see I'm part of the valentine. How do you like it?"

She gave a glad little cry and sprang forward. "Did you really remember, Jimmie?" she exclaimed.

"You don't suppose that I picked this up ready made for you?" he chuckled. "They fixed it up for me at a place where they

make tricks for magicians. I thought that as you were going to be a married woman next year your last valentine ought to be something good."

"It's splendid," she cried, with sparkling eyes.

"Well," he suggested, "if you will kindly unfasten the hook at the back of the table I can get out of here and claim my reward."

"You shall have it first," she declared, as she leaned forward and kissed him. "You're the best valentine that ever a girl had."

"Neat, but not gaudy," agreed Jinmie, looking at the crimson heart, "but I'm glad it didn't take any longer to come downstairs. Those frills tickled my neck dreadfully."—By SUSE CLEMENTS WILLIS, in *St. Louis Globe-Democrat*.





"What Man Has Made of Man."

I heard a thousand blended notes
While in a groove I sat reclined.
In that sweet mood when pleasant thoughts
Bring sad thoughts to the mind.

To her fair works did Nature link
The human soul that through me ran;
And much it grieved my heart to think
What man has made of man.

Through primrose tufts, in that sweet bower,
The periwinkle trailed its wreaths;
And 'tis my faith that every flower
Enjoys the air it breathes.

The birds around me hopped and played;
Their thoughts I can not measure;
But the least motion which they made,
It seemed a thrill of pleasure.

The budding twigs spread out their fan
To catch the breezy air;
And I must think, do all I can,
That there was pleasure there.

From Heaven if this belief be sent,
If such be Nature's holy plan,
Have I not reason to lament
What man has made of man?

—WILLIAM WORDSWORTH.

College Bred.

For caramel and chocolate
She held a high degree;
Each evening she would demonstrate
The newest chafery.

The contours of her lissome form,
As she the stuff did stir,
Stirred up a youth, with ardor warm,
To woo and marry her.

A week of the loving fad she fed
On fudge and fluffy cake,
Till in his dreams he moaned for bread
"Like mother used to bake."

With noble purpose rose she then
And raised a pan of dough,
Yes, figured out with pad and pen
How every loaf should go.

Being college bred she donned her gown,
Her cap set on her head,
And—well, 'tis told in Reno town
The cause was college bred.

Local vs. Express.

Jim Johnson works on a train that jerks
You through at a mile a minute.
He makes huge fun of a local run
And the crews enlisted in it.
Past the sidings, then, where the local men
Are waiting Jim will fly
With a sneering shout: "You snails look out!
Let this express go by!"

As a boy, I grew on a farm—did you?—
Where the crickets sang all night.
But I fled to town, which seemed the crown
Of earth's supreme delight.
When I'd see the scrubs who lived like grubs
While I was flying high,
I'd say: "Get a gait, you local freight!
Watch my express go by!"

Bill Stubbins stuck at raising truck
Near the farm where I was born.
When he moved to town he looked old and brown
From shucking beans and corn.
But he brought a roll like a telegraph-pole,
And the street for Bill was pie.
Now he honks at me, and I climb a tree,
While his limousine scoots by.

—The Cavalier.

The World Makers.

We are the music makers,
And we are the dreamers of dreams,
Wandering by lone sea breakers,
And sitting by desolate streams—
World losers and world forsakers,
On whom the pale moon gleams;
Yet we are the movers and shakers
Of the world forever, it seems.

With wonderful deathless ditties
We build up the world's great cities,
And out of a fabulous story
We fashion an empire's glory;
One man with a dream, at pleasure,
Shall go forth and conquer a crown;
And three with a new song's measure
Can trample a kingdom down.

We in the ages lying
In the buried past of the earth,
Built Nineveh with our sighing,
And Babel itself in our mirth;
And o'erthrew them with prophesying
To the old or the new world's worth;
For each age is a dream that is dying,
Or one that is coming to birth.

—ARTHUR O'SHAUGHNESSY.

A Sprinkle o' Gray in His Hair.

You may talk about your youngsters
 With their rushin', reckless ways,
 Their style an' wit an' action,
 An' their up-to-date displays;
 But for counsel an' for judgment
 That will stand the wear an' tear,
 Just give me the brave old fellow
 With a sprinkle o' gray in his hair.

There ain't! no handsomer figure
 A-walkin' our roads an' streets,
 A-smilin', salutin' an' greetin'
 Every child an' man he meets,
 Than the man o' fifty summers
 An' a winter or two to spare,
 With a face that you know can be trusted
 An' a sprinkle o' gray in his hair.

An' what o' the dear old lady
 All lavender leaves an' rose
 All silk an' lace an' cambric
 An' gentleness an' repose,
 Who carries her weight o' winters
 With never a frost in the air?
 She's a thousand times more a mother
 For a sprinkle o' gray in her hair.

—HENRY DAVID STRINGHAM.

Just as Good.

Her tresses were dark,
 And her eyes held a spark,
 When she came all the rest seemed to vanish;
 And Dolores, her name,
 Seemed to fit like a frame
 'Round a manner adorably Spanish.

'Twas love at first sight.
 Oh, the charm of that night!
 Oh, the waltz-music dreamy, loveladen!
 What her last name might be
 Was as nothing to me,

What castles I planned!
 But Fate's cold, cruel hand
 To romance's sweet vision wrote "Finis"
 When the beauty so proud,
 By a girl in the crowd,
 Was addressed as Dolores Maginnis!

—WALTER G. DOTY.

Hard to Believe.

She seemed from mankind to be standing apart,
 As her song sent a cheer through the gallery;
 And yet what we called her devotion to art
 Was largely determined by salary.

—Washington Star.

A Vacation Song.

Vacation time has come, hey-ho,
 'Skeeters and sunburns and sprains;
 And many a man
 With a frying pan,
 Beats it up from the plains
 Into the mountains, up by the snow,
 Where the biggest 'skeeters and woodticks grow.
 Hey-ho,
 Where the biggest woodticks grow!

Vacation time has come, hey-ho,
 Boardwalks and flunkies and bills;
 And many a man
 Hocks what he can
 And beats it down from the hills
 To the salted sands, where the tangos go.
 And a square meal costs ten dollars or so.
 Hey-ho,
 Yes, costs ten dollars or so!

Vacation time has come, hey-ho,
 Scatter and chatter and roam;
 Let every man
 Do what he can
 To beat it away from his home.
 He will wear off his tummy and scatter his dough,
 But what is the difference? He's been on the go.
 Hey-ho,
 You bet, he's been on the go!

—RALPH BACON.

En Famille.

Little Miss Muffet,
 She sat on a tuffet,
 Hoping her sweetheart would stay;
 But along came her mother,
 Her father and brother,
 And frightened her suitor away.

Oh, for another Lincoln,
 Who's name we cherish dear;
 Who would not stand for slavery,
 On earth—when he was here.

His one prediction, oh how true,
 When he freed the colored race,
 That sometime in the future,
 The whites would take their place.

Let's cast a glance around us;
 Has not this come to pass?
 Yes, yes, dear Father Abraham,
 We need thee—but alas.

—J. E. VALE.

FACETIOUS

No Wonder,

Mrs. Subbubs—Henry, that's twice you've come home and forgotten to bring the lard.

Subbubs—Yes, my love; it's so greasy it slipped my mind.—*Boston Transcript*.

Had His Answer.

An Irishman with a very thick head of hair was one day the center of a ring of English farmers, who were endeavoring to crack jokes at his expense.

"Why," exclaimed one of them, "you've got a head of hair like a stack of hay."

"Ah!" returned Pat, unruffled, "that's just what myself was thinking. That accounts for my having so many asses around me."

So, There!

Mr. Flatbush—So you want to vote, do you?

Mrs. Flatbush—Yes; I do.

"Want to have your own way, I suppose?"

"I certainly do."

"But if you had a vote you couldn't always have your own way, you know."

"Then I wouldn't vote."—*Yonkers Statesman*.

No Answer.

It was scarcely 9:30 when the rather fierce-looking father of the girl entered the parlor where the timid lover was courting her. The father had his watch in his hand.

"Young man," he said, brusquely, "do you know what time it is?"

"Y-y-ye-s, sir," stuttered the frightened lover, as he scrambled into the hall; "I—I was just going to leave."

After the beau had made a rapid exit, the father turned to the girl and said in astonishment:

"What's the matter with that fellow? My watch has run down, and I simply wanted to know the time."—*Lippincott's*.

On the Jokesmith.

Senator Lodge, at a banquet in New York, once found himself beside a well-known newspaper paragrapher.

Senator Lodge complimented the paragrapher on his work.

"But how on earth," he cried, "do you write twenty jokes a day?"

"With a typewriter," the other answered, and he smiled.

But Senator Lodge's retort was ready.

"Oh, is that so?" said he. "I thought you used some copying process."

When We Would All Be Missionaries.

A well-known agnostic was present at one of Henry Ward Beecher's lectures, and after the address the man presented one of his daughters—a beautiful girl—to Mr. Beecher, saying: "Mr. Beecher, here is a girl who, according to your ideas, is a heathen."

"Well, my dear," said Mr. Beecher, "if all heathens were as pretty as you are we would all become missionaries."—*Ladies' Home Journal*.

"Paid in Full."

When James T. Brady first opened a lawyer's office in New York he took a basement room which had been previously occupied by a cobbler. He was somewhat annoyed by the previous occupant's callers and irritated by the fact that he had few of his own. One day an Irishman entered.

"The cobbler's gone, I see," he said.

"I should think he has," tartly responded Brady.

"And what do you sell?" said the visitor, looking at the solitary table and a few law books.

"Blockheads," responded Brady.

"Begorra," said the Irishman, "ye must be doing a mighty fine business—ye hain't got but one left."

Postponed Weddings.

Wigg—Is it unlucky to postpone a wedding day?

Wagg—Not if you keep on doing it.—*Town Topics.*

Public Opinion.

The Fond Mother—Everybody says he is such a pretty baby. I'm sure the poet was right when he said that "heaven lies about us in our infancy."

The Uncle (unfeelingly)—But he should have added, "So does everybody else."

A Connoisseur.

"Mother, is father in the fruit business?"

"No, son. What put that idea into your head?"

"Well, when he took me for a walk the other day he met Mr. Jones, and all they talked about was peaches, pippins and dates."

Looking Forward.

"And darling," says the bridegroom, "you are going to put your bridal gown away in a trunk in the attic, I suppose?"

"Yes, indeed!" the bride says. "Mamma always said if you saved anything for seven years you would have use for it again."—*Chicago Post.*

An Invitation.

"I suppose," he ventured, "that you would never speak to me again if I were to kiss you?"

"Oh, George!" she exclaimed. "Why don't you get over the habit of always looking at the worst side of things."—*London Tit-Bits.*

Suitable Play.

"I am going to make my farewell tour in Shakespeare. What shall be the play—'Hamlet?' 'Macbeth?'"

"This is your sixth farewell tour, I believe."

"Well, yes."

"I would suggest 'Much Adieu About Nothing.'"

She Meant All Right.

Mistress (getting ready for reception)—How does my new gown look in the back, Nora?

Maid—Beautiful, mum. Sure, they'll all be delighted when you leave the room.

Second Time.

Up in Vermont the hotel business is real business, and the man who takes a room and eats a meal at one of the hostelrys is expected to pay for it without fail. If you don't believe it, take a run up to Vermont and try to beat the house bill. In one of the little towns of the State there is a hotel proprietor called Jolly Jones.

One morning after breakfast a guest was about to depart without paying his bill. Jolly walked slowly to the door with him and in a deadly tone said:

"Mister, if you should happen to lose your bank-roll between here and Randolph, you can remember that I didn't get any of it."—*Popular Magazine.*

A Doctor's Story.

A celebrated French doctor having successfully treated a little child during a dangerous illness, the mother of the patient went to his house to thank him.

"Doctor," said the lady, with tears in her eyes, "services such as yours are beyond reward, and therefore I scarcely know how to express my gratitude towards you. May I offer you this purse, which has been embroidered by my own hands?"

"Madam," replied the doctor, brusquely, "the study of medicine is not a matter of sentiment, but one which demands reward in hard cash. Little presents may serve to win friendship, but they are of no assistance in keeping up an establishment like mine?"

Deeply hurt by these words, the lady said in a constrained tone: "May I beg you, then, to name your fee?"

"Two thousand francs, madam."

Opening the embroidered purse, the lady drew out of it five one thousand franc notes. With a slight bow, she handed two of these to the doctor; then she replaced the remaining three notes in the purse, and left the room.

Our Correspondents



EMOTIONS AND TRADITIONS.

IN different forms of language, every generation has been told: "The law of life is a law of pain." Also: "It is only through obstacles and difficulties that human life can be valuable." The spider can manage to weave the finest tissue that the eyes of man can see and admire. Nothing like that is manufactured by any human machinery. The universe is replete with wonders worked out by cosmical forces and animal or vegetal life, products of growth through aggregation or inward expansion. Even as a mere animal, man is a wonderful construction, recapitulating all the mechanisms of cosmical phenomena, and all the machinery that we may originate in the march of civilization. We are then provided with forces to perform all the good and all the evil imaginable. We have certain limitations along the line of evil and no limitations at all for good purposes. What we call pain is simply the product of what we have tried to do and had no right to do because injurious to healthy development.

What now about that perpetual ideal, preached to all generations, to the effect that only through harsh struggles can we accomplish much of anything? What have we done, after sixty or more centuries, of any great value, in the building up of healthy bodies, minds and souls? Why to assume, for instance, that it is so difficult to be good? Why not to realize, once for all, that goodness is the natural condition for all men on earth, as beauty is the natural condition of everything in the universe, outside of man? Why to place men as an antagonistic force to the rest of God's creation? About 200 generations have thus far tried that job. Is the job much of a success? The job is a complete failure. Even what we have to call goodness among men, even that is but a relation

to the badness we have been constantly generating in the grand totality and ensemble of human development. We have attributed that to divine general ideals for some final good purpose. But oh, what a low conception that implies, in relation to the natural sublimities of The Soul Divine!

Please notice that when we have to erect a shanty in the wilderness or a cathedral in the city, we commence by outlining the structure on a piece of paper, with all the measurements and details. Then we see about having at hand the materials needed, then we dig the foundation. We then commence the building processes. Not until the building is about finished do we commence the ornamental or final touches, in and out. Have we acted in that way, or any approach to it, in what we should call "The Social Building?" Not an atom of it. We have saturated every nation, and each of us, with all conceivable forms of ornamentation. We don't even wish to know yet anything about the morality or equity required to have healthy nations in peace with the "Father of all Sublimities." Is not that deplorable? The class spirit is yet devouring the manhood and joy of all classes in each national group. We are all yet sick in body, mind and soul. We all remain sunk in the pandemonium of fatal disagreements.

Our modern progress remains saturated and congested with mountains of foolish or childish emotions and traditions. The truth is thus obscured or rendered inert. We mean the truth which goes to the bottom of human life, the truth which takes cognizance of all the constructive processes by which alone we can demolish the enervating influence of mere impulses and sentimentalities. Yes, we have domestic, racial, national, political and economic traditions. Their futility is self-evident from the fact that they have failed to give us a sensible

environment, and have simply prolonged—"The Dark Industrial Evolution" of all previous historical periods, with the malevolent influence of that class spirit which poisons all it touches. That class spirit is reflected in the turpitude and selfishness of all legislation through as many centuries as we may try to overhaul. The emotional flashes that now and then are exhibited, in trying to decrease our social deformities * * * they have never produced any substantial social improvements.

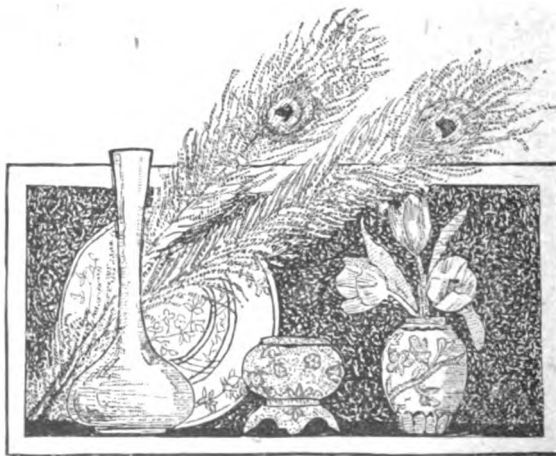
No revolutionary movement, however sound in certain incidentals, no reform ideals, secular or religious, however earnestly preached or actualized, have ever yet placed humanity, nations and churches in peace with the "Truth preached by Jesus." Yet its very simplicity, if incorporated in the laws of nations, would rapidly sweep out of existence all the fifty or more social wrongs which pester the life of all of us.

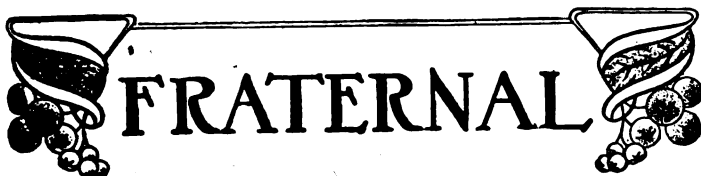
It has never paid, and it shall never pay, to work out our own salvation through any beneficent tricks of our own. Still less shall it pay to raise any group of individuals above the rest, through favoritism of any kind, private or collective. It is not through the lever of wealth, but through that of righteousness applied to all of us as children of the same Father, that humanity

can march on to meet the symphonies of the universe. Not even the best of us can rise but in consonance with the symmetrical rise of all. We should grant to each other, in the name of human law, the bottom, cardinal rights that God grants to all men by the mere fact of their existence.

Centuries ago we already discovered that in the universe of forces and forms a good job could only be accomplished or finished, when sensibly and scientifically commenced, all intermediary steps to be correctly connected with each other. In the moral and spiritual realm we still imagine that we can afford to discard all science, all sense, all honesty, in the reconstruction of our private and national development. No wonder that civilization remains yet a chaotic mass of discords at the mercy of the emotions and traditions which have never given humanity any solid peace, any manhood or joys worth bragging about. All is yet pandemonium. A disorderly bacchanal prevails over all human destinies. A blind march through dark, impassable forests and swamps! That is yet our crazy progress. A subversion of all scientific and artistic processes. That is still our human life, in all the essentials of the morality and equity of the Old and New Testament, which we fail to apply where it is most needed.

JOSE GROS.





NOTICE.

All matter for this department must be in the hands of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer on or before the 28th day of the month in order to insure its use in the following issue.

New Haven, Conn., Div. No. 29.

New York, New Haven and Hartford, Shore Line Division, Third District—

The canal is one of the busiest pieces of single iron in the Western district.

Mt. Carmel has been opened up for three tricks; Congamond has three tricks now, and third at Southington has been put back.

Lots of freight moving our way.

Sister Skinner bid in third Mt. Carmel.

Bro. Linehart, at Milldale, was called to Pennsylvania where his wife was taken sick while visiting relatives. Bro. Zanky, relief agent, relieving him.

Our chief dispatcher's mother is reported to be very sick. We all hope for the speedy recovery of Mrs. Halliday.

Start the new year right, with an up-to-date card; get after these new operators and line 'em up. CERT. 509.

Midland Division—

A little personal interest will complete the membership on this division. If you are working with a non-member or the next station to one, try and get his application, if unsuccessful, ask some other brother, or several of them, to assist you. Hardly one of the few now out, but what can be convinced, if the right methods are pursued.

Only one bid out during all of last month, Bro. Hilborn going to the Branch Switch; Careyville not yet assigned.

Understand the genial agent at Putnam is running a "Telegraph School."

Hampton is now solid with Bro. Williams, one of our latest.

The second oldest man on our roster is now Bro. Dwyer, of Manchester, whom we are glad to welcome. Brothers, we are gradually gathering them in. Get after Mr. Kearney, boys, I'll buy if you land him.

Bro. James E. Lally has resumed at third tower No. 214 after several months lay-off.

Mr. Keach, agent, is reaping the benefit of our last schedule, without paying for it. Let's all make an effort to get him.

The new line recently acquired by the "Midland" is solid, with the exception of Edward Atchison, agent Forestdale. He is a political power in his State. You fellows from Needham Junction to Douglas Junction convince him that you have

done something for him and wish him to reciprocate.

Brother, your affection for your wife and children is reflected in the way you keep them protected by paying up in your dues and Mutual Benefit. What would become of them if your insurance was not paid and you were suddenly called from this earth? Pay your dues and Mutual Benefit dues promptly, and always have the satisfaction of knowing that those dependent upon you are safe. "EN."

Providence, R. I., Div. No. 35.

The division meeting was large and enthusiastic. Both the general and local chairmen were present and made appropriate and telling remarks.

The spirit of Christmas was evidenced by a unanimous vote to send, as a Christmas present, a ton of coal and a turkey with all fixings, to Mrs. R. A. Brown, widow of a deceased member and secretary-treasurer of Div. No. 35.

December 20th, our regular meeting night, was also "melon" night. At this session the officers of the Benefit Association rendered their yearly reports, chief among which is that of the secretary-treasurer, which showed a membership of 96 in good standing.

The auditing committee paid the treasurer a most flattering, yet well deserved, compliment, when it said: "We found all bills and claims against the association, all moneys received and disbursed, and accounts kept in a very satisfactory manner."

This report shows \$1,307.63 received, and disbursements \$193.58, of which \$136.43 was for sick benefits and \$57.15 expenses, leaving a net surplus for distribution among the members of \$1,114.05, or \$11.60 per capita, and forty-five cents in treasury to be carried forward to the 1914 account.

This is the best report the association has yet been able to render; justifies its usefulness and vindicates those who were instrumental in bringing it into existence, as a thing whose only purpose was to benefit all our members who participate in it. Each year shows an increase in membership; and at our last meeting for 1913, some 30 new members were added.

This is gratifying, but the increase should have been not less than 100 per cent.

The success attained was largely due to the efforts of Bro. W. J. Brenner, as president, and

Bro. R. S. Eaton, as secretary-treasurer. These two officers were re-elected, with the old board of officers and directors, which speaks well for the good business judgment of our members.

Now lets us work for a still better showing in 1914.

Bros. Geo. E. Joslin, A. H. Haddock and R. S. Eaton were appointed auditing committee by the chief telegrapher at our January meeting.

The candidacy of Bro. James M. Gaynor, as assemblyman for the fifth district of Rhode Island, was unanimously indorsed at this meeting.

Gaynor has been for many years and is still, an active and loyal member of Div. 35. We wish him success in the contest, thus honoring our division and the grand organization of which we are a part, also the district he would represent.

Other features of our meeting were the debate upon the question of interbidding, which was generally entered into and proved most interesting—both pro and con, as its varied features were introduced and defended.

Addresses by General Chairman Ross, and Local Chairman Joslin, were interesting, pointed and timely.

The attendance was up to the standard and there was no abatement in interest of those things which make for our general advancement all along the line.

A quiet but careful thought is being given to the selection and election of candidates for division officers which will occur at our February meeting. The general confidence and satisfaction which exists in the conduct of the division's affairs, is at least complimentary to the present board of officers. Harmony prevails, and if we are so fortunate as to have officers whose sole aim is to do right and handle affairs impartially, we are most fortunate and should assure them of unanimous support.

We are working for improved conditions all along the line and it is the part of our entire membership to come to the front and help.

In our general and local chairmen we have strong, capable representatives, whose motto is: "Your interests are ours," and we believe this is equally true of all our division officers.

Interesting meetings are planned for the future, don't fail to attend them if you can.

The secretary-treasurer, Bro. Eaton, advises that the increase in membership of the Beneficial Association for the new year is more than fifty per cent.

This is a splendid showing and indicates that slowly, yet surely, the members of our division are recognizing the grand work the association is doing. The more members it has the more good it can do, and every member of Division 35 should be a member.

First assistant chief telegrapher, Bro. Al. Conant, who went to Boston for an operation, which is reported as successful, is now at the Deaconess Hospital, doing as well as can be expected.

Bro. Farley, Pawtucket, reports his wife and son both sick, keeping him at home.

To all of our afflicted members and their families, we extend our sincere sympathy, hoping further advices will be reassuring as to speedy recovery.

Sister McInnerney, "F" office, Providence, reported off sick January 26th.

Our sympathy goes out to Bro. E. L. Young first trick towerman at Kingston. His trick being covered by Bros. Brenner and Callamer.

Bro. Frank Gardner goes to second Wickford Junction, on bid, relieved by Bro. H. A. Severier, at third Valley Falls tower on bid.

Bro. W. H. Young, from relief to third trick towerman at Park St., Appleboro.

Our sympathy is extended to Bro. P. J. Keenan, agent, Pascoog, R. I., and family, owing to the death of their baby daughter on January 6th.

Bro. G. A. White, agent Dighton, Mass., in bed two weeks with bronchial trouble, now convalescent.

Bro. G. T. Walker, first "C" Fall River, temporarily in dispatcher's office at Taunton.

Bro. Spencer, Promenade Street tower, was off several days on account of sickness.

Bro. McKenna, agent Wood River Junction, has returned from a pleasant vacation in California. All are glad to see him back.

Bro. Vanderbeek assisted Mrs. Hamblin, manager, North Appleboro, Mass., three weeks during the holiday rush.

There is much to be accomplished in 1914 for the uplift and advancement of this grand organization. Let us get at it at once and get a good start.

A review of our work for 1913 is very gratifying to all who did what they could to make it so. but I am wondering how the non on the outside feels, or even those of our members who left it all for the other fellow to do. There should be a more active participation in the work to be done by these two factions.

Those who have assisted our officers to advance the welfare of our members and all interests of the division, are entitled to sincere thanks, which are herewith cordially extended.

J. D. V., Div. Cor.

New Rochelle, N. Y., Div. No. 37.

N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R.—

Our December meeting was well attended. Bros. Ross, our general chairman, and Tiger, our local chairman, both present. Bro. Shields spoke of the advisability of extending Division 37 to West Haven, favoring such extension.

Bro. Leaman, secretary-treasurer, called the brothers attention to the importance of paying their dues promptly, and will have ready receipts for all.

Bros. Allen, Mellick and Hanequin were visitors at the local dispatcher's office this week. Will be glad to see any of the brothers at any time. We are proud of our new office and think it worth while looking over.

We are having some telegraph line trouble lately, caused by static, makes work for some of us.

On Dec. 14, 1913, the two cabins on the Harlem River Branch were put in service. One located opposite Bungay tower and works in conjunction with Tower No. 3, the other located at east end of Harlem River yard.

The opening of the two cabins put in serve the three-track service between Bungay tower and Harlem River yard.

Track four has been turned over to the contractors of the new bridge, which is to connect us with the Pennsylvania at Long Island City. Track two is now a single track service; trains running in either direction under staff control. Track one is an east-bound track between Harlem River yard and Bungay Street, the cabin at Bungay Street crossing trains over from one to four. Track three is normal.

The cabins are temporary jobs and have been so bulletined, and at present writing all tricks are held down by extra men. Two of them we can call brothers, the others we hope to be able to in the near future.

The staff machines located at the two cabins are interlocked and but one staff can be taken out of either machine at a time. If the cabin at Harlem River yard has a staff out Bungay cannot get one until staff is put back in either machine.

The staff is a piece of steel about six inches long and cut with several sets of grooves which fit into a set of rollers and lock up both machines when staff is taken out; when staff is put back it goes through another set of rollers which reverse the first set, thereby unlocking the two machines.

Bro. Tiffany spent Christmas holidays with his folks in New York State, Bro. Petheck covering.

Relief operator, Bro. Hainquet, holding down first at Bungay Cabin. A new man, Bro. Flannery, just in from Panama, holding down first, Harlem River yard, says: "Boys, American girls sure do look good."

Slight changes are to be made at Oak Point Tower No. 4. The desk is to be moved to face the tracks. This is so the brothers there won't miss any of the "Nicolettes" going by and forget to "OS" them.

New automatic signal line now in service to Bridgeport.

Track two at N. R. Junction is now straight and a new cross-over from two to four, west of the old one, which has been taken out.

All the switchboards are being relettered to read C1 and R1, which is the north side, and C2 and R2, which is the south.

New automatic transformers will probably be put in service January 25th.

Bros. Reif, Bradner, Doolin and French still charge the lightning arresters.

Have not heard of any sickness among the brothers, all must be well.

CERT. 123, Div. Cor.

Springfield, Mass., Div. No. 38.

The members of this division will hold their annual ball at Hibernian Hall, Worthington St., Springfield, Mass., Friday, February 20th. We hope every brother and sister that can come, will be there, as they will certainly enjoy themselves. We had a good time last year and expect to make this our banner ball. Bro. J. Casey, from Old Furnace, says he will attend if he has to walk home. Bro. Patterson is harvesting his ice crop at State Line. Bro. D. F. Sweeney, Beacon Park, has returned from a short vacation. Bro. Boyce, West Warren, was at our last meeting; we are always glad to have Charlie with us. Mrs. E. M. Prentice, on two weeks' vacation, was relieved by Mr. Ireland. Miss Susie Sheridan has returned to "Q," Pittsfield, after a long stay in New York and Brooklyn. Get an up-to-date, Su, and we will welcome you back. Bro. Cardinal was off a week with a severe cold. Sister Sibley, at Worcester, is there when it comes to getting helpers for the passenger and freight trains, no delay is her motto. We hope to have Bill Benford with us at the next meeting; wake up, Ben, and keep your tower solid. Bro. T. P. Donovan, tower 43, returned from a short vacation spent at Bayonette, N. J., with his uncle, who was inaugurated mayor there January 1st, Bro. W. D. Brewer covering his position during his absence.

The B. & A. has taken off several freights to reduce expenses, but there seems to be as many extra freights as usual, if not more.

Bro. Diefendorf, first trick, tower No. 60, State Line, has been sent to Albany at nights to help in getting reports of our western connections and make-up of trains, Bro. Wm. H. Sweet covering first trick, tower 60. High Bridge has again been put on three eight-hour shifts temporarily, instead of one. Bro. H. D. Whitney, chief signalman, on first; Mr. Service on second, and Bro. H. G. Segelken on third trick, his regular job.

Operators bidding in different positions please send a copy of your bid to Bro. M. J. Walsh, first West Springfield yard office, so he can protect your bid. We had a large number of members at our December meeting, and earnestly wish all the members, who can, will attend the meetings regularly, and start the new year right by paying your dues early. Doc., Div. Cor.

Boston, Mass., Div. No. 41.

Boston & Maine R. R.—

The Relief Association of Division 41 elected the following directors at the annual meeting, December 13th: E. G. Robinson, chairman; F. C. McGrath, L. L. Henderson, J. D. Collins, J. E. Graham.

The investigating committee appointed by President Tuck consists of H. F. Cunningham, L. McCarthy, F. B. Gray, D. J. McDonald and F. Prevost.

The following is the fourth annual report of the secretary-treasurer for the fiscal year: Total cash received year ending December 31, 1913, \$90.77; benefits paid, 10 weeks, at \$5.00, \$50.00; cash on deposit, \$25.00; expenses as per approved

bills on file, \$7.75; cash on hand, \$8.02; total, \$90.77.

During the four years of the life of the Association we have saved to the treasury of Division 41, over \$200.00, which would otherwise have been paid out to worthy members for sick benefit relief.

The attention of members of Division 41 is called to Article VI, Section V, of the Revised By-Laws of Division 41, in which it is expressly stated that no member of Division 41, who is not a member of the Relief Association, shall receive financial aid from the division.

Trusting that all members will work for the best interests of the association, I have the honor to remain, fraternally yours, W. H. DAKERS.

Approved, B. G. TUCK, President.

Supt. Frank H. Flynn, of the Fitchburg division, was given a surprise at his home in Somerville on Thursday evening January 8th, by being presented with a silver service which was the gift of agents and telegraphers on the southern division, on which Mr. Flynn had been trainmaster until October of last year.

Mr. Flynn began as a telegraph operator on the southern division in 1885, and has worked up to train dispatcher, chief train dispatcher, trainmaster and to the position he now holds as superintendent of the Fitchburg division, one of the largest on the B. & M. system. He is one of the most popular officials in this territory, and the southern division boys were sorry to lose him. The testimonial committee were: Bros. J. J. Carney, S. C. Wiswall, T. W. Cummings and F. M. Morgan.

Bro. Payne, third at Waltham, has bid in Weston agency.

Bro. Morse, of North Billerica, has been assigned as ticket agent and operator at Hudson, vice Bro. Osborn, who bid in Concord yard.

Bro. Rayno, Weston, has bid in Gilbertville agency.

Chief Telegrapher T. J. Fogarty was confined to his home with a severe cold for five days early in January. Glad nothing serious developed.

On account of the many improvements being made on the roadbed and bridges of the Massachusetts Central division, there will be great doings between Boston and Northampton this coming spring.

The so-called Order of Towermen seem to think that we want to break up their local snap with the company. The O. R. T. is an international organization and simply wants the first clause in its schedule lived up to. All we want is co-operation with all classes of the same nature. The Towermen's Association is simply being used for a cat's paw, and when done with them can be thrown over, as they have no backing, and are used to keep us divided. They are given recognition and when done with will be dropped.

In the death of Bro. M. E. Doran, Division 41 has lost a valuable member. In the division room he was always ready with good advice, modest and unassuming. His charities were far

wide, and many a Western Union and Postal telegrapher, as well as our own unfortunate members, received his little bit. He was a member of the old Bay State Division No. 65, and since Division 41 started has been an up-to-date member. He will be sadly missed. The following resolutions were adopted in respect to his memory:

Boston, Mass., Dec. 30th, 1913.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our heavenly Father to remove from our midst our esteemed brother. M. E. Doran, therefore, be it

Resolved, That in his death Division 41 of The Order of Railroad Telegraphers, has lost a faithful and honored member, and be it further

Resolved, That we extend to the bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy, in their hour of sadness, and that this memorial be spread upon the minutes of the division, a copy sent to the family of our late brother and a copy to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

J. A. WILSON,
G. M. ROUNDS,
SAM'L GOODWIN,

Committee.

F. W. Fletcher, of Derry, N. H., goes to Wakefield, Mass., on second trick.

Robt. M. Pike, of Reading, to Bell Rock, Mass., as agent.

E. E. Lefavour, of Melrose, to Reading, Mass.

Up for bids: Agent and operator, Seabrook, N. H., and second trick at Melrose, Mass.

Mr. Farley, of Wakefield, Mass., is filling in at Melrose, Mass., pending the assignment of that job.

Other vacancies are: Union, N. H., operator, and ticket agent, Biddeford, Me.

Bro. S. B. Pierce, of Gardner, bid in Farley, Mass. Bro. A. B. Deshaies goes from third Gardner, to second Athol. Bro. D. W. Williams, of Gardner, to Miller's Falls.

Up for bids: Agent and operator, Lynnfield, Mass.; agent and operator, Hampton, N. H.; second trick, Reading, Mass.

F. B. GRAY, Div. Cor.

Boston & Maine, C. & P., Southern Division—

The B. & M. has established some new positions as traveling agents. Mr. Ramsey, agent Claremont Jct., is covering territory in this capacity, from Northampton, Mass., to Wells River, Va.

Bro. Richards is covering agency at "Cin."

Bro. Cyr bid in clerk and operator at Stolyoke.

Bro. A. F. Way, third "NO," off sick, relieved by Bro. O'Brien, Bro. Roland covering second trick.

Bro. Bonner, first "DA," off a few days recently, relieved by "Mr." Wells.

Understand the brothers at "NO," have opened a cold storage plant.

The nons on this division are still enjoying the raise the O. R. T. got for them, without making any effort to help the cause along.

No passenger trains, but some freights were discontinued on this division and others changed to better accommodate the business.

Fort Hill closed January 1st, Bro. Mulvey on spare list at present.

We have to thank Bro. Swan for this write-up.

Putney third on bulletin.

All are glad to see Lewie Caton back at work.

Div. Cor.

New York, N. Y., Div. No. 44.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our heavenly Father and all-wise Ruler of the universe to take unto Himself the beloved wife of our dear brother, E. W. Nicholson, in manifestation of our grief and fraternal sympathy, be it

Resolved, That the members of New York Division No. 44, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the sorrowing brother and members of the afflicted family, their sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved brother, a copy spread upon the minutes of the division, and a copy be forwarded to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

J. S. MARTIN,

A. F. HELLER,

O. A. HUDSON,

Committee.

Pittsburg, Pa., Div. No. 52.

Pittsburg & Lake Erie R. R.—

Brothers, we wish to have a write-up in THE TELEGRAPHER each month, and it will require the co-operation of all the members of this division to make it interesting to all concerned.

Remember there are some of the brothers out along the road who are working second trick and who find it difficult to attend meetings. Now these brothers would appreciate it very much to know what is going on along the line. Start the new year right by sending in what news items you can, so we will be represented in THE TELEGRAPHER every month. Brothers on the west end send something in.

McKeesport, formerly two tricks, now twelve hours; we hope business picks up and Bro. Daugherty will soon be restored to first.

Rankin, formerly three tricks, now two tricks, Bro. Reigel bumping Mr. Wilson, Homestead.

Bro. E. Keck, first at "J.C." now night yardmaster at Newell, we all wish him success.

Bro. L. G. Murren, first at "MR" tower, now agent and operator at Smithton.

Quite an interesting meeting was held in the lodge room of Division No. 52 Saturday night, January 10th, twenty-one members being present. Refreshments were served, and perfect harmony prevailed throughout the evening. It is hoped that there will be as much interest displayed in the next.

Saturday evening, February 14th, we will elect new officers for the division. It behooves us to

choose men that will handle the offices of the division in an acceptable manner and uphold the reputation of old 52. Div. Cor., Cert. 714.

Turro, N. S., Div. No. 66.

We have missed our old correspondent for quite a while; awake, old sport. Traffic is pretty swift, plenty of passenger specials on the go.

Bro. McManaman, of Salt Springs, on the sick list, was relieved by Mr. Gunn.

Mr. Baker appointed agent at "FA," Bro. Hunter relieving him at "P."

Bro. West spent Christmas at his home, relieved by Mr. Kefe.

Bro. H. Patton has been appointed agent at "WC," vice Bro. Roulston.

Bro. McPherson received a box of "bug juice" recently from a wholesale liquor dealer, labeled "Xmas greetings," which he promptly returned.

Bro. Fraser, chairman investigating committee, has been pretty busy lately investigating matters concerning the brothers of this division.

Dispatchers and operators installed in the new station at "GO" gladly welcomed the change from the old "spook house."

Bro. Beazley spent New Year's at his home on the "DAR."

Bro. Sweet recently visited old friends at "HC."

Bro. Fleming failed to land the big Moose during the hunting season.

Bro. Hamilton is off duty awaiting his well-earned pension. We are sorry to lose him. He had been one of the "faithfuls."

Bros. Dickie and Leary relieved on vacation by Mr. Lethbridge and Mr. Colburne.

Get after the nons, boys, and remember "no card, no favors." OLD TIMER.

Boston, Mass., Div. No. 89.

At the January night meeting Chief Kerns resigned the office of chief telegrapher, which he so ably filled for the past two years, not having missed either day or night session during his entire term, which is a record certainly to be proud of. It will be impossible for him to attend in the future owing to having bid in the second trick operator's position in the dispatcher's office in Boston, where chances for further advancement are very good, and rather than be classed among the absentees holding office he resigned, which was reluctantly accepted with a vote of thanks. He lately received a commission from President Perham for his organizing ability and therefore will still remain an active member.

Bros. Bodie and Tuck, representing Division No. 41, were present and spoke in relation to a joint legislative committee. It was called to notice that the O. R. T. will not support "House Bill No. 453, Commonwealth of Massachusetts," providing for one day rest in seven without loss of pay, in that it is short-sighted in effect and does not include all of the employes in our class, craft or calling. The personnel of this committee representing Division No. 89, was changed and now consists of

Bros. Mullen, Drummond and Enos, Bro. DeWar having resigned therefrom.

Bro. Ross again gave interesting reports at both meetings as general chairman.

Bro. Enos by virtue of his office of first vice-chief, presided at both meetings in lieu of Chief Kerns, resigned.

A communication to Chief Kerns from a member employed on the B. & A., requests the publication of the names of the five oldest members of Div. 89, is presumed to mean in point of membership, which are as follows: Bros. J. P. Riley, J. H. Steffey, J. F. Francis, C. U. Johnson and T. E. Delaney. Request received too late for January issue.

N. Y., N. H. & H., Boston Division Notes—

The following changes have taken place during the past month:

Bro. Cashen, from So. Bay Jct. tower to third Harrison Square. Bro. Larson, from Harrison Square to leverman So. Bay Jct. Bro. Hackett secured W. Roxbury second, and Bro. Wing second leverman Chickering tower. He is pleased to get this holddown which is far better than bucking the spare list. Bro. Lyons to Atlantic third.

Bro. Carroll is taking a much-needed rest, Bro. Cashen substituting for him as first trick towerman So. Bay Jct. for three weeks.

Bro. Noss, first Clarendon Hills, is away sick and Bro. Peterson has gone to Florida for his health. We hope for their speedy recovery.

Midland Division Notes -

Bro. C. F. Green was the successful bidder on third trick, Norwood Jct. tower, vice Bro. Murphy, resigned.

Bros. Graichen and Evens have transferred from Div. 29 to Div. 89; both propose to attend regularly.

Bro. B. F. Allen bid in season position as towerman at Douglas Jct. cabin during the absence of Bro. Balcom, who, I understand, was recently married.

Bro. Duncan is happily ensconced at Milford Station. We would be pleased to transfer him to Div. 89.

Bro. Cy. Pendleton has tendered his resignation as agent at Turnerville, Conn. He will on his own account enter extensively in the lumber sawing business in his old home State, Maine.

Bro. Covert, East Douglas, says there will be something doing, soon as his hens begin to lay. Hope they won't get lost en route to Bill Smith Prov. 35.

Unionville is all but "union."

Only one delinquent reported on this division. "Good stuff."

Bro. Pendleton, agent at Franklin, has a new Cadillac touring car, which he puts to good use.

Bro. Mooney's, agent Norfolk, vacation did not mature as the local papers had it.

BARDOL, Div. Cor.

Meridian, Miss., Div. No. 94.

M. & O. R. R., Mobile Division—

Those last two write-ups looked good to me and pleased other members of our division, many of whom have given the cheering advice of "keep it up." Brethren, the fall rush is over, so let's get busy and line up solid. Bro. R. M. Holmes, our efficient assistant local chairman at Artesia, has secured nine applications since the first of the year. Keep after the nons until they are reduced to a minimum.

I have been unable to get a line from south of Meridian. Wake up, brothers, and let us know what you are doing.

Bros. Holmes, of Artesia, and B. B. Morris, of Eoline, have our thanks for valuable items.

There is to be a big O. R. T. banquet at Artesia February 14th.

Montgomery Division—

Mr. Martin bid in first Eoline, and Bro. Caldwell third Maplesville. We are glad to see Bro. Harris back there again. He has been in ill-health for several months.

Bro. Buffington is back at West End yards after an absence of several weeks.

R. B. Battson, agent Holt, Ala., off a few days, was relieved by Bro. J. C. Simms, relief agent.

Bro. J. M. Elliott, fourth Artesia, while working as dispatcher in Tuscaloosa, was relieved by Bro. P. K. Green, a new man from the North Eastern, who also relieved Mr. Smith, of Columbus, a few days while visiting in St. Louis.

Brethren, don't fail to hail the stranger coming into your gates and inquire of him if he has the proper credentials and if he has not an O. R. T. card impress upon him the necessity of obtaining one at once.

Okolona South—

We are indeed glad to welcome Bro. G. W. Hunter, of Okolona.

Bro. R. S. Swetman, second Muldon, bid in third Reform, made vacant by the deplorable death of Bro. King, Bro. P. K. Green taking second Muldon, pending bid. "Bro." Weaver, at Muldon, sounds powerful good, too, and it's now Bros. Paul Montgomery and J. T. Owen, at Starkville; also Bro. Bryan, at Wahalak; all good men whom we heartily welcome to support us in the upbuilding of working conditions and maintaining a high standard of brotherly love. Glad also to be able to call G. H. Lawhorn, of Meridian, brother.

Sorry to hear of the illness of Sister Dawkins, wife of our good Bro. R. F. Dawkins, and hope for her speedy recovery.

Now, boys, don't forget to drop me a card during the month, for every local item helps.

CERT. 247.

Hamilton, Ont., Div. No. 155.*Toronto, Hamilton & Buffalo Ry.—*

Sunday, December 14th, will be a meeting which will be remembered by those who listened to the stirring address delivered by Bro. D. Campbell, Third Vice-President, who will no longer be connected with the O. R. T., much to our sorrow, but will be Canadian General Counsel, a position which he is qualified to fill in every way.

Bro. Campbell spoke for over an hour and a half and was listened to with marked attention by every one present and we were only sorry that he had to quit so soon, but railroad schedules are inexorable and he had to leave on a Grand Trunk train a little after six p. m.

In the course of his remarks Bro. Campbell complimented No. 155 on the excellent showing we had made in all departments since our organization a couple of years ago.

All the members of our Order over which Bro. Campbell had jurisdiction, will join with us, in wishing him the best of prosperity in his new position, and what's our loss in one way we gain in another.

Bro. Campbell was preceded by Bro. L. M. Eddy, General Chairman Grand Trunk Division No. 1, Marcellus, Mich., to whom we listened with pleasure. "Come again, old chap."

On Sunday, January 11th, we were privileged to listen to another great speaker, a great leader among Hamilton's labor unions, Mr. Samuel Landers, he speaking to us for about fifty minutes. His address was greatly appreciated. Mr. Landers spoke of those members who allowed themselves to become delinquent just because they could not see any tangible results each and every day.

The meetings are now being better attended than they ever were, as there were sixteen out to the December meeting and nineteen to the January meeting, which is quite encouraging to the old stand-bys and the officers.

New hours have now been put in effect on this road, which are very nice for some, but a hardship for others and something will have to be done soon.

I must congratulate the boys on the Grand Trunk for the spirit that seems to be pervading on that old pipe now. A year or so ago you would hardly ever see a line from the G. T. R., now there is page after page of it. Keep it up.

We now have block signals in good operation between Welland and Hamilton and they are giving good satisfaction. Understand it is the purpose of the management to extend them further next year.

Hamilton nights after being opened for some five years, has now been closed.

Bro. R. H. Lampman, nights Coyle, has got his holidays after about six months' delay, relieved by Bro. N. C. Burdick, recently appointed to Fenwick nights, relieved by H. L. Chapman, who has been relieving the different agents and operators between Waterford and Welland.

The real cold weather has set in and trains are more or less delayed, especially those running from Buffalo.

Bro. R. F. Richards has been appointed agent at Vinemount.

Every member should now pay up promptly and keep up to the minute. Always remember the motto, "No cards, no favors." EDA.

Grand Trunk Ry.*Notice to Members—*

Please bear in mind the Grand Division will revise its mailing list on February 28th, after which date only members whose dues and Mutual Benefit assessments are fully paid up will receive the Journal. Therefore, the undersigned would appreciate it very much if every member of Div. No. 1 would make it a point to pay up in full not later than the date mentioned. If all concerned would do so the secretary would have more time to look after the few nons that are scattered here and there.

Also members of Div. No. 1 located on the Grand Trunk proper who participated in benefits through the last schedule (train dispatchers included) will please not overlook the matter of remitting their first month's increase to the treasurer, Bro. D. L. Shaw, London, Ontario, thereby enabling him to square all debts incurred through the schedule negotiations through which so many were benefited.

Local chairmen and others accepting applications from applicants for membership in the Order will save this office and that of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer, a lot of unnecessary correspondence if they would see to it that every applicant filled out the Mutual Benefit form properly before sending same to this office. Every question on the M. B. D. form should be answered, and answered properly before accepting. In answering question No. 9 the applicant should give the beneficiary's own name in full, also postoffice address. A number of applicants, when naming their mother as beneficiary merely give the name as Mrs. Jas. Smith or Mrs. J. Jones or whatever the name may be. Please note that that kind of an answer will not do. When making mother the beneficiary, give her own name in full and say whether it's Elizabeth Jones, Mary Smith or whatever the name may be. Give the party's own name in full. In every case the name of the beneficiary should be given in full. The M. B. D. form for nine out of every ten applicants has to be returned for correction and that alone takes up a whole lot of a person's time.

In conclusion, let me remind you that it's up to the membership to give the company the best possible service.

With best wishes, I am, fraternally,

D. L. SHAW, G. S. & T.

Our second monthly meeting was held at Stratford on the evening of January 2d. There were forty members present, which, although not quite as good an attendance as we had the first meeting, when we had fifty-seven, was very good, considering it was held at a time when the agents had their yearly and monthly reports to get out.

General secretary and treasurer, Bro. D. L. Shaw, of London, opened the meeting with a short address, after which the orchestra favored us with a few selections.

Bro. and Local Chairman W. Middleton, of Breslau, then read the new scale of wages affecting the members on his territory, while local chairman, Bro. G. E. McTaggart, of Blyth, did the same in regard to his territory. Numerous questions were asked by the boys in regard to interpretation of the clauses regarding overtime, etc., and were answered satisfactorily by these two gentlemen.

Bro. D. Campbell then took the floor and for two hours and a half addressed the operators, agents and train dispatchers present, not only from the standpoint of the men themselves, but also from the standpoint of the company by which they are employed. He reviewed the struggles of this organization from its infancy up to the present time and pointed out how favorable the attitude of the railway officials towards organization is today to what it was some twenty years ago, when, if a meeting like this was called it had to be held on the quiet. He cited cases where he had held meetings himself in a box car, and transportation to attend same was an unheard of thing. He told of the events which led up to the recent good settlement obtained by the G. T. R. telegraphers and of the assurance which he had personally given to President E. J. Chamberlain, of the G. T. R., that it would be the best investment that the Grand Trunk had ever made, as it would result in better service all around on the part of the employees.

He urged the members present to do all in their power to back him up in the promise he had made Mr. Chamberlain and show by their efforts that they were doing their utmost to prove themselves worthy of the A-1 treatment that they were being accorded by the company. He made a profound impression upon his hearers and you could have heard a pin drop throughout the whole address.

Following Mr. Campbell's address a two-piece orchestra composed of Mr. Will Plummer, pianist, and Mr. Hugh Stewart, violinist, gave several very pleasing selections, which added very much to the enjoyment of the meeting. Following this an informal discussion took place in regard to schedule matters, after which the meeting broke up.

The next meeting will be held in Odd Fellows' Hall, on the third Friday in February, at which it is expected a good program of O. R. T. musical talent will be put on. Mr. Campbell is retiring from the third vice-presidency of the Order to enter a wider field, that of General Counsel, he having qualified as a legal practitioner last September and will in future look after the interests of the telegraphers, also of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, in a legal capacity.

The Stratford Herald of January 3d gave the meeting a column notice, especially featuring Bro. Campbell's address.

At the conclusion of the meeting, on motion of Bro. D. L. Shaw, seconded by Bro. H. P. Ward, of West Toronto, a vote of thanks was tendered

Bro. D. Campbell for his excellent address and for his kindness in setting aside other business in order to attend our meeting.

Bro. Campbell responded very feelingly, saying it was a pleasure for him to again meet so many of his old friends, some of whom he had worked with when he first started his career as telegraph operator on the Fifteenth District.

Among the members present were: W. A. Cusack, Blackwell; F. McCordic, Camlachie; W. Middleton, Forest; G. S. Cline, Thedford; R. Harvey, Parkhill; W. J. Dore, Lucan; T. S. Hill, Granton; A. J. Casson, St. Marys Jct.; W. Rife, St. Pauls; Messrs. G. Hodgins, A. Webster, J. Stinson, C. C. Leavitt, E. H. Trethewey, A. C. Harris, J. D. Craig, of Stratford; W. Crearar, Shakespeare; W. A. Cober and A. Weinert, New Hamburg; W. Waugh and W. Russel, Baden; I. C. Laschinger, Petersburg; A. E. Robinson and C. Ober, Berlin; W. Middleton, Breslau; J. T. Cameron and G. H. Milne, Georgetown; H. P. Ward, West Toronto; W. Brandle, Thorndale; J. D. Hodgins, Goderich; G. E. McTaggart, Blyth; H. G. Walton, Brantford; R. Middleton, Newton; F. McConnel, Listowel; J. Roe, Mt. Forest; G. W. Manning, Sebringville, and T. Rumball, Elmira. There may have been one or two more whose names we did not get.

Be sure, boys, you get your applications in for passes one week in advance of each meeting. Chief Dispatcher Culligan insists on this, and as he was good enough to set back trains so as to enable you all to take in the meeting and stopped them at local stations to let you off you should show your appreciation by complying with his instructions. CERT. 1469.

Second, Fourth and Fifth Districts—

From the outlook at this end of the line, everything points to a very prosperous year for the telegraphers, and with the new schedule in effect the first of the year we are doubly sure of this.

We hope that every man will do the right thing from this time on, both by their organization and by the company, never letting an opportunity pass to increase his own efficiency, thus paving the way for bettering his own conditions.

The writer had the pleasure of attending a meeting in the Temple building, at 301 St. Dominique street, Montreal, Que., on the eve of January 8th, thirty-one being present and a very interesting discussion of matters important to the telegrapher were gone into.

Local Chairman Talbot was chairman, and our general chairman addressed us, explaining the rules and advising all concerned to give their best interests to the service.

Bro. Wood, with his usual energy, took a very prominent part in all discussions.

We were all very much disappointed that our vice-president was unable to attend.

Bro. Fortin brought out some points and new ideas, particularly as to who was to make out the bills for the milk to be forwarded on the early morning trains.

Bro. Roux, it is understood, is handing poor Cupid a package by taking unto himself a wife. However, we wish the brother untold happiness and hope to see him on hand at the next meeting with a large box of cigars.

Brothers, do not forget that regular meetings have been arranged for the fourth Friday in every second month, beginning with March 27th at Montreal.

The committee appointed to make the arrangements will entertain you royally, and wish every one who can get away to be in attendance.

Notice as to hall, etc., will be mailed to you all in due time. CENT. 899.

Fifteenth District—

The Sunday overtime clause in new schedule has been ruled that a man coming on duty in his regular hours on Sunday be paid pro rata for the hours worked, based on a twenty-six-day month and eleven-hour day. If required to work through his meal hour he would be entitled to 30 cents for one hour's overtime and if required to work twelve hours he would get 30 cents for the twelfth hour, which would be straight overtime. If a man does not come on in his regular hours, but is required to come some time through the day to attend a passenger train he would be entitled to 30 cents for the first hour and pro rata for any additional hours he might be required to work. Be fair and considerate and the rules will be lived up to. We should not contend for the minimum for first hour on Sunday when coming on in regular hours, according to the company's interpretation.

Bro. Eddy, having in mind more important things which the committee will be called upon to adjust, accepted this ruling, considering that the situation could be used to our advantage in other matters in the future.

A night operator let off by dispatcher for his meal hour and asked for "OS" of a train registered there during his meal hour, demurred at giving same and told dispatcher he would put in an overtime slip if required to give "OS" of that train. He was put right at once. Had he persisted in putting in that slip he would have been disciplined by chief dispatcher. The organization could not afford to lose its spirit of fairness in taking up such a matter for adjustment. Every member should uphold the organization on such a basis and prove to the officers of the company that they are not making a mistake in our recognition and that the service is benefited by the organization of the men, thus paving the way to future benefits for us all.

Bro. Eddy hopes to be able, with the assistance of the fair-minded members on this division, to prove to the company that we are worthy of respect and consideration. Without this support it will be very difficult to adjust grievances and conduct future negotiations. Do not contend for things which may be unreasonable, although the schedule in its literal meaning may provide for them.

We have not been able in the past to come together and discuss these things. We are holding

meetings now every month at certain points to get the boys interested. At the Toronto meeting, January 19th, there was about half a dozen and at Brantford, January 22d, about fifteen. There is no excuse for such slim attendance when passes can be had for the asking and no opposition on the part of the officials in regard to relieving members for these meetings. Get out to the meetings and get your minds broadened out and get acquainted with your neighbors. It will do you more good than you may think.

Another matter I would call to your attention is the attitude which some of you bear towards the dispatcher who relieves you for your meal hour. Some are narrow enough to imagine that he is trying to do you an injustice because he does relieve you when it is possible, even though you would sooner have the overtime than the hour off. He would not be doing his duty if he allowed you to make overtime at the expense of the company when it is unnecessary, and as he is being closely checked by the chief dispatcher he would soon get into serious trouble if he persisted in that sort of work, and it is right up to the dispatchers to show by their record that it is safe, as far as the company's interests are concerned, to permit the inclusion of them in the next O. R. T. schedule and it is decidedly to your benefit to have them included as soon as possible. Co-operation should be your motto. (|)

Old No. 7 being discontinued between Stratford and Sarnia Tunnel means less overtime for the agents on the west end, but it gives them their evenings to spend as they like. If you have any suggestions to make in regard to improvements on present schedule give them to your local chairman. He will gladly consider anything you put up to him and if it sounds reasonable will bring it before the committee with a view of having it included next time. Already some of the members have made some very good suggestions.

Lots of relieving operators idle, and applications being received from men laid off by other roads. If we were not under the protection of an up-to-date O. R. T. schedule, with our seniority rights respected, some would have a slim chance of holding their positions when so many experienced men are looking for an opening. Keep your dues paid up, boys, and the Order will do the rest. You can not expect protection if you hold back on dues as some of you did last term. Remember you have only two months from the beginning of each term to pay both current dues and M. B. D. assessments. If not paid by the end of the second month your membership and insurance policy both lapse, then if anything happens you, your beneficiary is the one to suffer. You men with families or aged parents depending on you should remember this.

Bro. W. J. Hodgins, Guelph Jct. nights, bid in Chesley days, but later decided to remain at the junction, there being too much difference in salary.

Bro. W. Craig, Malton, off sick for a few days, was relieved by Bro. R. Knox, who later relieved Bros. Krapp and Reynolds.

Bro. W. Rife took a trip to Detroit recently, relieved by Bro. Connel, from Pinkerton, relieved by Mr. Blyth, from Hepworth, a newly-classed operator.

One new member this month, Bro. C. Noecker, agent at Blair, the youngest telegrapher on the Ontario lines.

Thedford Station was burned to the ground recently. Bros. Cline and Aitchison have a private car now in place of a station. Geo. says he is going to attach it to the mixed when he goes on a vacation and go right along with it.

Bro. Knapp, at Berlin, just served five days for failure to display order board for block on passenger train. Geo. says it was frozen; had to be hammered into position. This case likely to be taken up.

Bro. Laschinger, Petersburg, also served five days and Bro. Reynolds, at St. Jacobs, is serving five days for other alleged offenses, which goes to prove that the boys are expected from now on to hit the ball and not be caught napping.

We were pleased to hear our old friend, Bro. Billy Duff, of C. P. R., Winnipeg, in on phones at Toronto a few nights ago. Bill was laid off till business picks up, like several other good men.

CERT. 1469.

Toronto Terminals and Sixteenth District—

The meeting held in the Labor Temple, Toronto, December 6th, was well attended, about forty members being present, some having come from as far as Brockville and Sarnia. This should be a good example to those living nearer to turn out to the meetings and get acquainted.

Bro. R. W. Groves, Markham, acted as secretary and Bro. Blackwell occupied the chair, introducing Bro. Eddy, our new general chairman, who reviewed the recently-concluded and successful negotiations with the company. After hearing Bro. Eddy give his address we think we have appointed the right man to the office of general chairman and that he will put forth his best efforts for the benefit of the membership.

Bro. Campbell, our retiring Third Vice-President, followed and gave a very interesting address on the benefits of organization and the many means by which such benefits may be obtained. He also referred to the recent negotiations and reminded the members that it was now their duty to secure every dollar's worth of business possible for the company and thereby show the management who had granted such a handsome increase and good conditions that it was a good investment. From his experience with Mr. Chamberlain and his superintendents he had every faith in them carrying out the new schedule with fairness to all concerned.

A vote of thanks to Bro. Campbell for his past long and fruitful service to Div. No. 1 was moved by Bro. Ward, West Toronto, and unanimously carried by a standing vote.

Bro. Grainger, Scarboro Jct.; Bro. Middleton, Breslau, and Bro. Cowan, Berlin, N. H., also spoke briefly, referring to the good work of Bro. Campbell and expressing deep regret at his retire-

ment from the office of Third Vice-President. We understand Bro. G. D. Robertson, general chairman C. P. Div. No. 7, succeeds him, and we extend to him our heartiest welcome and hope that his work may be rewarded by the same good results which have attended Bro. Campbell in his past years of office.

By a unanimous vote it was decided to hold monthly meetings at Toronto on the third Monday of each month and a committee composed of Bros. Ralston, Ward and Blackwell was appointed to arrange for renting a hall, etc.

The next regular meeting, held January 19th, was not so well attended, Bros. Eddy and Blackwell being unable to be with us, the former being on other duties in Montreal and the latter unable to get relief.

In their absence Bro. Ward, West Toronto, took charge and read a communication from Bro. Eddy, explaining some clauses of the schedule which were not heretofore quite clearly understood. He also advised fairness and judgment in the matter of overtime, meal hours, etc., which we hope will be exercised by all concerned. We look for a large turnout at our next meeting, February 16th, as Bro. Eddy will now attend each meeting and introduce some interesting features which will make it worth while for everybody to be present.

Bro. E. J. McCabe, late Burlington Jct. nights, now second trick "M" Hamilton, vice Bro. J. Aikman, who goes to London as third trick dispatcher on west end.

Bro. Black, Mimico, transferred to Burlington Jct. nights, relieved at "MC" nights by Mr. Wilcox, whom we hope to see in line soon.

Bro. Lund, Strachan ave. nights, is on a trip to the old country, relieved by Mr. Shantz.

The Terminal dispatchers have been transferred from their old headquarters at the "Don" to Supt. Farrell's office, where complete telephone dispatching equipment has been installed. Bro. W. J. Fletcher goes to "DO" days and M. J. O'Brien nights. Ba.

London and Hamilton Division, Seventeenth District—

Bro. Atkinson, Paris Jct., off several weeks sick, is now relieving Bro. Patton, Lynden Jct., gone North on holidays, Bro. Marshall relieving Bro. Atkinson.

The nons are becoming a thing of the past on this division. It is now Bros. Stobbs, St. George, Hodgins, Lynden and Vrooman, Copetown.

Bro. Steedsman is now at St. Catharine's.

Mr. F. A. Rutherford, chief dispatcher at London, is one of the most popular officials on the division. He lives up to the letter of all agreements, and is entitled to the best service we can give him.

Ingersoll days and nights, Paris Jct. nights and Caledonia nights, on bulletin; Bro. Wade, of Hyde Park Jct., is the probable man for Ingersoll days, and Bro. Atkinson, for Paris Jct. nights.

The new seniority lists are now out, and the boys will soon know their exact standing.

Bro. C. W. Vail, agent Watford, seriously ill with pneumonia for the past several weeks, relieved by Bro. C. S. Kerton. Bro. Newman on days, and the latter relieved by F. Hodgins, one of our latest arrivals.

As Mr. Chamberlain has consented to set aside \$200,000 to increase our wages, we should appreciate it enough to give the very best possible service, assist the management in every way and help to make for our line a name second to none.

Copies of the new schedule have been distributed and all the workings have been explained at the meetings held at various points recently.

Bro. Arnup, of Harrisburg, off on holidays recently, Bro. Meredith going on days, relieved by E. L. Kinder, later by Bro. Newman, from Watford.

Wish some of the boys east of Hamilton would send me a few items about the 14th of each month, so I could get them in on this. It is a hard matter to keep posted on the doings on another division, when it is just a case of "dig it up yourself."

Owing to the extremely stormy weather, the meeting held in London at City Hotel, January 3d, was not as largely attended as desirable, but made up in enthusiasm for the lack of numbers.

Bro. Campbell was present, and after a few fitting introductory remarks by Bro. Shaw, was introduced as the speaker of the evening. Bro. Campbell opened his address by advising us to secure a proper place to hold our meetings, and then came directly to the point in regard to the working of the Order. Bro. Campbell paid a high tribute to our local chairman, and regretted the fact that he was unable to be with us at our last meeting. He brought to our attention that a meeting is soon to be held in Ottawa for the purpose of discussing the eight-hour day for the telegraphers all over the country, and spoke optimistically in reference to the probability of this being obtained for us.

His address led us, step by step, as to the progress our Order has made; then confining his remarks more closely to local conditions and the Order. Bro. Campbell touched upon the matter of the Mutual Benefit in connection with the O. R. T., proving the beauty of this feature, paying as it has, since its inception, the magnificent sum of \$1,000,000 in insurance to the widows and orphans of deceased members. He gave us in concise form the history of the nine-hour work day law in the United States. He also gave us some particulars of the meeting held recently in regard to the distribution of \$100,000 set aside for that purpose. Bro. Campbell scored us somewhat in so much that only 60 per cent of the men had given their local chairman particulars of their duties. He strongly advised that we hold a meeting at least once a month, and stated very impressively that we men of this division have in the past denied ourselves many privileges owing to our indifference. He also advised us to develop the social side of our nature, illustrating his remarks by giving instances of where whole communities had benefited to a very high degree.

Coming to the point of our recent negotiations which took place between our committee and the officials of our company, he touched upon the train dispatcher question and fully defined the position of the committee to the satisfaction of all present.

In closing Bro. Campbell paid a glowing tribute to his successor in office, Bro. G. D. Robertson.

After a very interesting round table conference, the meeting was closed by a standing vote of thanks for his very able remarks.

Arrangements are being made for a permanent place in which our meetings are to be held, and we look forward to a series of very interesting meetings, and all who can, are invited to attend, as you will not regret it. Let us get together and show that Stratford has not the only division which can do business.

I am indebted to Bro. Sussex, of Komoka, for the minutes of the meeting, and to Bros. Malcolm and Kerton for some of the news, for which I tender sincere thanks.

DIV. COR., Cert. 1458.

Twentieth District, B. & G.—

On January 4th Brantford dispatchers took over the Twenty-first District, Stratford to Pt. Dover and Pt. Rowan Branch, which has lately been handled by London dispatchers. Bro. Owens, Brantford, relieved Bros. Rodgers, Walton and Stone while they went over their new territory. Car distributing for Twentieth and Twenty-first Districts is also being done from Brantford now, which makes it a pretty busy joint.

Tavistock Jct. nights closed, and Bro. J. J. Howard transferred to Dunnville nights.

Canfield agency still on bulletin, Mr. McCulla relieving there.

Bro. Robertson, at Caledonia, spent a few days at his home in Drayton, relieved by Bro. A. L. Stone, who later went to Tavistock Jct. days, vice Blair Bratton, now relieving Bro. R. J. Parker at Goderich, who relieved Bro. Plant, at Seaforth, a few days and then relieved Bro. Sparling, Goderich days, while undergoing an operation at Stratford hospital, from which he has, we are pleased to note, fully recovered. Bro. J. D. Hodgins, Goderich nights, now on relieving roll, Bro. R. J. Parker being appointed regular night man at Goderich.

Mr. Ollenbittle is again back at Caledonia nights; still on bulletin.

Bro. Atkinson, Paris Jct. nights, who was on the sick list, is now relieving on Seventeenth District, relieved by Bro. Marchil, G. T. Pac.

Bro. Thorburn, C. N. R., who relieved Bro. Owens, at Brantford, while relieving the dispatchers, also relieved Bro. Clement, at Block "B," for vacation.

Twentieth District, B. & T.—

Bro. Lee, agent Norwich, off a few days, was relieved by B. Bratton.

Bro. N. A. McCallum, agent Burford, is one of our new members. Only one non on B. & T.,

Mr. F. J. Crouch, agent Springford. The boys are hot on his trail.

Twenty-first District—

Expect to hear from C. B. Staib, agent Pt. Dover, and D. Groat, operator Norwich Jct., any day now. The rest of the boys on this district are solid. CERTS. 1365 and 1469.

Twenty-second and Twenty-third Districts—

Bro. McPhail, Tara, took a trip to Stratford, relieved by Bro. R. Knox.

Bro. R. W. Loftus relieving Bro. Brigham, at Paisley.

Bro. Leslie, Palmerston, relieved a few nights by Mr. Connolly.

Bro. Neil Zinger, dispatcher C. P. R., Regina, visiting friends near Harriston, has been called back to duty.

Yours truly was the recipient of a nice cake of limburger from our friend, Bro. Casson, at New Hamburg.

A new position has been created at Chesley days, at \$55 per. Mr. Dolphin is there pending bids.

CERT. 1469.

Twenty-fourth District—

As Bro. E. A. Pattison, at Brucefield, is now up to date this district is now solid. Keep it that way. CERT. 1469.

Grand Trunk Pacific Ry.

Lake Superior Division, Districts One and Two—

As the Christmas holidays are over now and everybody has got down to work again, and the millstone has still kept rolling the same, some of the boys feel better and some feel worse, for it seems natural for some fellows to go a little bit deeper than their pockets and others to be a little more easier and have some left when they return to their work, and as this winter has been a rather hard one for a good many who have been out of work and it being very hard to get, should be a good advice for all to be more careful in the future. The brothers and others who have been fortunate in having steady work this winter should feel grateful, as it is a very trying thing to be without money or work, and the man who is steady and always on the job is the kind of employe the railroads and other companies want.

Now that it is time for each brother to pay his dues, he should see that he is not behind in getting a new card, for you can assure yourself if you have an up-to-date card you are always welcome at any brother's office wherever you may drop into.

There has been a good many changes since December 1, 1913. Some are brothers from other roads and some are nons. Let every brother get busy and round up every non on the line and make this a solid O. R. T. division. Brothers, it is not right that we who have paid out our good money to win a good solid schedule with an increase in pay and better working conditions should

allow the nons to continue on without getting their help, as we are not only supporting ourselves, but them as well.

Transcona days, also Raith, has been bulletined. Good chances for the new men.

Mr. Morgan, Dott nights, relieved by a new man.

Mr. Prest, Redditt nights, on holidays, relieved by a new man.

Bro. Fenen, agent Minaki, made a flying trip to Winnipeg recently. Jack is swelling out considerably.

We are sorry to hear that Bro. Mitchal's wife, at McIntosh, had the misfortune to break her arm, but glad to know that she is getting along nice.

Bro. Champagne, of Elma, Man., was off Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Bro. L. W. Graham, agent Redditt, and his mother spent New Year's with Bro. McCallum, at Malachi, Ont.

We are sorry to hear that Bro. W. D. Smith, local chairman, Tannin, Ont., has been in the hospital again. We hope to hear of his recovery soon.

Mr. Christianson is now at Transcona days.

Business is very quiet, but we hope the line east of Superior will open soon and things will boom, making it better for everybody, also for the company. When things are good on the road we can expect things to brighten up for us.

Div. Com., Cert. 1295.

Prairie Division, Districts One, Two and Three—

Our ball, that was to have been held in Melville, has been postponed on account of so many others having them. Proper notice will be given as soon as we can settle on a date.

Bro. Thrasher has returned from an enjoyable two months' trip to New York, Baltimore, Washington, Chicago, and his old home down East, accompanied by Mrs. Thrasher.

Our next meeting will be held in Rivers. Come and bring your sewing.

The grain rush is over and we are all wondering what we done with our summer's wages.

Several night offices and some stations closed.

Mr. Williams, train dispatcher, just returned from Christmas holidays, spent at his old home in Indiana.

Thanks to Bro. Harrop for line-up. Some of you lads along the line send us a few notes. We can't guess what you are doing.

G. A. SWAN, Lazare, Man.

Grand Trunk Western R. R.

Business is good and all find work to do.

The new schedule, in effect January 1st, was just what the boys were looking for, and most everyone that did not have a card have either come in the Order or given us their solemn promise to do so in the near future. Each one keep his end of the work up and don't lag. You all have a sample of what organization has done

for you and it will do more for you if you stick by it, and pay up your dues. Every man with a card be "Johnny on the spot," and remember that any man working, who has no card, is no friend of yours and has no respect for you or himself, and if you extend him favors you are only causing him to hang out longer. Make it your motto and stick to it, "If anyone wants to be alone, leave him alone."

Osborn, Thornton Jct., recently relieved by Grisome.

All offices have been changed from 9 hours to 8 hours a day—another good thing for all concerned.

The G. T. is now trying out a motor car on the C. S. & M. Division, for the handling of local passengers. If a success, it is supposed that we will see these cars on all divisions.

Bro. Card, at Valparaiso, has recently been out on a little round-up after nons.

The 11-hour day with meal hour off makes the one-man station agent smile.

Fremid, agent Wilmet, recently transferred to first Washington. We wish him and his new bride much happiness.

Capac depot burned, and the boys are now enjoying the sights from a car window.

Bro. Bottomley, Nichols Yards, was off a few days on account of the death of his father. We extend our sympathy.

Out of the four offices at Pt. Huron terminals, there is only one non, and no doubt he will soon be with us.

We wish that the boys around Chicago and Detroit would give us a little lift with the news. The boys over on the other side of the river are having a good write-up every month. Do not wait for someone else to do it, but send in your items, if no more than one line, a postal will bring that; also you boys over on the Air Line, mail it to Emmett, Mich., care Box 114, and your Uncle Dudley will be right there to grab it.

Barker, third Millet, recently spent a few days at Grayling, Mich., on account of the illness of his father.

Mr. Thornton, from Detroit, relieved Mr. Cook, agent Belvue, who goes with the Burr Portland Cement Co. there. The Order has just added a nice increase to the pay of that position and also a two weeks' vacation each year on full pay. We hope Mr. Thornton will appreciate this by getting an up-to-date at once.

Among the new members are: D. R. Hogue, Scot, Mich.; R. B. Thornton, Battle Creek; L. Irving, Detroit; C. H. Reynolds, and Mr. Pain, Lansing; R. C. McKinnon, Durand; C. E. Searls, B. C. Mathews, and J. C. Cheadle, Pt. Huron; Mr. Ryant, Millet, Mich.; Mr. Fry, Montrose, Mich., and Mr. Grammer, Swartz Creek, Mich.

Let's all live strictly up to our motto, "No cards, no favors." Every man got enough raise out of his first month's pay by the new schedule to buy a card, and has no reason to cry "short of money."

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Wabash R. R.

Peru Division—

Seems as though telephones have come to stay, as they are handy for conductors who happen to be stranded at blind sidings, to copy their own orders. Several night offices have been cut out since the installation of the phone system, and trainmen do the work of the operator when they happen to be stuck for something and unable to get out.

Imagine how trainmen enjoy the practice of going to the little box nailed up on the side of a telegraph pole, when the temperature is somewhere around two below, a high wind whipping around the corners, and having to bare their hands to write the order, taking chances of making mistakes, etc., and what has been done by them to stop it?

What would the trainmen think of us if we were to impose upon their jobs as some of them on this road have imposed upon ours by wanting to use the telephone even where there is an operator?

The brakemen sometimes want us to let them use the phone in cases of mere conversation with the dispatcher only. This is against the rules, of course, but nevertheless it is being done every day, and it only bothers the dispatcher and causes inconvenience for all concerned.

This business can be handled by the operator, as that is what he is getting paid for, and will partly eliminate the practice, which will sooner or later get us in bad. If the trainmen wish to transact business with the dispatcher regarding engine failures, tie-ups, etc., where there is an operator, throw him a pad of clip and safeguard yourself, or you will probably some day wish you had.

Our old friend F. L. Ribble, at LaFayette, has been experimenting with a wireless station, and already has his aerial wires, which consist of about 50 feet of barbed wire nailed up the side of his semaphore. He soon expects to receive "SOS" signals from China and other foreign countries; in fact, all he needs now is a "bug" like the one which R. H. James used in "Z" office, which can be wound up, and set the wires to smoking, keep the operators in terror, and almost make Prof. Morse turn over in his grave.

Our clause in the latest revised rules, reads: "When a position is abolished, the telegrapher affected, shall be transferred to the extra list, but will retain his seniority rights."

Some who are not suited with this rule, would find even more complaint if the old rule was still in effect, entitling a man to bump when his position was discontinued, which worked a hardship on a man who has bid in a job, taking chances of it being regular, probably getting married and building a home. The rule, as we have it now, safeguards regular assigned men, and prevents a lot of shifting about. Those who complain of our present rule are mostly nons.

Study this over and vote for the present rule to remain in effect.

W. Muzzy, after relieving Fuller, second Butler, on leave, relieved L. L. Agnew, at West Peru,

who relieved Masters, third Wabash, when he bid in third Maumee.

J. R. Miller, who relieved J. S. Rizer, West Peru, several days on account of sickness, relieved R. H. James, at C. & O. Jct., who relieved J. E. Spencer, fourth "Z" Peru, several days on sick list.

V. Wolfe, assigned first C. & O. Jct., vice T. S. Evans, who took second there pending bulletin. R. D. Hauser, who bid in third C. & C. Jct., relieved at Peru Jct. by H. Brooks, later resigned, relieved by R. H. James.

V. L. Gentry, back from vacation at St. Louis, relieved Local Chairman Rizor, on second West Peru, who is now on committee work.

Revise your seniority lists as follows: Entered service—J. R. Miller, Nov. 29, 1913; L. Hanson, Dec. 25, 1913. Left service—C. H. Terry, F. D. Parry, W. A. Taylor, Frank Fisher, L. F. Hale, G. D. Moulton, B. Miltenburger, J. B. Skinner, C. M. English, F. A. Myers, H. O. George, A. D. Morris, R. M. Herrold, H. V. Slayback, C. A. Orman, J. H. Dow.

Business being poor several offices closed and operators transferred to extra list.

L. R. Rex, on ten days' vacation in Louisiana, was relieved on the night report job in chief dispatcher's office by N. J. Bechtal, from "Z" office, and he by L. R. Cochrane, from third at West Peru.

Brailey, Ohio, telegraph office closed and all operators taken out. Second and third tricks at West Unity discontinued; agent works 6:30 a. m. to 6:30 p. m.. Graham went to Blakesley as agent, hours 5 a. m. to 2 p. m. Cook, on second, works from 2 p. m. to 11 p. m., third discontinued. "GS" tower closed from 12 noon to 6 p. m., Fisher works from 3 a. m. to 12 noon, John Kieff works from 6 p. m. to 3 a. m. "CD" tower closed, all operators taken out.

The new tower at C. & O. Jct. will soon be in service, as the grading for the crossing is almost completed. It is uncertain as to which road will take charge of the operators, as yet. The telegraph office may be discontinued.

"Mug," Cert. 2457.

Springfield Division—

The committee is now in St. Louis for the finishing of our negotiations, and we must get all the nons lined up that we possibly can.

Business is the best on this division that I have ever seen. Practically no coal, but other business stays very heavy and the big engines are pulling much larger trains.

The prospects at present look as though the Wabash was about to be taken out of the receivers' hands.

Mr. Delano has resigned, and has taken the Monon presidency, and no one appointed to fill the vacancy.

Bro. Omer, third Lanesville, off two weeks on account of the death of his father, was relieved by Extra Moorland, from the Mo. Pac.

Bro. Abbott, local chairman, who returned to Dawson, Dec. 20th, from schedule work in St.

Louis, is back there helping to brush up the negotiations.

Bro. McRoberts, agent Curran, off few days relieved by Bro. Constant, from Dawson.

Last bulletin filed as follows: M. Ryan to third Berlin, Bro. Anderson to "JN" Manager, Bro. Halk to second Shops, Bro. H. L. Smith to second Illinois, Bro. Taylor to first Shops, Bro. Zimmerman to second Baylis.

Maysville agency, Baylis, and Shops, third, now on bulletin. Extra Loed working latter. Extra Mehl on Baylis third, and Extra Leeper at Maysville agency pending bids.

Bro. Klinefelter, agent Alexander, off few days recently, was relieved by Mr. Proffit, from second Berlin, relieved by Mr. Ryan, from third Berlin, and he by Extra Leeper.

Barry, third, discontinued Jan. 6th. Understand Bro. East bid in Baylis third. Agent Slater, Bowen, off sick, relieved by extra Bro. Constant, from Dawson.

Mr. Glaze, third Bluffs, off on account of sickness, relieved by T. W. Bass.

Bulletins are being filled very nicely and everything is working very fine for your chairman. Send your grievances to me and I will see that they are fixed up. Do not forget my address and send me the news. Whenever a new man gets around you find out if he is up to snuff and if so get his Cert. No. and send it to me, as they come very handy, and matters concerning brothers are much easier handled.

W. Abbott, L. C., Cert. 748.

Decatur Division—

Second and third Monticello abolished. Smith going to third Brisbane, and Morgan taking thirty days off. Hefner is doing twelve hours at the old stand. Brother Jerry Smith and family, from Emington, passed through Monticello en route home, after attending a wedding of their friends at Champaign.

Bro. F. R. Dunn, third Brisbane, while visiting his parents at St. Louis, was relieved by E. R. Smith.

Bro. W. F. Ayres, agent Brisbane, spent the Xmas holidays visiting relatives at Litcher, La., relieved by Sister J. C. Ayres, and she by Miss Hila Ayres.

Bro. Thompson, of Symerton, is with Mrs. Thompson, visiting relatives in Iowa.

Bro. Lynk, of third Manhattan, is now furnishing union-made music in Kansas City.

Bro. Pearce, third Cerro Gordo, is taking in the sights at Chicago.

Bro. McClurg bid in third Litchfield, and Bro. McIntire bid in second Edwardsville, making that point solid again.

Bro. Kearney while attending the funeral of his brother-in-law at Cairo, Ill., was relieved by Extra Koeller, who later went to second Raymond. See that he keeps his promise to take out a card.

Union-made Morse is about the only kind heard on this division, but there are a few tight-roads

on the line who knock on the Order harder every time they use the schedule to bid in a better job.

Many thanks to the boys who remembered us with notes this month, and hope to see you all back next month. R. V.

High Line—

Bro. Meeker, first trick, Co. Bluffs yards, on vacation East, relieved by Bro. "CD," of second, and he by a new man, F. C. Newman, from the oil fields in Oklahoma, later resigned, relieved by "CD's" brother, C. B. David.

Bro. Bitticker is at Malvern agency, vice Mr. Sears in Moberly Hospital with a sprained ankle, improving nicely.

Mr. Hartzel off a few days, was relieved by Extra David.

Third Malvern closed, hours now 7:30 p. m. until 1:30 a. m. Hours at Elmo changed, 8:30 a. m. to 8:00 p. m.

Brothers, let us have a write-up every month. If you will send me your items I will be glad to arrange and send them in. "CD" at "BO."

Decatur Division, Third District—

Bro. S. C. Cook resigned, Bro. G. H. Shannon got Belleville agency, and Mr. Bailey got Willis, vice extra; Bro. Earl Howard there during transfers.

Bro. C. W. Shoup, North Morenci, off a few days, was relieved by Bro. Paul Heath.

Bro. J. W. Bloom, Cone, off a few days latter part of December on account of sickness, relieved by O. W. McFarland, and he by C. P. Bean, later resigned.

Bro. Wood is now in St. Louis on committee work.

Bro. Geo. Clark, first Britton, off a few days, was relieved by Bro. J. W. Gleese, from the D. & R. G.

Bro. L. A. Yoder, second Milan, off on account of sickness, was relieved by Bro. J. H. Pickering, from the Big Four.

Bro. J. Nelson has resumed at Ennis, after an absence of several months.

On December 14th the telegraph wires were taken out of Alvordton tower and placed in the depot, displacing Bros. Fisher and Bethal; latter bid in third Franklin. CERT. 197.

St. Louis Division—

I wish to call your attention to the write-up this month from the Peru Division relative to the train men using the telephones. In case they are, it would be well to stop it.

Haven't had a word of news from anyone this month.

Am glad to see a number of new brothers on our division, also the old ones getting their new cards early. "B."

Relay Division—

H. E. Test, third trick dispatcher on west end Peru, off one night account death of his father; we extend him our sympathy for his bereavement.

Ross and Martin doubled, account no available extra.

Bro. Nixon, "GM," spent a few days in Moberly with friends.

Sister Jones, "GM," off account of sickness, relieved by Bro. Bagby.

We only have one non left in "GM," and hope to be able to call him brother in a short while.

Car Distributor Eidson, "GO," off few days, relieved by Mr. Sexton.

Mr. Horan, "GM," called to Columbia on account sickness of his aunt. "B."

Mobile & Ohio R. R.

St. Louis Division—

Bro. R. Pearson, who has been our general chairman for the past ten years, has resigned, and Bro. L. T. Murdaugh, local chairman of this division, has been elected to succeed him. His address is 462 East College St., Jackson, Tenn. In behalf of the St. Louis Division membership we desire to thank Bro. Pearson for the many hardships he has had to contend with during his term as general chairman.

Bro. J. B. Hudson, an old-timer, recently visited his uncle, Night Chief Dispatcher Ammons.

Dispatcher F. Morgan, off a few days, was relieved by Bro. L. R. Brooks, first "JN," Jackson, and he by Bro. L. T. Murdaugh, first Clamore, relieved by Bro. B. E. Sanders, and he by G. T. Teague.

The second monthly meeting of the O. R. T. operators, was held in Murphysboro, December 6th. Business was transacted, and we had a large time.

Bro. Rhinehart, agent Mill Creek, on vacation, was relieved by Mr. Dillow. Bro. Wehrheim, off on account of death in his family, was relieved by Bro. Crocker. Bro. Lameson, off a few days, was relieved by Bro. McDermott. Mr. Bryant, second Jonesboro, on vacation, was relieved by Mr. Fletcher.

Sorry to hear of Bro. Goodman, first East St. Louis, quitting. We lose a live wire, but we wish him success. Bro. Eckhart, second East St. Louis, is on first while on bulletin, and Mr. Foster on second.

Bro. Grob relieved Bro. Corrigan, second Sparta, a few days.

Bro. Lameson is now on regular third Alto Pass, and Bro. Wehrheim second Baldwin.

Bro. House, off during holidays, was relieved by Bro. McDermot. Bro. Corrigan, second Sparta, off on account of sickness, relieved by Bro. McBride, third Sparta, relieved by Mr. Moffat.

Mr. Satter has been reinstated; out of service since July, and resumed Burksville second January 11th, Bro. House going to Mountain Glen, third.

Dispatcher B. M. Jones, relieved during holidays by Bro. Wilson. Bro. Meisenheimer, second Ava, who relieved Mr. Smith, was relieved by Bro. Zimmer, who also relieved Bro. Knauer a few days.

Bro. Wehrheim, second Baldwin, off on account of the death of his grandmother at Red Bud, was relieved by Bro. Crocker, who also relieved Bro. Spencer, Oraville, several nights, on account of sickness, and later relieved C. T. Rose, while at the Roseboro wreck.

W. J. Fletcher relieved Bro. Hartman, third Jonesboro, a few days.

Bro. W. J. Reinhart, agent Mill Creek, while taking in the sights in St. Louis, was relieved by Mr. Dillow.

C. T. Rose, second Percy, bid in second East St. Louis yard office, and E. E. Eckert, second East St. Louis, bid in first there, vice A. K. Goodman, resigned Percy second, pending bulletin.

Bro. Wm. Rosendaugh, second Willis, was recently married to one of the best "hello" girls in Ava central office. We all wish them happiness.

We hope our extra men won't become discouraged on account slack work, caused by the return of the regulars, and that they will stick it out, as there will soon be work for all.

Third Trick Dispatcher Wilson was under the weather a few days.

We should have a time limit in our contracts covering reinstatements. Mr. Satter was simply exercising his rights under it as it now exists in bumping the youngest regular man. What we need is an agreement that after a man is out of service 60 days he can't be reinstated, and that after that time those reinstated bump the youngest "extra" man. This will be fair for all, as a man, when reinstated, is entitled to a regular job. If a man is fired without cause our present contract covers the same sufficiently. Mr. Satter, if eligible, should now get an up-to-date. Div. Cor.

Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis R. R.

St. Louis Division—

Bro. Bell, second Alton, off a few days, was relieved by M. Knapp, and Bro. Angel, Dow, a few nights on account of the sickness of his wife, by Mr. Bagley, who also relieved Bro. Jones, first Shops, a few days.

Bro. L. P. Fields, of Little Indian, bid in Hettick agency, vice Bro. Stroh, transferred to Oakwood agency, and Bro. Thos. Laughlin bid in third Shops.

Miss Brewer, second Manito, is now on Athens third pending bid.

Bro. W. M. Sawrey has been transferred from Division 93 to Division 2. We are pleased to have him in our division.

Brothers, keep after the nons, as our salvation depends on "a solid O. R. T." in the near future, and remember, "No card, no favors."

Brothers, kindly remit your dues promptly to Bro. McElhinney, St. Louis, and secure an up-to-date. Any non who sees this can also secure a card by forwarding the proper amount and help us to become 100 per cent strong when next we apply for a schedule again.

Remember, "No card, no favors," and make the nons feel it.

M. H. Draper, third Alton, was relieved several days by Bro. E. C. Kitner, of Division 54, now transferred to Division 2.

The brothers on this division have not been sending the correspondent such news items as would be of interest. Each brother send me the changes made at his station.

Bro. Boulton, who bid in second Petersburg, was relieved by soon-to-be Bro. J. V. Taapkins.

Bro. Mooney, of the C. & A. at Alton, recently spent several days with friends and relatives at Grafton. Div. Cor.

Manito-to-Havana Division—

Bro. Field, of Kilbourne, is relieving Bro. James at Little Indian, on the sick list.

Bro. Fletcher, agent Bath, off a few days, relieved by Bro. M. W. Field, who is teaching school, has resigned, and Bro. R. D. Pelcher bid in Bath agency. He carried a card all the time he was out of the service.

Bro. LeMasters, first Havana, has been transferred to dispatcher's office.

Bro. Gardner is now on first Havana, and Bro. Hooper is back from his three weeks' honeymoon.

Bro. Bolton, of Jerseyville, bid in second Petersburg.

Bro. Underwood writes that he likes the N. P. fine. Cent. 2103.

Jacksonville District—

Bro. Peterson has returned from his two weeks' vacation in Florida, and is now at home in Jacksonville, Ill. He has our best wishes. He was relieved by Bro. Zeiler as agent and cashier while absent, assisted by Mr. Stranberg, from the freight house.

Bro. James was stricken with spinal paralysis, and for some time was in a very critical condition, being relieved by Bro. LeVerne Fields at "NA." He is now able for duty.

Mr. Gaines, agent Virginia, is taking treatment in Springfield for rheumatism.

Bro. Fields recently surprised us all by getting married. Congratulations.

Very little coal is moving, little grain and corn crop very light.

Bro. Green is now located at Centralia, Wash., on the O. W. R. & N.

New engine 68, "made in Jacksonville," moved to main line to take her turn with the new 70's.

Boys, don't forget to remit for your up-to-dates. Let's keep solid. Remember that our dues for the first half are now \$1 more, and don't forget the expense of our committee when up for schedule. Don't neglect this. *Do it now.*

Bro. Franks, first Athens, who with his family spent the holidays with relatives in North Dakota, also spent several days in Peoria, relieved by Mr. Rowe, later resigned, relieved by Miss Hattie Brewer, now on Havana third.

Bro. Ott, relieved on third Athens by Mr. Kitner, goes to Loami agency pending bulletin.

Bro. John Girth, from the C. M. & St. P., called on Bro. Clotfelter.

Brothers, keep after the nons. Those who are enjoying the fruits of our committee's work last year should get in line, and we must see that they come in. CERT. 2112.

Peoria-to-Springfield Division—

Bro. Weeks, agent Manito, while off owing to sickness, was relieved by Mr. Grob, of second there, relieved by Mr. Ruggles, of Kilbourne. Bro. Davis is now on third Manito.

Bro. Lee, of the M. K. & T., paid us a short visit recently. He formerly worked on this line and was renewing old acquaintances.

Bro. Cooper spent the week end visiting in Grafton.

Remember it requires individual help to properly represent the C. P. each month in THE TELEGRAPHER. Jot down the news and forward it to the nearest correspondent. CERT. 2115.

Chicago & Alton R. R.

Northern Division—

Under "Meritorious," in Safety First Bulletin No. 16, December, 1913, Bro. W. J. Hartnett, agent Willow Springs, is commended by the general superintendent for saving a number of persons from injury or death at the road crossing at Willow Springs.

Bro. R. W. Saltzman bid in agency Varna.

W. A. Lintner, extra dispatcher, is back on first South Joliet.

Bro. J. S. Whitson, of "PD" freight house, is on six weeks' vacation, relieved by Mr. Banes, from South Joliet, and, after spending a few days with relatives in Kentucky, will visit Norfolk, Va., New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Washington, D. C., and other points of interest.

Ex-Bro. J. B. McDonald, third Elkhart, on thirty days' vacation on account of Elkhart being abolished. Hope he gets that up-to-date now.

Bro. Bartley, Gulshen, is visiting his folks at Odell, and J. E. Prenesdorfer is relieving Bro. Heinze at Stanford.

Mr. Lintner, while doing extra dispatching at Bloomington, was relieved by Bro. C. G. Lindner, of second, and he by Mr. Allen, of the Santa Fe.

Boys, don't forget to get your new cards. Keep lined up so the committee can do some more good work when the time comes.

Am greatly pleased with the way the boys are helping me out with notes and happenings.

Drv. Cor.

Southern Division—

Bro. Swartz, third Godfrey, was off a few days on account of the death of his sister. He has the sympathy of the brothers in this hour of sorrow.

Bro. Daniels, agent Manchester, on thirty days' vacation, was relieved by Bro. S. Deaton, just returned from Washington State, where he went to regain his health about a year ago. Glad to see Bro. Deaton back looking so well.

Bro. Kahl, agent Plainview, off a few days, was relieved by Bro. Frazer, from second Plainview.

It is now Bro. Melton, third Nilwood; Bro. Baker, first Atlanta, and Bro. Schinneer, agent Lawndale. There are only a few nons left on the south end. Come on in, boys. Together we stand; divided we fall.

Bro. Black, agent Shirley, off a few days, was relieved by Sister Heyn, from second Shirley, and she by Bro. Gulshen.

Bro. J. W. Pruett, first Minier, is now with a wholesale grocery firm of Bloomington. Bro. Glazer has returned from the N. P. in Montana to his home at Minier. Bro. W. G. Rhinehart, a Minier product, spent a few days with his parents while passing through to St. Paul to work for the N. P. Bro. O. M. Hogue, third Minier tower, is on sixty days' vacation in Texas, prospecting, relieved by Bro. Alter, of Bloomington.

Understand a new agent and operator are to be put in at San Jose.

Helper taken off at Tallula, and Bro. Sheary goes on in a. m. instead of p. m.

Parcel post, which shows up on any passenger train, from the mail car or baggage car, necessitates a few more trips to the post office, and the express commission is still decreasing. Think it over, boys. C. W., Cert. 1940.

C., St. P., M. & O. R. R.

Minnesota & Iowa Division—

Bro. J. J. Morarity has been moved from Hadley to East Superior, which we are glad to note is in line of promotion. He was relieved by Bro. W. J. Jarman, later relieved by R. J. Minehart, and left on a thirty-day trip to Winnipeg, Regina, Vancouver and Victoria.

Bro. W. C. Warner, of Mountain Lake, spent ten days recently looking over Northern Minnesota lands, relieved by Bro. J. N. Alvord, who with his wife later went to Minneapolis to visit her people. Her mother, who met them at the depot the evening of their arrival, died very suddenly at 7 a. m. the next morning, December 14th, of heart failure. Bro. and Mrs. Alvord have our heartfelt sympathy. Bro. Alvord was relieved by C. D. Brooks, who later went to St. James side wire, relieved by I. J. Johnson, of Stone, who upon Bro. Alvord's return spent Christmas with his parents at Eau Claire.

Bro. W. C. Ziebarth relieved Bro. G. E. Price at Le Sueur while the latter attended the funeral of his brother-in-law there January 7th.

I. J. Johnson relieved Bro. Sanders on third Western Ave., who relieved Bro. D. J. Galvin on first there. E. Wilson, of St. Peter, relieved Mr. Johnson at Stone.

Bro. G. E. Price, of Le Sueur, returned January 16th from Duluth, where he attended the grand jury. C. D. Brooks relieved Bro. Ziebarth on third Le Sueur while Bro. Price was away.

Bro. F. H. Pickett, of Truman, Sundayed recently at Le Sueur Center.

Bro. J. H. Johnson, relieved at Worthington on account of illness, went to Belle Plaine, his parental home, January 13th.

We are indeed sorry to learn that Bro. Link, of Belle Plaine, resigned January 15th, relieved by O. S. Brown.

J. Kelly, Minneapolis, now local agent at Stone, has promised to come in next pay day.

Bro. E. T. Hopkins, of Fulton, moved to his new location, Westbrook, January 16th, relieved by Bro. W. J. Jarman.

Note the write-up by Bro. Mathews in the December journal on page 2069, Nebraska Division notes, and do all in your power to make it pleasant and agreeable for our worthy Bro. F. P. Goss, who has to take this car report for the general superintendent. Freddy is one of the nicest little fellows you ever met, and a good loyal, hard-working up-to-date member. Every time we give him a boost we help our management and make Fred's work easier. Do all in your power to answer up promptly, and help out by asking that fellow on your right or left to answer.

Sorry, indeed, to again hear of the death in the family of Bro. C. R. Williams. A few weeks ago Bro. Williams' sister was taken from them, and on Christmas day the father was called to the great beyond. This family has the heartfelt sympathy of all.

Bro. W. J. Liddane has been very busy of late attending the installation of our new local chairman, Bro. E. R. Poole, of Crofton, Neb., and adjusting several grievances of much importance to the telegraphers on the Wisconsin division, and other general chairman duties he has hardly been able to be at home over night. Things have shaped themselves now so Bro. Liddane has again resumed work.

Local Chairman Tenney has been having his hands full of late. In addition to his duties, his little 10-year-old boy has had a very severe run of Bright's disease and for several days little hope was held out, but the little fellow is now slowly gaining and it is hoped he will soon be out again.

The general secretary and treasurer has a new sign reading: "This is my busy time," the occasion being the semi-annual dues-paying period. January 19th broke all records. Have you sent yours in yet? If not take time by the forelock and get it in so you can get your new card.

We understand, and are very sorry to hear, that Bro. J. H. Atkinson, of Pipestone, has resigned to go into business on his own hook. Bro. John has been in the service a long while and made many warm friends. He was relieved by John McDermott, formerly chief clerk in the freight house at Mankato.

Bro. I. J. Moyer, former agent at Amboy, is actively engaged in the moving picture business there. Friend Axt, who followed Bro. Moyer as agent at that place, allowed his name to go into the background January 1st. This seems to be one more case added to the list of appreciatives, where increases were dealt out recently. They'll all be back in line just before the committee goes in again.

General Chairman Liddane transacted business with the general secretary and treasurer January 19th.

Arrangements are under way for a meeting in the near future. Watch for notices and be sure and attend, for it promises to be a good one.

The C. & N. W. boys on the Minnesota Division held a largely-attended meeting in the Board of Trade Hall at Mankato the 17th inst. Some Sunday in February they will hold an open meeting at which their division officials will be invited to attend. Much enthusiasm prevailed. Our brothers over on the Big "C" are very wide awake all the time.

This 4 below zero weather leads one to believe that our warm, balmy California weather we are wont to harp about in Minnesota was a joke. It may be to some.

Mr. Lang, of Ottawa, was called to St. James recently; he says he'll promise to be good now.

Bro. and Mrs. J. F. Jansen, of Madelia, took in the Fisk O'Hara opera at Mankato January 17th.

Bro. E. T. Brady is watching closely for the January assignments with a hope that he drew the lucky number on the Su City shops job.

Don't forget, please, that this is the month when we make our offering "for the good of the Order" and by which we are able to get that little bit of cardboard that indicates we are "men amongst men." Don't let the opportunity pass you, for it has been said that opportunity knocks but once.

CERT. 2.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Our heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom and goodness, has deemed it best to call to the great beyond the father of our esteemed Bro. C. R. Williams, and we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the members of this division extend to the sorrowing members of the afflicted family and brother our sincere heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved brother, a copy spread on the minutes of the M. & I. Division and a copy forwarded THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

D. O. TENNEY,

B. J. FUNK,

A. R. MANN,

Committee.

CARD OF THANKS.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., December 26, 1913.

Officers and Members of Div. No. 4—

We, as a family, wish to extend our sincere thanks for the beautiful floral offering which was received on Christmas day, and your sympathy in our bereavement in the death of our beloved father.

C. R. WILLIAMS.

Nebraska Division—

Bro. J. P. Hairston, agent Thurston, has resigned on account of ill-health. Suppose he has

drifted back to his home in "Sunny Alabama." Sorry to see a good man leave us.

Bro. C. E. Glade, at Hubbard some time pending different bulletins, has resigned and accepted a position in the Omaha post office.

Bro. Coburn is on third "NX," his old stamping grounds, as his folks live in Omaha and he is right at home.

Ira Davidson bid in Thurston. He should now come back in the O. R. T. Let us get after him.

The good old scout, Bro. "Bill" Craig, of Bancroft, who joined twenty years ago, is with us again, and we are sure he will do good work for the O. R. T.

Several prospective members have the necessary papers and the desired information. Keep an eye on them and see that they do not fall by the wayside.

We were sorry to learn that the helper has been taken off at Winside, which makes Bro. Hartson's work that much harder.

Mr. Fencske, relieving at Thurston, who resigned to go farming, has come back. Some good brother please endeavor to get him in line.

"Mike" Halpin and family are enjoying a trip to the coast.

W. M. Wassum, helper at Tekamah and Randolph, is relieving Halpin at Sholes. We understand as soon as he is eligible he will be with us. Brothers in touch with him see that he does not get away.

Brothers along the line send us in some news so we can have a good write-up.

Some one on the Wynot line get after Johnson, at "JA," and make it solid. Some one also get after Pinion, at Bloomfield, and land him.

As local chairman I wish to thank all the brothers for the support they have given me in the past. I trust every one of you will have a prosperous and happy new year. I have done my best for your interest and trust that the brother who succeeds me will represent you faithfully and should he need any assistance I will willingly do all in my power to assist him. As my duties have been increasing I feel that I can not do you justice and have tendered my resignation to General Chairman Liddane, taking effect January 1, 1914.

Bro. L. G. Hallisey is again with us after a trial with N. P. and the W. U. and says there is nothing like the old "Wooden Shoe Route." He relieved Bro. Stevan while off a few days.

Drv. Cor., Cert. 3.

Nebraska Division Notes—

Following positions filled on bulletin: J. A. Elias, "NT" Omaha; L. A. Thomas, "DT" Lyons; Bro. A. R. Stevan, "DT" Bancroft; T. F. Fencske, "AT" Magnet.

If any news items for the journal, drop a line to Agent Crofton.

Plenty of application blanks on hand. If you know where you can use any to good advantage, let me have the joker's name.

Bro. Schaller, sick past two weeks, improving; A. A. Jager, cashier, relieving.

R. A. Thomas, quarantined on account of small-pox, relieved by W. C. Ireland, cashier.

S. R. Morrell is back. Sounds good to hear him again. Says he will be with us next pay day.

Don't forget to vote next election for Bro. H. C. Peterson for I. C. C.

Dame Rumor says Bro. Willis is thinking seriously of marrying.

Bro. Northrop started on his vacation January 6th, but didn't get any farther than "NS," when he received instructions to return to work again.

Bro. T. A. Logan, on a three weeks' trip to Minneapolis, was relieved by Mr. Moss, from the C. B. & Q.

L. C. Arnold, Norfolk, off six weeks, is visiting in Florida.

Bro. George Fox, agent Maskell, off a few days, was relieved by Mr. Wassum, whom we hope to have with us soon.

Bro. H. C. Peterson, former agent Bloomfield, now with the F. & M. S. Bank there, has been induced by his numerous friends to run for the office of State railway commissioner at the spring primaries. Bro. Peterson has been in the railway service for the past eighteen years and with this division for the past thirteen years, leaving it last May to take up his new duties with the bank in Bloomfield. Do not be content with giving him your vote, but pass this information on to all your friends, as he is well deserving of this office, and his past record, as well as his experience, makes him well fitted for the place.

By the resignation of Bro. James Mathews his duties as local chairman for the unexpired term of three months have fallen upon me.

Thanks to the brothers for items received this month. I assure you that all future items will be gladly received. "YE SCRIBE."

Northern Division—

M. E. Carey relieved Bro. Bergin, Shell Lake third, during the holidays.

N. A. Cowing, of Washburn, spent Christmas at his home in Chetek.

Bro. F. J. Payson, while at Chippewa Falls attending the wedding of his sister, was relieved by Bro. Patterson.

Bro. O. C. Jacobs, agent Shell Lake, and wife, spent Christmas at Washburn.

Mr. King, who drew Spooner third, is on the sick list, relieved by Mr. Imislund.

Quite a number have been laid off on account of slack times, and many stations have had forces reduced, making three men do the work where formerly four were required. This retrenchment will, however, only be for a short period, so let's not complain, even if we have been laid off or had our hours changed. We know it can not last long, and it is quite a novelty to get a lay-off without writing six months ahead for it. Hang together, boys, and show the company we are with it in hard as well as good times, and the officials will be all the more willing to share profits with us in the shape of an increase when business picks up again.

Bro. Jacobs now has to work a trick at Shell Lake on account of reduction in force. It has been a good while since an agent handled trains at this station.

We hope all the delinquent members of 1913 will take advantage of the new extension of time which has been granted them and pay up.

Mr. Filbey, of Duluth, promises to join us this month. He is an old Order man, and we are glad to have him on our division.

Fred Grendahl, agent Draper, is laying off to be married, relieved by Bro. J. H. Reid.

Bro. K. S. Purvis, off a week visiting friends, was relieved by Mr. Grendahl on Tuscobia first, who also relieved W. B. Phillipson, second Tuscobia.

Bro. Gilbert Nelson, Rice Lake second, was married December 24th. He was relieved by Joe Hodges, from the Eastern Division, who promises to become a member soon.

Trains are now running into Park Falls, opening up some new territory for the Omaha.

In talking with various members, three out of every five make some remarks along this line: "The O. R. T. is all right, but the members on this division are 'dead;' they won't turn out to meetings; they won't say 'boo' to a non if he is working in the same office, and all they do is to pay their dues and sit tight, waiting for their committee to get them a raise." I'll bet you all have heard the same line of talk. Of course, we have to admit that there is a good deal of truth in this, but the chances are that the "guy" doing the talking never broke any records getting to an O. R. T. meeting, nor did he ever make life miserable for the non working with him. What's the use of "knocking?" Let every man have a little responsibility in this matter, and don't sit back and make remarks about what someone else is doing or not doing, but if you don't like the way the organization looks to you in your neighborhood, get out and change it. Call up the non next door to you and ask him if he intends to join, and if not, what excuse he has. When he asks you to chase uptown and get a package of P. S. for him, tell him "nothing doing." Make him distinctly understand that he doesn't belong in your class at all. If we only worked along this line more—did more talking to nons and less about "dead members"—it would not be long before even the "hard-shell" non would wake up to the fact that he was very unpopular and either join or quit the business.

Bro. Steiner has been obliged to lay off several days on account of sickness. Bill's little girl was sick at the same time, making it pretty bad for him.

Bro. H. Brooks made a business trip to St. Paul recently. Bro. "HI" says he thinks he will soon be able to make Spooner solid.

Bro. A. B. Crowell, agent Mason, was obliged to send his little son to St. Paul for medical treatment.

Mr. Ledding, cashier New Richmond freight office, was for a time obliged to work the wires

for a certain period each day, displacing Bro. Siron. Mr. Ledding, not coming under our schedule, was not entitled to the wire trick, so after the matter was laid before the superintendent in the proper light, everything was adjusted satisfactorily to all concerned.

We are indebted to Bro. Purvis, of Tuscobia, for some items this month. Sorry we can not hear from more of you. Div. Cor.

Eastern District—

We have started a new year with a clean sheet. How many have remitted their dues for the coming six months. It's time they were sent in. It's just as easy to send them in one month as another, and you will be in good standing all the time. Don't let yourself become delinquent. We need your money and you need the protection. Don't think because we have a good schedule you can let it go at that. There is more in sight if you help get it. You are a part of the O. R. T., and our committee will go just as far as we tell them to go. It must have our support in order to accomplish anything.

The winter is nearly gone and we haven't had any snow as yet and not much cold weather, making business very slack, although business has begun to pick up.

Bro. Engebretson, who relieved Bro. Myron, second Baldwin, for a week, later relieved Bro. Strasberg for a week's vacation.

Our last bulletin looked rather blank. The boys who have jobs are holding onto them like grim death and are not moving around, making news rather scarce.

Bro. Waldum, who relieved Bro. Johnson a few days on second Levis, later relieved Bro. H. L. Nelson at Sheppard a few days.

General Chairman Bro. Liddane, while going over the system fixing up grievances and organizing, was relieved by Bro. Girling, relieved by Mr. Sherer, from the Western Union.

Want to ask you brothers again to be on hand promptly to send grain and cars to "GY" office. Bro. Goss has his hands full, and spends a lot of valuable time calling some of the offices, while a lot of other offices are "Johnny on the spot" and fight to get in, which Bro. Goss appreciates. He starts promptly at 3 p. m. Make it a point to be on hand at that time, as this report *must* go in, and no excuses are taken by the management for failure to send it.

Our old-time brother, Horace Wood, is visiting his home at B. R. Falls. He is now with the C. N. at Winnipeg.

I wish to ask the brothers to send me a line or two whenever any changes are made or any news for the journal, as I am on the east end of the road and don't hear what's going on on the west end. Mail it to M. J. Harpold, B. R. Falls, Wis., and we will try to have a good write-up each month. CHAS. 7.

Kansas City Southern Ry.*Fourth Division—*

We have just received a small increase and a new schedule, for which we are very thankful. This division is in a prosperous condition, due to the fact that all the brothers are working for the betterment of conditions generally, but we must become more concerned about the Order, which means the welfare of ourselves and families, and commence at once and everyone land a non.

Bro. Smith was off a few days recently on account of sickness, relieved by Bro. Word, from the T. & P.

Bro. Tate will soon be obliged to have a larger wagon to get the United States mail to the post office.

Bro. Travis has twelve hours' hard work making expense bills each day.

Bro. Smith, who made a mistake Christmas night on his way home and went into the wrong house, causing quite a disturbance, refuses to state the brand he was using. CERT. 412.

Union Pacific Ry.*Nebraska Division, First and Second Districts—*

The best news I have for you this month is that Bro. Frank L. Hannum, agent Gothenburg, consented to act as local chairman for us in the vacancy caused by the resignation of Bro. Ging, announced last month. So confident was I that the majority would be pleased that I appointed him, thereby saving the trouble and expense of an election. Nor will one be held unless there is a demand made for it. Bro. Hannum is a good operator of experience and a successful agent at one of our larger points, thoroughly competent there, and should be able to bring good judgment to bear on the committee in its endeavors to meet the conditions that are just now most vital to the interests of Division 6. I know he will serve you to the best of his ability and have bespoken for you your hearty support if he would serve.

The tide of reduction has hit the telegraph office at headquarters in Omaha, and six men will suffer thereby. This is regrettable, but we hope it will be only temporary.

Bro. A. T. Runyan, of South Omaha, has been in the hospital in Omaha recently, suffering from a stomach disorder, relieved by Mr. Mills, extra, and he later by Bro. O. E. Johnson, regular relief. Bro. Runyan is recovering. The Omaha Club membership reminded him, by their acts, of our brotherly feeling in his misfortune.

Mr. Knuth, extra, relieved Bro. Pollock on third Schuyler recently. Bro. Frank Vybiral was recently successful in securing an auto in a hard-fought contest there. It takes just the kind of enthusiasm to win members for the organization that it takes to win autos in a contest, and Frank has the kind. Here's to more like him.

Bro. E. W. Laun relieved Agent Shumaker at Silver Creek over the holidays. It has always

been Bro. Shumaker since I can remember, and here is believing it will be again soon.

Bro. J. B. Bailey bid in Overton. Bro. J. Q. Fullbright is at Polk pending bulletin. Bro. Hansen from Overton to Grand Island.

F. E. Starkey, of Boelus, bid in Oshkosh, preferring it to Overton.

Bros. Helber and Mann are again in "GE" Grand Island while Bro. Smith is on committee work, and Bro. Cole is relieving Charlie McNutt in the dispatcher's office.

Bro. Andy LeGate is now at Pleasanton, relieved by Bro. Fullbright at Yutan agency until bid in by Byron Byrne. Third at Valley and Kearney on bulletin.

With Bro. McNeeley to Boelus and ability to say "Bro." Elder now at Rockville, we are two steps nearer to seeing a solid branch north of Grand Island. We hope they won't let the Kearney branch beat them too badly.

Bro. M. E. Bray, Gilmore Jct., and wife, spent the holidays at their Missouri homes, Bro. J. Buehler relieving, who went to see his mother in Salt Lake City upon their return. Bro. Buehler is now relieving at Valley.

Bro. C. T. Winters, Gothenburg, is the new member of the division safety committee from our department, and would be glad to present any views you have that you do not care to submit directly. Let's show that we are greatly interested in safety, even if our work is not the most hazardous there is.

Lexington was robbed on third trick recently. The operator there, who has no help all night long, has to work all those trains on the outside and handle hundreds of dollars, many patrons and several wires inside at the same time.

It has been ruled, under our present contract, that an agency can not be taken out of the schedule without thirty days' written notice. This will give us an opportunity to present our side and prevent being thrown out of a home on thirty minutes' notice. Now, when we get an agreement that will allow us to show our reasons why help should not be taken off in times of reduction when our individual station may be showing an increase, and a chance to prevent a superintendent refusing station help because he doesn't want to increase the payroll on his division, we can say: "Now, if you don't get service at your stations, we invite you to investigate the reasons why." This is right, and we can hope for it when the men awaken and help to present this matter to those who are able to bring about such a situation for us. Interest your neighbor in this as well as yourself. CERT. 217.

Nebraska Division, Third and Fourth Districts—

Bro. Miller, Hilldale, off during holidays, was relieved by a C. T. U. A. man from Chicago.

Bro. Ringoldsby, who bid in first North Platte yard office, decided he was most too far away from his farm, near Pine Bluffs, and has returned to Endok.

It is now Bro. Candall at Lodge Pole, making the third district solid, with the exception of one man, who is beyond the reach of the everlasting arm.

Bro. Ed. Kimsey, third Hilldale, is doing some speeding on a new motorcycle, which he recently purchased.

Bro. T. D. Pyle has returned to third Julesburg, after spending the holidays in Kentucky, relieved by Mr. Baker. Bro. T. H. Engleman, first Julesburg, went on a shopping tour to Denver recently, accompanied by his wife.

Yours truly had the pleasure of visiting the headquarters of our Order while stopping over in St. Louis. Believe me, those brothers working there sure do make a fellow glad that he came.

Bro. W. R. Kelly, Sidney, off ten days visiting in Omaha, relieved by C. T. U. A. Bro. Reinhardt from Hilldale.

Bro. C. W. Simons, manager Sidney, is taking ninety days' lay-off, Bro. "JO" Johnson acting manager during his absence.

Bro. C. C. Fine is back to Ogalalla third, relieved on first North Platte yard office, by Mr. Baker, pending bulletin.

F. M. Kelly, extra dispatcher Sidney, went back on third "CD" when regular dispatcher Wesner returned from his vacation.

Bro. Frederickson, second Archer, is off, we understand, to get married. We hope he don't forget the "segars" when he returns. Bro. Scott, third Archer, off thirty days, is said to also have the matrimony fever.

Bro. L. G. Ging, agent Egbert, former local chairman, was witness in a lawsuit in Cheyenne recently. Bro. Ward, Egbert second, relieving Bro. Spillman, agent Burns, thirty days, was later relieved by Helper Moore from Pine Bluffs, and took a trip back East.

Owing to a retrenchment order, cutting Nebraska division expenses \$20,000 for January, quite a number of day and night helpers have been pulled off, which is working a great hardship on some, on account of doing extra work.

It looks as though the dispatcher's office at North Platte would be moved to Sidney, and one set of dispatchers work from Cheyenne to North Platte.

Business has been very slack during the past month. Only one extra man on the third district and one on the Fourth District.

Bro. L. G. Ging resigned as local chairman Nebraska Division to engage in other business, was succeeded by Bro. F. L. Hannum, agent Gothenburg. Success to both.

Thanks to the brothers who contributed items this time, and especially to Bro. Johnson for his interest. Come again, brothers. CERT. 693.

Kansas Division—

Bro. F. H. Blanton, from Emmett third, to Bonner Springs third, relieved by E. S. Pritchard.

Bro. P. A. Bell, extra, assigned Grove agency.

Bro. C. E. Reynolds from Ogdensburg nights to Monoken. Sister Perry having resigned to

devote all her time to the water service department.

R. W. Stoddard, Topeka third, is switching in the yards.

C. M. Townsley is at Ogdensburg extra.

Bro. Woodward, Williamstown, has resigned, relieved by Bro. E. K. McMillen, one of our late recruits. Other new members are Bros. Wilson, Solomon; Collins, Olsburg, and Farrell, Emmett. This old division is in better condition than ever before.

Bro. Hockensmith to Belvue, relieving Bro. Hooven.

Bro. Blanton relieved Bro. Thomas at Hays several weeks.

Bro. Kendall has resumed duty at Blue Rapids, and according to all reports did not settle for the "wiggie stick."

Bro. Newcom, a new arrival, relieved Bro. Johnson, Manhattan; Bro. Fulkerson at Ellis, and Mr. Shum at Salina.

It is now Bro. Caswell, at Ellsworth, which keeps us solid there.

Bro. W. H. Morris transferred from the Nebraska Division, assigned to Randolph, no applicant for the place.

Bro. Johnson, Manhattan third, with his brand new shotgun, is murdering almost as much game as "hay."

Bro. Smith arrived on the Kansas Division Christmas Day. When last seen on train 103 he had a piece of mistletoe in his pocket and claimed that he found another one that put them all in the clear.

Bro. Denison, Detroit, took a very prominent part in a play given by the M. W. A. there recently, entitled, "Peter Piper's Troubles," and as the troubles of a station agent are more numerous than those of "Peter," it is our best guess that "Daniel Grubbins," alias F. G. Denison, made good.

Bro. E. E. Determan is relieving Bro. Weeks, Belleville.

Bro. Morrell bid in first telegrapher Bonner Springs, Sister Jette going to Lawrence first.

The general committee has sent out a letter to the effect that a meeting is to be held in Denver in the near future, when a number of matters of interest to you will be taken up. You should give this letter and the blank accompanying it, careful attention. If you have not received it, ask your local chairman for a copy.

Emmett, third, bulletined at \$57.50, has been made \$60.00.

Bro. Bell, of Grove, is on leave, away getting married.

Bro. Lenander, of Minneapolis, has returned with an addition to his household.

Telegraphers at Lincoln Center, Detroit and Wakefield were all pulled off during the recent reductions of force, and forces were reduced generally over the division. Just how some of the agents are going to wade through without help isn't clear. Bro. V. S. Bowers from Wakefield to Fostoria, vice Bro. G. Wright to Bunker Hill, vice Bro. H. O. Brenner to Wamego third.

Bro. Jacobs, at Bennington for the past year, expects to join Bro. Ben Doyle in Mexico, and chase both the rebel and federal army into the big drink. Bro. Smith, on leave of absence since leaving Beloit, assigned Bennington.

Bro. Fulkerson from Ellis is back to Culver account reduction in force; Bro. Lewis back to Sylvan Grove.

Men dismissed for violation of Rule G, appropriating company material and company coal, may have the sympathy of the local chairman in their misfortune, but it will not be of much use to them.

Yocemento, closed as a telegraph position, and pay reduced from the schedule rate to that of a student-agent, without notice (as provided in the schedule), has been reopened.

A meeting of the general committee has been called for March 9th, to meet at Denver, to handle important matters affecting your welfare. A report will be sent to each member.

W. H. Day, for the past twenty years employed as a lineman out of Junction City, was run over recently and instantly killed in the Manhattan yards, by a light engine. "Bill," as we all knew him, probably had more friends on the Union Pacific than any other man on the road, and to have the privilege of acquaintance with this big, kindly and genial soul was a pleasure. The men on the road, regardless of their craft, responded nobly to the different calls for funds to pay their last respects to their friend. His kindness and gentleness under all conditions might well be an inspiration to all of us, and it should be our greatest wish that when we are given our final "30" that we might live as long in the hearts of our fellow-workers as William H. Day.

Div. Cor.

Colorado Division, D. P.—

Bro. Marshall, of Ft. Collins, on vacation, relieved by Bro. Payne from the D. & R. G., "13" may bring a lifetime helper back with him.

M. R. Elder, agent Eaton, resigned, relieved by Bro. W. E. Parker, agent Ault, until Bro. Lockman from Erie, bid it in.

Two operators taken off at Merino, making it a one-man station, with Bro. Johnson on the lid. Bro. Doherty to second Brighton, bumping Bro. Baker to second Carr, vice Bro. Seeley bumping Bro. Rosenbaum; Dent nights to the extra list.

Hardin office closed, Bro. Coffin going back to Ault, vice Bro. Link to third Brighton, bumping Bro. Thompson to Ft. Morgan third, bumping Bro. Agee to third Speer.

Bro. I. W. Thompson is back from vacation in Texas, to Frederick.

Bro. Myers is back from California, where he has been for his wife's health; is now cashier at La Salle.

Bro. Daugherty relieved Bro. Parker at Ault while Eaton was on bid, Mr. Sale, La Salle third, relieved at Evans.

Bro. Vauginaux, who cut the mustard as yard master LaSalle nights, has returned to St. Vrain

second, relieving Bro. Shanafelt, who goes back to LaSalle third, bumping Bro. Moore, a new man, to Carr second, later bumped by Bro. Baker, and went to Chicago.

Bro. Kane is back from "UD" to Pullman agency; Bro. Gates back to second there.

Bro. Cheney, back at "CG" office, bumping Bro. Stump, back to "UD."

Bro. Beagle, formerly at St. Vrain and La Salle, sends his "73" to the boys on the U. P.

Bro. Easter relieved Bro. Walt at Dent a few days:

Colorado Division, K. P.—

Bro. Larson, second Oakley, relieved during holidays by Bro. Drumm, a new man, from the Soo Line, doubly welcome, as he has an up-to-date.

J. W. Lummis is relieving Bro. F. C. Parker, agent Cloby, Wakeeney nights closed.

Mr. Minnick, first Oakley, and Agent Peterson, should get a Grinnell card. Remember, "No card, no favors."

We are all sorry that "DS" office at Sharon Springs closed January 16th, thereby losing Chief Dispatcher Blattenburg, and the three trick dispatchers. They are a fine bunch of men and always gave us the best they could. The Hugo and Ellis districts will now be handled from Denver.

Ogallah has been closed as a telegraph office, vice Mrs. Tawney. At Oakley, Mr. Lummis, agent, handles the wire six hours a day, putting Mr. Minnick on second, and Bro. Larson on third. Bro. Perry, who recently bid in second there, going back to third Union, vice Mr. Admire to extra board.

Bro. Perry relieved Bro. C. A. Vickroy at Sharon Springs a few days while sick.

Bro. Thom, agent Quinter, off on a few days' vacation last month.

Bro. Howell, who bid in Grainfield nights vice Mr. Fenton, who went to Dover, was later relieved by Bro. P. W. Bailey, while off getting married.

Bro. Roberts, Sharon Springs first, now relief agent Greely a few days, who went to third, later relieved Bro. Miller, agent Byers, while off 30 days looking after his business interests.

Bro. Duenweg, agent Agate, while taking his wife to Denver hospital for operation for appendicitis, was relieved by Bro. Easter.

Sister Krusen, second Watkins, while off buying Christmas presents, was relieved by Bro. Bailey.

Bro. E. P. Maben, agent Bennett, while off to Denver, was relieved by Bro. H. C. White.

Mr. Woodard is back at Deer Trail after a long spell of sickness.

My thanks are due to Bros. Noon, Touhy, Vickroy, Bailey, Perry and Houser, for their assistance in this write-up.

L. C. DUENWEG.

Colorado Division K. P. Notes—

Bro. Thom, agent Quinter, was relieved by Bro. Easter while spending Christmas at Wakeeney.

Many of the boys will miss our old friend, J. B. S., who worked first trick dispatcher at "PS," and we all hope he gets a good position elsewhere. Bro. Shaw, late dispatcher's clerk, is now on first "PS." Rev., Cert. 1144.

CARD OF THANKS.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude and thanks to the members of the O. R. T., Colorado Division, for the floral offering and the kindness and sympathy shown us during the illness and death of our beloved husband and father.

MRS. W. W. WALKER AND FAMILY.

CARD OF THANKS.

I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to the U. P. R. R. telegraphers at Denver and members of O. R. T. Division No. 6 for their kindness to me in my late bereavement.

FLOYD D. WINTON.

Wyoming Division—

Bro. C. Huyck, Forsyth, Mont., is selling a hand-made, bone stylus, handsomely carved, made by Bro. J. W. Ezell, now serving a life sentence in the Pittsburg Penitentiary for killing a yard-master in self defense. Bro. Ezell has served ten years and is making and selling these articles to raise money to get his case before the Board of Pardons, is a member of Ill. Cent. Div. No. 93, Cert. 234, and your loyalty to a brother who needs your financial assistance will be greatly appreciated in this his time of trouble. These styluses, the best made, a fine piece of workmanship, give the best results and can be obtained from Bro. Huyck at fifty cents each.

Wyoming Division, Sixth District—

Bro. Lewis Grebenc, acting agent Walcott, has resigned, gone to O. S. L. at Ogden, Bro. C. C. Martin, of Buford, bidding in the vacancy.

Bro. P. P. Hill, of Laramie, called to bedside of a brother at Lakin, Kan., December 20th, who only lived a few hours after his arrival, was relieved by M. M. Cronk, a new man, who later relieved Bro. Quinn at Lookout a few days.

Former Manager G. F. Haynes, of G. River, is now in "U" Omaha.

Wyoming Division, Seventh District—

Bro. Bosh, extra, has resigned and gone East.

Bros. Kabes and Decker, formerly of Table Rock, are now in Los Angeles. Mr. Riddle is on first Table Rock pending bulletin.

Bros. Metcalf and Thompson, of Black Buttes, have filed on a homestead near there.

Wyoming Division, Eighth and Ninth Districts—

Bro. M. M. Bailey, agent Granger, bid in first there, W. G. Bovee getting the agency and Bro. C. E. Borsenger third.

Bro. C. E. Anderson bid in Carter agency; Bro. Bagby, Aspen nights, and B. Longstreth, Altamont agency.

Bro. J. W. Thomas, "NA" Evanston, has returned from a trip East.

Bro. W. R. Headington relieved Mr. Tallman at Devil's Slide, who went to third Bitter Creek. Brothers on the Seventh please look after him.

Our general committee will hold its regular yearly meeting in Denver the first part of March. Anything you wish taken up before it please write your local chairman.

Bro. T. C. Sherman, one of the old-timers of the Wyoming Division, located at Wamsutter, Wyo., was almost instantly killed December 25th by falling through the roof of a house which had been on fire, breaking his back, and living just a few minutes after the accident. Bro. Sherman was one of the staybys in the Order on this division, having served as local chairman and always a booster for the Order. The following nice sum of money was raised among his brother and sister employes for the wife and children:

Fifth and Sixth Districts.....	\$ 77.05
Seventh District	170.20
Eighth and Ninth Districts.....	59.50
Total	\$306.75

The Fifth and Sixth District money was turned over by Bro. Horiskey, and the Seventh District by Bro. Chism. The Eighth and Ninth Districts was turned over to Bro. Chism, from Bro. Pennington and delivered to Mrs. Sherman January 11th, 1914. I mailed to Bro. Horiskey and Bro. Pennington a copy of this list to compare with the money taken in by themselves and advise all the boys that this money was turned over to Mrs. Sherman January 11, 1914. B. L. CHISM.

Received

(Signed) Mrs. T. C. SHERMAN.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, On the 25th day of December, 1913, it pleased Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, to call to his heavenly home our dearly beloved Bro. Thomas C. Sherman; and

WHEREAS, We realize that Div. No. 6 has lost a true and faithful member, and his family have lost a devoted husband and loving father, and been brought to face a sorrow, the like of which comes only to those who have lost, the bitterness of which can only be healed by Him who has suffered for us; and

WHEREAS, Each member of Div. No. 6 feel a personal loss in the death of deceased brother; therefore be it

Resolved, That in the death of Bro. Sherman the Order of Railroad Telegraphers has lost a true and loyal member, the family a devoted and loving husband and father; be it further

Resolved, That we tender our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family and friends in this their hour of sadness and sorrow; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family and a copy to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

A. M. HUSTON,
B. L. CHISM,
C. J. HORISKY,
Committee.

CARD OF THANKS.

*To All the Brothers on the Wyoming Division,
U. P. R. R.—*

I wish to thank every one on the Wyoming Division of the U. P. R. R. for your assistance in my bereavement. Your assistance was greatly appreciated and I would like to see a write-up from some of the brothers showing the willingness of each member.

Mrs. T. C. SHERMAN and Boys.

Canadian Pacific Ry.

Eastern Division, District One—

Have not seen a write-up for this division in several years. I have taken it upon myself to write a few items, and wish all the boys who have any news would send same to Bro. J. A. Bertrand, local chairman, Farnham, by the 20th of each month, who will forward them to the correspondent.

There is nothing to hinder us from having an interesting write-up each month, if the rest of the boys will do their part and start the new year right.

There are still too many nons on this division. Brothers, make special effort to get them all in line. Expect to have regular meetings at Farnham at least every two months, and would like to have all members attend.

F. A. Kelly, Highwater nights, promises to be with us this month. He is longing again for the green fields, does not care for Canadian winters, and is constantly singing, to the accompaniment of his banjo, his new song: "Oh for the long green grass." Bro. Ford at Sutton and our big night operator at Brigham Jct. are attending to business, as usual. They keep a special quilt to wrap themselves in during the severe cold weather.

Bro. Snow, "WH" nights, "butts in" on the phone, as usual, whenever the dispatcher is busy.

Bro. Shonion, "FY" nights, will soon be up to date again.

Bro. Lebel, Megantic days, is hustling steamship freight and passenger extras westward in fine style.

Bro. Lapalme, Sherbrooke, visited his home in Abbotsford recently.

Bro. Madge is relieving at Milan days.

We are all pleased to learn that Bro. Pope has been reinstated and will be on the dispatching staff again in the near future.

B. C. Williamson, from the D. & H., now in Farnham terminals, is on vacation and visits

Richford quite often. He will resume Iberville nights on his return, and will soon have a card. D. B. Fitch, also from the D. & H., is relieving Bro. Ford at Sutton.

Bro. Mitchell bid in North Troy second.

Bro. George Swan, Brigham Jct., has purchased a new track motor car, and always gets to work on time except Sunday mornings.

We are all pleased to learn of the promotion of our former chief dispatcher, L. G. Rogers, to assistant superintendent at Havelock, Ont. First Trick Dispatcher J. J. Morgan now sits behind the chief's desk. We all wish him success in his new position.

There have been a number of changes recently in the dispatching staff at Farnham, Sherbrooke and Megantic Subdivision—Bro. A. E. Gough, first; Bro. G. A. Smith, second, and Bro. W. J. Finley, third; Farnham and Newport Subdivisions—O. M. Lavoie, first; Bro. O. Pepin, second, and Bro. J. A. Brilhart, third, and G. C. Brownell working the swing trick.

We learn that Bro. Finley expects to be transferred back to the dispatching office at Havelock, on the Ontario Division, to resume his old position. We regret very much to see him leaving us, but understand it is for his own benefit.

Bro. Brilhart already has his application in for a vacation. He wants relief as soon as the "sun shines on both sides of the fence," and expects to visit Vancouver this coming summer. We are all looking forward for warm weather, when we expect to take a spin in Bro. Pepin's new motor car which he has ordered.

Now, boys, get busy and send in some news from along the line, and will promise a better write-up next month. CERT. 1849.

Quebec Subdivision—

Nothing has appeared in THE TELEGRAPHER from this division for some time. Brothers, we must wake up and have a writeup every month to keep the boys posted on everything done of any interest to us.

Our loyal and active chairman has been over the division lately and picked up a few members, but there are some more nons left. We must keep after them and enforce our motto, "No card, no favors," and show the few old "hard-shells" who are receiving the best wages and have the best positions, that it is to their interest to join. Just as long as we keep granting them favors they will stay out. "What is the use," they figure, "to pay \$13 to \$18 a year when we can get the same favors for nothing." Don't say, "He is a pretty good fellow and a friend of mine." If he was a friend of yours he would not graft on the fruits of your labor. If you can pay your dues and live, he can do likewise.

Brothers, another thing: We must see that the new positions created are bulletined, such as Grand Mere days and Terrebonne day and night. Those positions should be advertised and our agreement with the company lived up to. There is no use for our committee to spend money to get these

things unless we get the good of them. Seniority should also be strictly observed. We should request our chairman at the next meeting to give special attention to these cases.

Bro. J. E. Lasalle and J. Gignac have returned from "Q" office to their regular jobs, after a few months' dispatching. Bro. F. C. Demers, who relieved Bro. Lasalle, is now at Laurain nights, and Bro. J. A. Pfouffe has left relief work for a regular job at "JN."

Bro. Gravel is now on the sick list. We hope for his immediate recovery.

We are all glad to see our chief dispatcher giving preference to the senior relieving man.

Bros. J. O. Chenevert and C. Armand have obtained a job after some time of leave off.

Bro. Bigue, on holidays, was relieved by Bro. J. Nault.

Bro. J. A. Frenette is at St. Maurice, a new position.

Bro. J. O. Morrisette, on a temporary job since spring, had to take his regular place at St. Martin Jct. nights.

Brothers, remember our motto, "No card, no favors. CERT. 2372.

Atlantic Division, District Two—

Bro. G. A. Edwards, we understand, has double-headed. This is the outcome of having lady operators on the line. Here's luck, George. Bro. Street is working at Perth while George is honey-mooning.

Bro. Mosher is working at "MO" while Bro. Shaw is on committee work.

We are pleased to hear that our genial friend "MC" is back at Carterburg nights.

Bro. Simpson is enjoying life in Woodstock. He appears to be quite interested in little "tots."

Bro. Larlee and wife enjoyed an evening in Woodstock recently, attending the "bachelors' ball."

Business is picking up, and the Gaines boys are "hitting the ball" at Aroostook, as usual.

We hope within a month's time to have District 2 solid. This is encouraging.

Why does Bro. Letarte visit Woodstock so often? Some say he gets a "hand-out."

Bro. Morgan is at Caribou nights, and Bro. Hallett at Florenceville nights. CERT. 944.

Lake Superior Division, District One—

Our regular correspondent is away on holidays, and, with the kind assistance of Bro. J. M. P., we are trying to do his work.

Bro. Robertson, agent Shawanaga, is back, after being laid up with his foot which he shot in mistake for a bear some six weeks ago.

Bro. Schultz is at Point Au Baril, no regular agent having yet been appointed.

Bro. Spencer, from Dunlop, is relieving the ticket clerk at North Bay.

Bro. Wylie, from Phelan Pit, is working Byng Inlet nights.

Bro. Fleming is baching, his better half having left him for Christmas holidays.

Ex-Agent Donnelly, of Bigwood, it is understood, has started a young farm at Bigwood.

Bro. Brown is working nights at Burwash.

Bro. Hales, of Romford Jct., impersonated Santa Claus this year at the Coniston S. S. festival. The boys and girls all got their sox full.

Bro. McLearn, Algoma, on vacation, was relieved by Relay Agent Galbraith.

Bro. Nelson, laid up a few days with tonsillitis, was relieved by Bro. Kendrick, agent Kipawa, on Christmas holidays.

Staff machines are now in operation between Murray and Sudbury, and Murray and Azilda and Onaping and Cartier, and will shortly be in service between Windylake and Phelan. Murray days filled by Bro. Powers, and nights by Bro. Rumball, a new man from Kenora.

Bro. Guindon is acting agent Bigwood. Bro. Tremblay is back again, and we hope to see him working before very long.

Bro. J. E. O'Connor made a flying trip to his home in Toronto for Christmas. Hope you enjoyed yourself, "Smiler."

Bro. Bushey also went home for Christmas dinner, and found it rather hard to pass Nairn.

Bro. Fawcett has resumed duty at Larchwood.

Bro. Gauthier was off a few days, relieved by Bro. Chamberlain.

Bro. and Mrs. Howe spent Christmas holidays in Ashtabula, Ohio.

Bro. Squires has been called home on account of the sickness of his father.

We were sorry to lose Bro. "BM," who resigned December 17th.

Dispatcher G. C. Lee, returned from vacation, relieved Bro. Valley, "GC," on holidays, and then worked a couple of tricks in "H." Understand he has almost completed arrangements to open an office in the Ferguson block to handle the overtime slips.

Bro. Holland is on sick leave, but understand "he" will be feeling much better when he returns.

How about getting the district solid this year, which we hope will be one of happiness and progress for us all? CERT. 1512.

Saskatchewan Division, District One—

A largely attended meeting of this division was held Sunday, January 18th, in the Moose hall, Regina. Local Chairman V. J. Stubbings presiding. A number of important items were discussed. Two brothers were appointed to act on the grievance committee, with the local chairman in the future. A special assessment was authorized to cover \$25.00 which was extended a sister telegrapher (from the local fund) who had the misfortune of falling on a slippery walk, and fracturing her arm.

Biz on the road is all shot to pieces since the holidays, and so many changes have been made it is impossible to keep tab on all of them.

QuAppelle closed nights, Bro. R. S. Wilson going to Grenfell nights, which puts Bro. Dawdy,

junior man, out in the cold. Bro. L. Harper got QuAppelle days on bid.

Bro. J. E. Demars bid in Pangman station, vice Bro. S. Fair resigned.

Bro. H. W. Rose returning from holidays to Wolseley bumped Bro. S. A. Boe, who went to Regina ticket office.

Balgonie closed nights, leaving Mr. Lampin junior man.

Pense closed nights, Bro. G. M. Thomson relieving Agent Snyder; Pilot Butte also closed nights, Bro. R. J. Green relieving Bro. W. B. Lonergan, McLean, on holidays.

Tregarva station closed, Bro. G. E. Brasher bumping Bro. Watson, Dilke nights.

Bro. M. F. Hanley, Craven, on four weeks' holidays, visiting friends at Owen Sound, relieved by Bro. Vipond, recently transferred to this district from Kenora, Ont.

Bro. A. R. Carson bid in and has been transferred to Stalwart agency.

Bro. H. Thompson, of Holdfast, appointed agent Tyan, relieved by Bro. D. H. Kennedy.

Bro. R. A. Ober, of Howard, bid in Simpson agency.

Bro. W. J. Noonan, on thirty days' leave, returned in time to sign the pay-roll, relieving Bro. H. F. Eaton, who relieved Bro. R. W. Levaway on side table, dispatcher's office, Regina, latter bumping Bro. H. Verville, Assiniboia nights.

Out of 107 train crews working up to December 1st, only 19 left. Here's hoping "biz" takes a spurt in the near future.

I want all the boys to send in what news they can, in the future, and enable us to give a better write-up. Correspondents appointed at last meeting: Bro. S. R. Richards, Kronau, for the Regina. Weynburn and Assiniboia subdivisions; Bro. Geo. Smith, Grenfell, for Moose Jaw subdivision; Bro. J. S. Davidson, Sifton, for Colonsay subdivision, and Bro. W. J. Noonan, Regina, general correspondent. Mail your news to correspondent on your respective subdivisions and remember all news must be in the hands of the general correspondent not later than the 19th of the month.

Let's all pull together and see if we can't make our division 100 per cent strong this year. When a new man "hits the pike," find out if he belongs, and if not, "get him on the wagon," and remember that little motto, "No card, no favors."

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Alberta Division, District Eight—

Bro. S. Ibbitson resumes Hector days, after leave of absence.

Bro. A. E. Stelly, Yoho nights, resigned.

Bro. O. G. Otto returning from the coast and resuming duty.

Division Correspondent E. J. Routledge, Stettler days, is visiting friends and relatives in England; Bro. D. F. Green, who relieved him, later went to Le Duc nights, recently opened.

Bro. J. A. Mackay, Strathcona days, taking his holiday, relieved by Bro. L. W. Roache.

Bro. J. Taylor, nights La Combe, resumes after an extended visit to Notch Hill, B. C.

Bro. A. L. Alderman, Red Deer second, resumes duty after extended leave of absence.

Bro. J. R. Wilkerson visiting in the East for a month returned and bid in Edmonton days.

Bro. R. P. Duke, agent Banff, returned from his holidays, Bro. P. Moth relieving, transferred to agency Seebee, relieves Bro. F. W. Lainge, called away on account of sickness and death of his sister.

Bro. L. W. Roache, days Strathcona, resigned and has gone into business at Edmonton. Bro. Mackay has returned and is again on the job.

Fleet agency closed, Bro. Arnold relieving Bro. Fowler, Red Deer second, on holiday.

Bro. I. Sweet, agent Blackfalds, spent several days hunting large game in the hills, and brought back several trophies.

Bro. A. W. Thoroughman, agent Veteran, is on sick leave, relieved by Bro. A. R. McCue. Bro. P. Harrison, Coronation nights, also on sick list, and is relieved by Bro. H. A. Mansfield. Bro. A. Ryerson is welcomed back from Chicago to Coronation days.

Bro. P. Moth bid in Monitor agency.

Bro. H. E. Pushor has returned from leave of absence to Laggan nights, vice Bro. R. K. Frizell visiting New York.

Bro. B. Wick Morley nights, on leave, relieved by Bro. D. E. McPherson; congratulations will be in order on his return.

Bro. F. Pribbernow, agent Erskine, is on leave owing to his wife's health, relieved by Bro. A. R. McCue.

Bro. C. T. Buckingham, relief agent, has been laid up with rheumatism, but we are glad to have him with us again.

We should all bend every effort to have the two or three nons on the division understand that the C. P. R. officials and employees have no regard for them on a system as strongly organized as the C. P. R.

Bro. W. J. Nuckles bid in Edmonton nights.

Bro. G. Forbes, dispatcher Calgary, is on six weeks' holiday on pay, relieved by Bro. C. D. Wilson. Is there another schedule like ours?

Bro. E. R. Youell, Calgary dispatcher's office, spent his holidays pleasantly in Spokane.

At a recent meeting of our local in Calgary, Bros. E. R. Youell, C. R. Bauman and F. A. Kerr had the misfortune to lose their seal-skin hats. They certainly have the sympathy of every member of this division in their great loss.

We are glad to say that the vandals have been run to earth and properly dealt with by our chief justice. May this ever be a warning to those who infringe upon the rights of a worthy brother of this great Order.

It would be well for telegraphers who contemplate coming to this section to defer doing so at present as business is very dull and there is no immediate prospect for improvement.

We are sorry to see by the journal that it takes considerable effort on the part of the local chairmen and correspondents of several of our sister roads to hold the members in line, and are happy to say that no such action is necessary on the C. P. R., as every member is more than

anxious to see that his name is not dropped from the roll.

As efficiency tests are the order of the day, too much can not be said along these lines, and it is up to every one of us to keep our lamps trimmed and burning, so as to be in readiness for any emergency which may arise. Div. Com.

Alberta Division, District Three—

Our local chairman, Bro. W. T. Watson, agent at Hosmer, has gone to Ottawa to the convention of the general committee, leaving Hosmer in charge of Bro. J. D. Robinson, with Bro. Wellander, as operator.

Bro. Geo. Winters, ticket agent at Fernie, left a few days ago with an Ottawa file holding his passes. When last heard of he was leaving for 'Frisco via Cape Horn. Bro. J. T. Millar relieved him, relieved by Bro. A. B. Nigg, displaced at Fernie by Bro. E. G. Doner, owing to Elko days being abolished.

Bro. W. W. Cook bid in Crows Nest agency, vice Bro. Hoffman, who went East and got married, and is now at Cadillac, Mich., on the G. R. & I. Crows Nest has been reduced to two operators, leaving Bro. Cook to do four hours' telegraphing with Bros. Wickwire and Timms.

Bro. William Agile, Swope, has been ordered to reduce his staff forty pounds.

Bro. McPhee, Wardner, off sick for several weeks, was relieved by Bro. Higdon, who later went to Hillcrest, and displaced there by Bro. P. G. Shillington, owing to staff reduction.

Bro. Fourneau resigned Jaffray agency, succeeded by Bro. Mongeau.

Bro. John Cory laid down temporarily on holding up the mountains in the vicinity of Yahk, with the result that a slide occurred of such magnitude that a permanent track was built around it.

Ryan agency closed displacing Bro. Guimont, who bid in Bull River agency.

Moyle night operator taken off, Bro. Lang to Nanton days, and later to Claresholm nights.

Bro. Sheldon who was relieved at "CK" Cranbrook nights, by W. F. Brown, of N. P., Paradise, Mont., relieved Bro. P. E. Carman, "CK" days, on sick list. Brown is flashing a card that does not bear his name. As he does not claim to be "flagging," it should be taken up.

Bro. Smith, agent Ensign, was off recently on account of sickness, relieved by Bro. Cotter. This agency since closed.

Pearce agency closed, Bro. Lintz, displaced, bumping Bro. Durning, night operator Kipp, who bumped Mr. Revill, who came to Claresholm nights, when Lumbreck laid off account reduction in staff. Bro. McNeil, from Peigan nights, closed, to Pincher nights, displacing Mr. Brown, also laid off account reduction. Bro. McDermott, traveling agent during grain rush, has returned to Pincher agency, vice Bro. LaGault to Prussia, on Swift Current division.

Bro. W. H. Williamson, displaced at "MD" Macleod, account reduction in staff, has not yet decided who he will bump. M. J. Donellan, displaced at Macleod, displaced the man at Medicine

Hat. One set of dispatchers at Macleod taken off on account of slack business. Bro. L. W. Chapple working third until H. H. Wickett returns, who has been ill with pneumonia at Little Britain, Ont., but is now improving. Bro. L. W. Cullen, relieving the dispatchers at Macleod during their vacations, is back in "MC" nights.

Bro. Black, agent Aldersyde, and wife, are on vacation.

The heavy depression in business has caused numerous changes recently, many of the boys being laid off, and overtime cut to a minimum. There is no sign of improvement and those lucky enough to hold a job are "sitting tight."

Bro. M. Dooley, Frank nights, is very ill with rheumatism, relieved by Bro. Sears, who was displaced at Aldersyde when Bro. Whay returned from his vacation.

Bro. Relyea, Fernie nights, is on vacation to his home in Elmira, N. Y.

Bro. Bundy, relief agent all summer, has returned from two weeks' vacation to his home in Winnipeg and other Eastern points, and taken Nanton days. CERTS. 1299 AND 1385.

Manitoba Division, District No. 4—

It seems a long time since we had a write-up from this district, due to our correspondent leaving. During the busy season none was appointed. Now that we are again down to normal business and a new correspondent has been appointed our corner should be filled with some interesting news.

Bro. J. R. Baker has handed in his resignation as local chairman, due to having too much work and other business to attend to. We regret losing him, as he has been a great standby, and we all looked to him for information when required, which he cheerfully gave us. Nominations were called for by Bro. Wilton and Bro. A. D. Anderson received the nomination.

Bienfait agency was bid in by Bro. McRea, relieved at Mather agency on bid by Bro. A. J. Davis, of Waskada, which station is now open. Bro. J. E. Godard, who relieved Bro. Davis at Waskada, is now on vacation to the coast.

Bro. R. M. Sanders, agent Purvis, on sick leave at his home in Emerson, was relieved by (soon to be brother) A. N. Hultman.

Bro. J. W. Cole, agent Clearwater, was relieved a few days by A. Hall, of Boissevain, whom we hope will soon be a brother.

Bro. C. S. Hewitt, Souris "UR," was home with his parents at Morden for Christmas, and Bro. Hultman, Gainsboro, was at his home in Cartwright.

Boys, do not forget our motto, "No cards, no favors." Each one try a little persuasion and get a new member this year and we will soon be solid.

Bro. Jack Walsh, who visits Portage frequently, spent a few days there recently. Seems to be some attraction there.

Bro. A. I. Krafft, with the passenger department for some time, has gone East and it's rumored has at last been roped and tied and will return to us with a helpmate. He was relieved at Bender

by Mr. Smiley, later bumped there by Bro. Herriot, of "D" Souris.

Bro. W. M. McLeod, G. Y. M. at Souris, is certainly there when it comes to the forward skin-the-cat on the rings. At one exhibition he gave, the audience was so large they locked the doors three hours before the performance.

The retrenchment policy has caused a number of reductions in staff on this division, so everyone is "sitting tight" and holding what they have.

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New York Central & Hudson River R. R.

Electric Division—

Our entertainment and ball on January 7th has been the principal topic of conversation among railroad men since it came off. Have yet to hear of one dissatisfied patron. The entertainment was all that could be asked for, winding up with an act and friendly talk by the veteran Harry Thompson, "His Honor, the Mayor," who is well known in every part of the world to which our magazine is sent. To Bro. Frank Lester, who had charge of this arrangement, is due the thanks of all. His efforts every year to give us something better than before seem to have met with complete success this time. The ball was the most beautiful and enjoyable of any yet held.

The sick benefit fund will be richer by quite a few dollars, is the report of Bro. Dooly, treasurer of the fund, who worked hard in conjunction with Bro. Murty, local chairman of the Terminal, and Bro. Jagger, local chairman of the Electric Division, and the rest of the committee, to bring about the grand success.

General Chairman Morey was with us and many visitors from Long Island and other nearby points. Bro. Joe Curran of the committee, was late in arriving, but made up for lost time when the telephone girls, who had been waiting, closed in on him.

We were very much pleased to have Asst. Supt. Slater and family with us; also Signal Supervisors Smith and Wass.

The closing of "UN" tower on January 18th, releasing some men with long seniority, has started a line of displacements that no one can see the end of. For a time no man with less than fifteen years behind him was safe over night. By the time these notes reach us all will be settled in their new jobs, but two or three good men may be forced on the extra list. They are nearly all brothers and we wish them success and plenty of work till a steady job comes again.

The resignation of Bro. Jagger as local chairman, is a real misfortune to the Electric Division. Bro. Jagger when elected was new to this kind of work, but made good to a degree that was a surprise to some and a satisfaction to all. It is greatly to be hoped that the election for his successor may bring out another as good from the untried men on our line.

H. D. S.

Electric Division Notes—

Bro. Heller has been awarded "FD" agency, Bro. Francis resigned on account of ill-health.

Mr. Schwartz is back at "WM" first, from "GCT," Bro. Finelli going back nights and Mr. Borrin on extra. Mr. Borrin is working "SD" nights pending bids.

Bro. J. P. Collins is keeping the lights lit "kinder" late on Hall Ave. lately.

Bro. Connors, agent Scarsdale, is in Bellevue Hospital, New York City. We hope for a speedy recovery. Bro. Downing, who relieved him, was relieved by Bro. Fennessy and he by Bro. King nights.

Members slow in paying their dues are taking serious chances, both with their membership and their insurance. Your dues must be paid in full and on time, as well as your M. B. D. assessments, in order to make your insurance safe, so don't neglect these important matters and jeopardize the interest of those dependent upon you for whom you are carrying this protection. Remit to Secretary and Treasurer Blim promptly and save him a lot of unnecessary work.

The Western Union has opened an independent office at Bronxville, taking that work off the boys there.

The parcel post is making a big decrease in agents' earnings. Some of the local station express business has fallen off 35 to 40 per cent, putting their remuneration back where it was ten years ago. Now is the time to hang closer together than ever before.

Bro. Birchard, Jr., is on a pleasure trip to Niagara Falls, and Bro. Seamon is also on a short vacation, relieved by Bro. Alrutz.

"MN" Austin is working overtime nights getting ready for the new stations.

T. H. Kirk, former yardmaster at High Bridge, has been appointed yardmaster at "NW."

The superintendent is after the assistant agents along the line for not having a uniform. How about the \$100 agents investing in one also.

Remember the little song entitled "On the Trail of the Lonesome Non." C. E., Div. Cor.

Harlem Division—

A joint meeting with the Put. and Elec. Divisions was held at White Plains on December 6th with twenty members present and a meeting at Philmont, December 7th, with the same members present.

Bro. E. J. Buckley has entered the poultry "biz," and will soon be able to supply the brothers with fresh eggs, broilers, etc.

Bro. J. J. McCarthy, on two weeks' vacation, was relieved by Bro. R. Maxfield, who also relieved Bro. J. J. McNulty, on vacation.

If the parcel post "biz" continues to increase some of the boys will have to buy a small mule to haul it for them.

T. J. Lyons has been assigned second "UN," and Bro. J. R. Ostrander resumed at "CF."

Bro. R. Maxfield, growing tired of the arduous duties of relief work, has returned to third "G."

Bro. C. M. Eggleston on the sick list a few days, was relieved by Mr. Benson, from the Putnam Division, and Bro. W. E. Gillcrist, also on sick list, relieved by Bro. J. Ledley. BUNK.

Buffalo Division—

When are we going to get started on those two days each month? This is the question of the hour.

Bro. C. C. Cable, formerly at "SS" 45, displaced Bro. F. W. Cole there, who went to "SS" 53, vice Bro. H. H. Miller, who bid in his former position as "SS" 47a.

Bro. I. Rykert, Western Division, displaced Bro. E. A. Riek, at "SS" 52, who displaced C. N. Strachan, at "SS" 47. Buffalo Division, looks good to the Western Division boys.

Bro. Robt. Imhoff, cabin "V," spent New Year's eve upon the great White Way in New York listening to the big noise; relieved by Bro. A. Ganskow.

We are sorry to learn of the death of the eleven-year-old son of Bro. E. S. Smith, "SS" 47, from appendicitis. Bro. Smith was relieved by C. Odien.

Bro. O. A. Siehl, "SS" 59, was relieved a few days by Bro. P. Fumedge, of "SS" Erie 2, and he by J. P. Currie, who later relieved Bro. J. H. Ricker, "SS" 61a, while visiting his former home across the stream.

Bro. P. Briggs, leverman "SS" 58, was relieved owing to an attack of rheumatism by Bro. C. Sanford, of "SS" H, until January 7th, when the two positions of levermen "SS" 58 were abolished, and a new split trick arranged, 8 a. m. to 10 a. m. and 1:30 p. m. to 8:30 p. m., covered by Bro. Jake Engle until Bro. Briggs returns or selected another position. Bro. Sanford was relieved by Langferd.

Bro. Joe Smith, "SS" I, was relieved a few days by Bro. Hugh Parker, of "SS" 60.

Our local chairman, Bro. Jim Farrell, has been doing scout duty again and I am pleased to announce that it is now Bro. W. A. Lafferty, agent, Beach Ridge, N. Y., and Bro. Robt. Imhoff, Cabin "V."

The fund raised to aid Mrs. William Palmer will total about \$100. Of this amount \$75 was available at Christmas. The balance will be handed her as soon as those who have not yet paid send in their subscriptions. Prompt remittance will be appreciated by those in charge of the fund.

Many of those fortunate enough to attend our last meeting were agreeably surprised when C. T. U. A. Sister Mary McCauley dropped in to pay her respects and incidentally to address the boys on how to be good union men. Her remarks were well received and it is hoped that Bro. Farrell, our progressive local chairman, will arrange to have other able speakers address our meetings in the future. Everybody should turn out and hear these speakers. It is educational.

Please do not forget to remit your dues promptly and thus protect your membership and your beneficiary.

AJAX, Cert. 1352.

Hudson Division—

The meeting on January 20th was very well attended by the brothers from all along the line, and was very interesting and profitable. We have found that we have some real live orators on this division, and when they get started on railroad work, it certainly is very interesting and instructive, as the last two meetings have proven.

The chairman is going to install a question box in the meeting room, in which any member attending can drop a written question pertaining to railroad work, or to the rules or workings of the O. R. T. and before the close of the meeting the chairman or one of his assistants will endeavor to answer the questions.

Recent assignments: Bro. Quinn, first "SS" 77; Bro. Gadeka, second "SS" 55; Bro. Lawlor to third "SS" 65, and Bro. Spencer, third "SS" 72.

Bro. Toone was relieved by Bro. Gadeka for the eye test, and Bro. J. H. Allardice, second "SS" 91, by Bro. Sheffer for same purpose.

We are glad to report that Bro. Dunn, of Pokeepsie ticket office, is improving at Vassar hospital where he has had an operation for appendicitis. Relieved by Bro. Burger.

Bro. Carrotte is again on the extra list, having finished at Manitou and Germantown stations.

Brothers, get after the new men coming on this division. Let your first salutation be to them; "Have you a card?" and keep after them until they get one.

Bro. Boucher, third "SS" 42, who has been using train service from Stuyvesant to Manitou, is now boarding in Pokeepsie, and is having the time of his life among the ladies. He recently relieved Bro. Groupe one day.

Mr. Kirkbright, first "SS" 88, off two days, was relieved by Bro. Hodson.

Bro. Moran, second "SS" 88, was off a few days on vacation.

Mr. Green, agent at Schodack, and Bro. Sweeney, agent at Stockport, on their week's vacation, were relieved by Bro. Sutherland.

Bro. Donnelly, third "SS" 89, is on twelve days' tour visiting Baltimore, Richmond and Norfolk.

There are a few nons on the north end whom we have not reached yet, but there will be somebody up there after them before long.

Cases brought up in Albany and White Plains in favor of the two-day rest law, were decided in our favor and we hope for something more on it before long.

Bro. Quinn bid in first "SS" 77, vice Bro. Gardner, who resumed second there, Bro. Carrotte returning to Pokeepsie extra list.

Bro. Gramp, second "SS" 84, relieved a few days by Bro. Hodson.

Bro. Manion, third "SS" 60, off sick a few nights, relieved by Extra Calson, and Bro. Slater, second "SS" 60, off a week, relieved by Bro. Everett.

Bro. Van Benschoten, first "SS" 58, was off one day for eye test.

Bro. Dedrick, who relieved Bro. Haughey, second "SS" 58, and Bro. Osterhout one day, also relieved Bro. F. M. Smith a night.

Bro. Tinney, leverman "SS" 59, off one night, relieved by Mr. Loring.

Mr. Bishop, new extra out of Pokeepsie, is on second "SS" 51, vice Bro. Gaedeke, who bid in "SS" 55. Div. Cor.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Our heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom and goodness, has deemed it best to call to her home the mother of our esteemed Bro. Wm. F. Hover; and

WHEREAS, We, the members of Hudson Division System, Div. No. 8, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we extend to the sorrowing brother our fraternal sympathy in his sad bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be placed upon the minutes of the division, a copy sent to the brother and a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

F. P. FRALEIGH,
GEO. DENGLE,
LOUIS BAUER,
Committee.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Our heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom and goodness, has deemed it best to call to the great beyond the beloved brother of our Bro. J. H. Allardice; in manifestation of our fraternal sympathy be it

Resolved, That the members of Hudson Division of System Division No. 8, O. R. T., extend to the sorrowing brother and family their sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved brother and family, a copy spread on the minutes of this division, and a copy forwarded to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

H. GROUPE,
W. H. ASHLEY,
W. E. COLWELL,
Committee.

Monon Route.

Second Division—

Our new schedules are out and sure look good. No one should have any kick coming whatever.

Bro. Cornwell, agent Harrodsburg, has to work 12 hours and 30 minutes now since the two operators were cut off there. As he is a mile from town, he does not get much rest.

Our new president, Mr. F. A. Delano, was over the road a few days ago and made a "hit" with everyone he met. He appears to be an up-to-date railroad man. While we regret to lose Mr. Harrison, we are glad to get Mr. Delano on this road.

From his past record, organized labor has a friend in him.

We are all sorry to learn that Bro. Robertson, agent Clear Creek, has severed his connection with this road, and wish him success. He was one of our oldest members, always up to date.

Agency Stinesville, third Bedford, Wallace Jct. and "AD" nights bulletined.

Have you paid your dues for the next half? Brothers, do not let this slip by, but pay them at once, and remind those working with you to do the same.

"Biz" is rather light at present, and expenses are being cut in every way possible. The shops at Lafayette, closed down before Christmas, opened January 12th.

Bro. Priest working third Wallace Jct. Harrodsburg closed nights, cutting off two operators. Bro. Cornwell is there days. One operator cut off at Greencastle, Gosport and Mitchell. Bro. B. H. Sipple from third Greencastle to second Crawfordsville. Bro. Shorr, first Greencastle, cut off. went to second there. Operator Schmalz to third from second Greencastle.

Bro. Cornell relieved Bro. Speer, 1st McDoel, during holidays; then went to second Shops.

Operator Tharpe did the wire work in the depot at "Put" three days while clearing up the coal cars wreck there.

The agents at Greencastle and Gosport are required to do six hours' telegraphing now, same as several years ago.

Bro. E. F. Packwood, first West Baden, has been off duty on account of sickness. Here's wishing him well and back with us soon.

We are sorry to hear of Bro. Williams being pulled off at Mitchell on account of slack business and hope it will not last long.

In future when anyone applies for a position bulletined, forward a copy of application to the local chairman of the division where the vacancy exists. See that this is done in all cases, and don't forget to report all vacancies to your local chairman.

Bro. I. B. Packwood, second Salem, visiting in Illinois, was relieved by Mr. Tharpe, who promises to be with us soon as he lands a regular job.

Bro. Fox, first Gosport, cut off, bumped Bro. Savo on second there, who bumped Bro. Dunkin, second Wallace Jct., to extra board.

Bro. Bennett back on second Shops after doing relief work in "AD" a few months. Bro. Cornell on third.

Boys, while business is slack is the time to clean up around your office and get ready for the early spring rush, as it will soon be here.

Bro. West, relief agent First District, working "AD" nights during the slump in business.

Bro. Strain, agent Gosport, off duty, relieved by Bro. Fox, from first there.

Bro. Speer, first McDoel, relieved by Bro. Cornell.

Bro. Kern, second Wallace Jct., bid in third Bedford.

Bro. Parks is back at Bainbridge agency, after several weeks' committee work. Bro. Henson has

returned to second there, and Bro. Dunkin bid in second Wallace Jct.

Bro. Whitehouse, extra, working "SP" New Albany yards.

The meeting held at Bowles Hotel, Bloomington, was a decided success, and the boys came from quite a distance to attend. All enjoyed a good time and are wishing for such another one in the near future. We would like to see some of the brothers from the First Division attend some of our meetings down here.

Boys, let us all brace up now and show our new president what kind of stuff there is in us.

Bro. Shorr, first Greencastle, off a few days, relieved by Carl Hilburn, attending college there, who would be with us if he expected to follow the business.

Thanks to those who sent me items this month. Every little bit helps. Keep it up and we will have a good write-up every month.

"PZ," Cert. 14.

Norfolk & Western Ry.

Shenandoah Division, Hagerstown to Winston-Salem—

Business lively; trainmen making full time and lots of them overtime; enough to make board.

Bro. Graves, agent Vesuvius, on fifteen days' vacation, relieved by Bro. Henderson. Mr. Landers, agent Midvale, on vacation, relieved by Bro. Draper. Bro. D. F. Vines, first Basic, off two days, relieved by Bro. Pugh, extra. R. E. Bryant on third Buchanan while Bro. Hawkins is on first in Bro. Dillard's absence. Bro. Lee Taylor, third Loch Laird, off one day, relieved by Bro. Fringer, who also relieved Mr. Wiseman, second Buena Vista, on account of sickness.

Bro. Roy Vines, second Lithia, on vacation, relieved by Bro. Flaherty, who also relieved Bro. M. N. Wheeler, second Walnut Cove, N. C., on a trip South. Bro. Moffit, on vacation, relieved by regular relief agent, H. H. Burks. Bro. Walter, agent Crimora, Va., off a few days attending court, was relieved by Extra Relief Agent Bro. Dunlap.

Mrs. George was hurt in an automobile accident near Buchanan, Va., but Bro. George, second trick dispatcher, says not seriously.

Bro. Renfro, second Walkertown, relieved on vacation by Mr. Carter, who also relieved Mr. Hamelton, second Madison.

Bro. T. J. Teague, agent Madison, while attending court was relieved by Bro. Gentry.

Bro. Murray, second St. James, bid in second Troutville, relieved on bid by Bro. Worley, second Pine Hall.

Bro. Moffit, third trick dispatcher, off a few days, was relieved by Extra Dispatcher "H."

Bro. O. H. Grubbs has returned from Hot Springs entirely recovered and has returned to work. Everybody is glad to hear "G" back on the wires.

Bro. McNeil was a recent visitor at Lynchburg.

Bro. W. P. Wheeler, agent Walnut Cove, N. C., while attending the funeral of his uncle, was relieved by Bro. Gentry.

The annual banquet, held in Roanoke, Va., on Saturday, January 10th, was well attended, considering that all the boys were unable to be relieved, although Mr. Graves relieved all he possibly could. The committee had a delightful program arranged, which was enjoyed by all. The boys who attended say they had a fine time.

It is now past time to pay dues, and we hope all the boys will respond well, as "In union there is strength."

Boys, send us the news. We are unable to find it all.

Bro. Dillard was relieved, to get married, by Bro. Hawkins.

Many thanks to Bro. Roy Vines for notes.

"CW" & "XN" at "W."

Michigan Central R. R.

East, Toledo and Bay City Divisions—

Those who are interested in seeing news in our beloved journal should get busy, take an interest in furnishing us the news. We all like to read, but do not all seem willing to help gather it.

Fire destroyed the main portion of the Michigan Central depot at Third street, on the waterfront, on December 26th, about one week before it had been planned to move into the new depot on Fifteenth street, at the tunnel entrance. It is fortunate that the latter structure was so near completion when the disaster occurred, as it was possible to make a quick shift and transfer to the new station with but a small amount of inconvenience to the public, and business moved along, and the people were being taken care of at the new place as if the thing had been going on for years. Too much can not be said in praise of the magnificent new passenger station, costing two and a half million dollars, the tallest depot building in the world, and the finest in this country, west of New York City. We speak of the boys in "F" office now as aristocrats, in their palatial quarters.

Our regular monthly meeting at Prismatic Hall, 140 First street, Detroit, Monday, Jan. 19, came off as usual. We did not have the celebrities with us as at the previous meeting, but nevertheless the time was well spent, and thoroughly enjoyed, as all our meetings are. There were many things of interest to discuss, and no dull moments. The progress of our schedule negotiation was gone over and wish our entire membership might have been present to enter into the discussion. Many more might be if they would make but a small effort. The local chairman made a report of finances in connection with our recent party here, showing expenses of \$44.15 and receipts of \$57.30, leaving a comfortable credit balance of \$13.15, to say nothing of the pleasure gained. So the affair was a huge success all around. Bro. Lorenzo W. Mills, of Milwaukee Junction tower, is the champion booster, having sold eighteen tickets, and no one can tell how many he really would have sold

if he hadn't run out of them. Bro. Mills has the thanks of all for his efforts. He is showing a brand of brotherliness and unionism that ought to be infectious, and will bring victory.

Bros. George L. Foran, Josef Ferriott and William E. Bell were welcome visitors and participants of our last regular; Bro. Frank L. Stuart also honored us and took charge of the petition in favor of Bro. Hunter, who is said to be wrongly held in the Nevada State Prison, and is circulating it among the towermen and other employees, securing names by the hundred. This petition will be circulated among all our members, who will, of course, give their support, as it is worthy.

A subscription is being sent over the Bay City Division in favor of Bro. Goldie, agent at West Branch, Mackinaw Division, who has had about all the bad luck imaginable, and the boys will rally to his aid, as they always do in cases of this kind. We are only poor, low-paid telegraphers, but we can always spare a little money and much sympathy for a worthy brother in distress. We won't live always, and when the earthly end is near, the most comforting memories will be of kindnesses done to relieve suffering. Let us leave.

"Footsteps that, perhaps, another,
Sailing o'er life's solemn main,
A forlorn and shipwrecked brother,
Seeing, may take heart again."

Bro. Arthur M. Burke, extra, residence Bancroft, Mich., is a new member. We hope he will soon be a regular.

Bros. G. H. Kratzmiller, third Chelsea; Wm. J. Gifford, Toledo, Ohio, and W. L. Patterson, Newport, are new members.

Bro. James M. Coyne reports Mrs. Coyne not feeling very well. We hope she meets with improvement at once.

Bro. M. J. Carey advises the babies are having some indispositions characteristic of very young children. Bro. Carey and wife have the sympathy of all.

The agencies at Caro and Colling are on bulletin; Bro. Dymond has resigned, much to our regret, and the Colling affair is one for an investigation.

It is again Bro. Arthur R. Easterle, second North Yard, he having lapsed while temporarily out of the service.

Bro. Walter Eames, Monroe, took in the automobile show as well as our last meeting, January 19th. Bros. B. W. Garner, Wyandotte, C. E. DeRousie, "F" Detroit, Dorr Felt, Transfer House, also attended.

Bro. Guy Van Dusen and wife recently visited at Mackinaw, Chicago, Niles and Detroit, on Bro. Van Dusen's vacation.

Mrs. Schlicht, wife of Bro. H. C. Schlicht, agent at Thomas, recently visited her people in Lansing.

Fifteenth and Twentieth St. towers, Detroit, were given the second set of towermen, also two train directors, making eight men at each tower, when the new depot was opened up, making the train

movements at those points very heavy. Bro. Silas W. Osborn has been made one of the train directors at Twentieth street, and we understand that Bro. William N. Carter is to be put on the other track. These are new positions, and we opine better men could not have been chosen. The three new men on the levers at Twentieth Street are Bros. George H. A. Ruby, Archibald T. Hewson and Anthony H. Turskey. Did you notice we said "brothers?" This makes Twentieth Street the champion tower on the road. Bro. Frank Swaller has moved up from Livernoise tower to Bay City Junction through the shifting.

Saturday evening, Jan. 17th, the middle division brothers gave one of the good times for which they are noted at Webb Block Hall, Jackson, which was attended by a goodly number from this section, prominent among whom were: Bros. G. A. Thompson, Chas. H. Pfeiffer, W. H. Comins, Detroit; W. J. Foor, J. W. Speer and G. H. Kratzmiller, Chelsea.

Boys, be prompt with dues and thus relieve the officer in charge of unnecessary work and worry. (We didn't need to mention the girls in this matter, they always are O. K.)

Kindly mail me any items of interest before time for next write-up. W. H. C.

Northern Division—

Bro. R. Stokes, third Wenona, while relieving Ticket Agent Whiting, Bay City, E. S., for ten days, was relieved at "YD" by Mr. Biggs, a new man.

Bro. H. H. McCalpin, agent Frederic, bid in second relief agent position.

Bro. McQuade, wire chief Bay City, E. S., spent Christmas in Toledo visiting relatives.

Extra dispatchers, Bros. Shaw and Stokes, are back in "DI" Bay City, as vacations are over and the split trick in dispatcher's office again pulled off. One dispatcher now handles all the trains on the Mackinaw Division.

W. H. Caldwell, our chief dispatcher, left on the 12th for a two months' tour of the West, accompanied by his wife and daughter.

Bro. C. Bowden, second Pinconning, has resigned to go on the extra list, as he wishes to get over on the Bay City Division.

Five extra operators sent home on the 10th on account dull business and no one wishing to get off.

Bro. Charles E. Goldie has been compelled to resign as agent at West Branch, having been on the sick list for nearly a year now. We sincerely hope the change in work will soon restore him to his natural health.

Loranger has been opened as a telegraph office for the ice season by Mr. Hembling, who will soon be a brother.

Very little snow so far up on the north end this winter, and trains are all running nearly on time.

Mrs. Szeapanck, wife of Bro. Fred Szeapanck, leverman at North Lansing, died very suddenly at her home, December 29th, of heart trouble, leav-

ing the brother with five small children. He nas our heartfelt sympathy in his bereavement.

On January 14th the board of arbitration, in session in Cleveland, granted the telegraphers on the Wheeling and Lake Erie, and Wabash-Pittsburg Terminal railroads an increase of \$5.00 a month, and also better working conditions, effective December 1st, which brings their minimum to \$65.00 a month. This looks indeed encouraging to us at this critical time, and we trust that we will be as successful in our efforts as our brother telegraphers.

Bro. Valley has finally been transferred to agency Alger; Mr. Hoyt, a new man, getting agency at St. Helen. Bos.

Detroit Division—

Assignments on bulletin: Mr. Hodgson to third West Toledo, and Mr. Hunter to third West Detroit; both new men. Foner Earl Smith relieved our local chairman on Newport third, while at Cleveland.

Bro. Frank Sullivan, traveling operator from Michigan Division, who went to Newport, also relieved Bro. Aten, on account of sickness a few days.

Agency Deerfield is up for bids.

Michigan Division—

A. R. Long relieved Bro. Rogers, Wauseon. Bro. Sullivan, who relieved Bro. Stephens from that place, also relieved Mr. Gipe at Nasby tower a few days, and then went to "XD" relay.

Bro. Gill, from the M. C., who relieved on third Lenawee Jct., later bid in third Nasby tower vice Mr. Kyle.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Our Father has deemed it best to call our brother, Edward A. Larkin, to his home on high, and

WHEREAS, We feel that the Order has lost a worthy member and the community a conscientious and valued citizen, and his family a kind and loving husband and father, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the members of System Division No. 16, Order Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the bereaved family and relatives their sincere sympathy, and be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be published in THE TELEGRAPHER, and a copy sent to the family.

J. D. FLEWELLING,

F. A. WOLCOTT,

Committee.

Pennsylvania Ry. Lines East.

Baltimore Division—

A very large meeting of the B. & O. and Baltimore Division P. R. R. was held at Baltimore, Md., on Friday, January 16th. We were favored with the presence of the fourth vice-president and the entire general committee from the B. & O., also the general chairman, Bro. Stenger, from the C. H. & D., and general chairman of the P. R. R., Bro. J. F. Miller.

Bro. Miller, of the P. R. R. presented for the consideration of the members a bill giving all telegraphers in the State of Maryland two days rest a month with regular compensation. By a unanimous vote it was decided to present a bill in the State legislature, and Bro. F. F. Sullivan, B. & O., and Bro. J. F. Miller, general chairman P. R. R., was made a committee of two to look after the bill in that body.

The brothers in the State of Maryland should all do their part, especially by seeing the different members in their respective counties and city wards and ask them to support the bill.

We understand that our general chairman employed counsel to represent the Order of Railroad Telegraphers before the Public Service Commission at Harrisburg, Pa., on January 20th, when the question of passes for the dependent members and wives of the employes was taken up, which shows the rank and file that our organization is always alert and looking after the interest of the telegraphers.

Quite a few of the brothers attended the meeting at Harrisburg, Pa., Wednesday, Jan. 23d. From our division we noticed our Bros. W. O. Knaub, A. K. Hoyer, B. D. Bare, G. C. Herbst and G. M. Sterner. In all there were about 57 present, and the occasion will be especially remembered as we secured several applications.

You no doubt received the circular letter from the general chairman urging each member to get a member this year. If that is done, the question of solid organization is settled, and we shall then be in a better position to secure concessions than we are now.

All should pay their dues within the two calendar months so as to always be in good standing, so that your committee could count upon your support.

A number of changes is contemplated within a short time and the nons may feel they had better get right so as to assist rather than retard the work that we have in hand. The organization always stands for a square deal and straight seniority rights, and to get what we are deserving of by reason of service rendered.

Many reports are circulated that we are going to get two relief days a month, others that we are going to get more money; but the truth is we shall get it only by thorough organization through the efforts of the men. Therefore let us line up every non that comes on our division.

"FRED" AND "JIMMY."

Maryland Division—

The year 1913 is past and gone, and with a very few exceptions the men have stood faithful to the cause. We have increased our membership by a considerable number, and the prospect is very bright for a continuation of the good work.

The very few who have dropped out have injured themselves more than anyone else. They evidently have no desire to assist in the betterment of themselves and their fellow workmen, but are content to let others do it for them. However we will continue to move forward, and

when the day arrives, which it surely will, when we have achieved the success due us, they will regret their actions.

Your local chairman desires to express his appreciation of the assistance given him during the year, and feels assured you will continue to help him in the future, as you have done in the past.

Let us all resolve to make the year 1914 a banner one for the organization. If we all work together we can do it. Let our slogan be, "One Hundred Per Cent or Bust," and if carried out faithfully, I'll guarantee we won't bust.

Wish all a happy and prosperous new year.

CERT. 27.

Williamsport and Susquehanna Divisions—

It is a great pleasure for me to say, to you knights of the key, that we have closed the most successful year's work in the history of the organization on the Williamsport and Susquehanna Divisions, and the same report comes from other divisions on the Pennsylvania lines east of Pittsburgh and Erie. The men were never before so inclined to pull together and to work in such complete harmony as at the present time.

We have done a marvelous work, and the oldest men in the service are happily congratulating each other for the co-operative movement which is being done to elevate our profession to a standard of perfection, and which can not help but spell success and victory.

Members who heretofore were somewhat backward in the movement are found today in the front ranks and are showing the non-members their duty which they owe to their fellowmen, and especially towards those who are leading the movement. Every week comes mail giving great encouragement in the work.

At a recent series of three meetings held at Sunbury and at Williamsport one hundred and ten men were present, enthusiasm ran high, and as a result many new members were enrolled and old members of the craft renewed their pledges and their allegiance to the organization. Addresses were made by a number of the leaders in the ranks, not only from our organization but from chairmen of other bodies as well, and all were received amid great applause. The most important part of these meetings, and which is the main theme in the ranks today, is to bring together the five great brotherhoods into one great body of men who handle the trains, for our mutual protection and interests. The rank and file of all these great brotherhoods are heartily in favor of a move of this kind and it is to be hoped that we will all get together for concerted action in the near future.

We have long since passed the century mark, new members are being added monthly and a large number are assured for this month, men of sterling worth and ability, a credit to any organization, thus starting the new year with renewed vigor and increased activity, which is very encouraging to the membership.

Let every member wear the O. R. T. emblem on the lapel of his coat, I will gladly furnish

them, without charge, upon request. I trust you will strictly comply with this request as it means much to the profession.

I desire to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to every one of the brothers and sisters for the very handsome roll top desk presented to me at Christmas time, which will greatly assist me with my work. It was a very timely and thoughtful present.

We are passing into the new year with greater activity and more determination to work hand in hand to achieve our rights we shall ere long secure all we so richly deserve.

If we are wise we will look ahead, turn our backs on the past and remember that "the mill will not grind with the waters that have passed," but that we must continue the work of organization in order to enjoy the fruits of our labors.

We are far in advance of last year this time and much better fitted for the work of this year than we ever have been. We have a membership far above the century mark and new members are coming in every month, having added five to the ranks in January, with many more applications on hand with part payments and others on the way. The members are paying up nicely. During the first thirty days of this dues-paying period fifty per cent were paid in and ere this reaches you we shall be all paid up working hand in hand to close the balance of these who favor the movement for better conditions.

It has been a great pleasure to me to work with you good, loyal members, and I can see each of you growing stronger in the work as time passes on, which of course, causes me to feel elated over the future and to take on renewed vigor and more confidence over the ultimate outcome of our affairs.

Non-members are in a class by themselves and are deserving of no favors whatever, and if the "No card, no favors" would be applied to this class of men it would probably set them to thinking. When a man stays aloof from an organization of his class in this day of knowledge and advancement, it indicates that he is too selfish to advance his own interests. More education along organization lines is therefore needed to convert this class of men to have them put aside their selfishness, help their fellowmen and boost instead of knock.

Allow me to urge your continued co-operation. "United we stand, divided we fall." By working along the same lines during this year as we have done in the past, a schedule on the "Pennsy" is assured.

A. C. GRIEB, L. C.

Williamsport and Susquehanna Division Notes—

Bro. S. H. Young has returned to duty after being off since October 5th with rheumatism. We are pleased to hear him back on the "string" again.

Bro. R. S. Frey bid in third "KI," Bro. I. I. Gottshall first at "CY," Bro. R. L. Miller second "MO," Bro. L. W. Auchmuty "5K" p. m. to "2K" a. m., at "BQ," and Bro. H. E. Boyer bid in Relief Schedule No. 6.

Bro. S. W. Reichenbach, off sick recently, was relieved by Bro. J. W. Derrick.

The heavy cannonading in the hills around Montandon last month was caused by Bros. G. E. Shaffer and A. N. Best, in their efforts to supply the brothers on the division with a winter's supply of game. Have not heard of any brothers being foundered on it yet.

Bro. A. R. Fenstermacher off few days recently, was relieved by Bro. A. L. Grimm. Bro. "Fensty" and Bro. Wagner have traded tricks for few weeks owing to the illness of Mrs. Fenstermacher. We hope for her speedy recovery.

Bro. W. D. Mantz is on first "RF" pending bids.

Bro. Atwood, Wetzel, off recently with tonsillitis, we are glad to learn is again on the job.

Bro. W. S. Minnier is thinking very seriously whether he can keep two on \$67.35 per or not.

Bro. F. W. Wetzel and wife took in the sights at Baltimore and Washington on his last relief day.

Bro. W. D. Gresh recently visited his brother, C. A. Gresh, at Northumberland, and also called on Bro. F. W. Wetzel.

The work at "SY" has increased so much since making it a train order office with three tricks that an additional man has been put on from 5:00 p. m. to 10:00 p. m. "STEVE."

West Jersey & Seashore Division—

On January 22d we had two rousing meetings at the Goff Building—morning and night—which were well attended. The boys of this division, however, should have made a better showing when men past seventy from distant points on the system can attend. Those who were too busy to get around missed the best gathering we ever had. If you want to know what is going on, come out to these meetings, and see that those who can not see their way clear yet to get an up-to-date come also. We are paying for the hall and all other expenses, and it will cost them nothing to come and hear how they can help us to push the work to a final conclusion.

Bro. J. F. Miller was pleased to see so many out. He was at his best, and gave us a good talk.

There were members from the Schuylkill, Baltimore, Central Maryland, Trenton and Philadelphia Terminal Divisions present, and it did us good to hear these old warriors tell the facts in regard to conditions in times past.

The second trick men probably had the largest meeting, although the night meeting was also a good one, and quite a few nons were present both morning and night. Many were convinced that they have been laboring under the wrong impression, and some of them will soon be brothers.

Every man in our department is welcome to these meetings, be he member or not, and we hope the agents will come out in full force and affiliate with those who are trying to help them.

Any who may not yet have paid their dues should remember that after February 28th they will not be beneficial and their beneficiaries will

be unprotected. Be sure to mail your assessments to Bro. Quick for the M. B. D., and your \$4.50 dues to Bro. Nightingale. See how near we can come to having every man paid up by February 28th. Quite a number have already paid up, and we want to make a good showing on our division this term by paying up promptly and thus help Bro. Nightingale, who, unfortunately, has been off sick for several weeks, but still working for us while lying in bed. Make him feel good by keeping up to date and getting that non next to you. See that those who have promised to come in this month live up to it.

The new men who have come here recently are cordially invited to come to our meetings, so that we may tell them why we need their assistance.

Bro. J. L. Hand is off sick with the gripper. W. W. Carr relieving.

Bro. Nightingale is again able to return to duty.

Bro. Hendrickson's little son is quite sick. We hope he will soon be well again.

Bro. J. C. Marshall, Atlantic City, is convalescent and will soon be able to resume his place.

We are glad to learn that it is now Bro. H. H. Peacock again.

Our meetings for the balance of the year will be held on February 26th, March 26th, April 23d, May 28th, June 25th, July 23d, August 27th, September 24th, October 22d, November 26th and December 24th. Cut this out and paste it in your hat. You will also find them advertised in the division directory in the back of the journal, so there will be no excuse for non-attendance. Keep posted and save this unnecessary expense to the division of sending out monthly notices.

Our gain in membership on this division and the smallest delinquent list in our history is very gratifying.

Do your duty like the men did on the D. & H. recently, our officials will do the rest.

Div. Con.

Delaware Division—

Boys, we have started on a new year, and I hope every member will do everything possible to make this one of the banner years on this division. From reports received in the last few days, things are booming all over the system, and we do not want to see any other division ahead of us.

I suppose all of you have received the president's report, which shows what the Order has accomplished during the past year. After you read it, if you do not come in and help with the good work, you are beyond redemption, and the only place for you is back to the tall timbers.

The joint brotherhood meeting that our local chairman, Bro. Truitt, has so earnestly been working for was held January 25th and was a rousing success.

Bro. D. P. Keith, of "WN" tower, had an enjoyable trip to Chicago recently to attend the marriage of his daughter, Miss Naoma. He will probably take a trip West at least once a year hereafter.

R. H. Todd, third "WN" tower, now extra in the dispatcher's office, was relieved by C. L. Stockley. Bro. J. C. Smith, off for some time with typhoid fever, we are glad to hear is improving. We hope to have him back at his old job soon. Bro. Russell is relieving him.

Robert Clifton, who was taken suddenly ill while at work on December 14th, was sent home, and died after two days' illness. We have lost a good friend, one of the oldest operators, he having worked on this road over thirty years.

J. B. Mahoney, agent Kirkwood, off for some time owing to trouble with his eyes, is some better but not able to work. He is being relieved by our good Bro. Sapp, of "J" tower.

B. C. Wainwright, of "B" tower, is also ill.

CERT. 5.

Trenton Division, Lower End—

The meetings at Camden on January 22d were rousing ones. Over fifty attended in the morning and forty at the night meeting. General Chairman Miller and Bro. Truitt, who addressed us, were much encouraged by the way the boys came out.

Extra Praul has started a telegraph school at his home, on this division; charges, 20 cents a lesson. This is a "free advertisement." You brothers know how to make it pay (?).

It is now Bro. Harold Platt, Mt. Holly, N. J., thanks to Bro. J. H. Austin, Jr.

Bro. Eppler has bid in second "BO" Borden-town.

Bro. Moore, while off sick, was relieved by Mr. Maitland. Div. Cor.

Buffalo Division—

Things begin to look brighter for us, brothers, so pay up your dues and stick. We have a few new members already this year, and things look good for a lot more. Let's everyone try to get the "one" that Bro. Miller requested we get in his circular; then we would soon be solid. But don't stop at one if you know where you can land another.

Brothers, please send in a few notes. It is pretty hard for me to learn everything going on, and your assistance helps to have a better write-up in the journal.

Talk to the nons around you and see if they will be willing to come to a meeting, and advise me of the result. They would get a lot of good information at such a meeting that no one else could give them.

C. O. Parks has been assigned acting division operator, vice C. H. Sourwin, appointed passenger trainmaster. D. C. Daley has gone to Albany, N. Y., as Senate journal clerk.

Our officials are faithfully looking after our matters in connection with the committee on industrial relations at Washington, D. C., and working for an amendment to the Martin bill, making a straight eight-hour day for all men handling trains by blocks, manual or electric, or tending main track switches, and no split tricks

or twelve-hour jobs. Get the nons to understand what we are doing for them, and they will come in and support us in this good work. Bos.

Allegheny Division—

Everything is moving along nicely up this way, and the boys are all paying up for the current term better than ever before. The few who dropped out last term have nearly all promised to come in again, and help us to work for our mutual interest. The "get together" movement is showing good results, eight new members joining in January on this division alone, and more are coming in before the end of this month to help pay for the benefits the O. R. T. has already secured for them and work for better conditions. Remember our motto when they ask for favors, and enforce it at all times.

Bro. George Logue was relieved by Bro. F. L. Watson while on his honeymoon trip.

Bro. F. A. McNamara is on second Foster regular.

Bro. J. R. Karns spent his relief day with his parents at Lower Hillville.

Three extra dispatchers on the Salamanca Branch have been taken off, putting Bro. Geerhart back on second "VS." Bro. Will bumped Bro. C. B. McCoy, third "NB;" Bro. C. J. Rhodabarger bid in first Oil City shops; Bro. F. L. Watson bid in third "DS," and Bro. C. B. Johnson bid in third "RD." Mr. Sipson was relieved by Bro. Johnson, from the Renovo Division, on first Center street while relieving Mr. Sloan visiting his parents at Bradford, Pa.

Mr. O'Neil, director, while visiting his parents in New Jersey, was relieved by Bro. F. P. Murray.

Bro. E. H. Smith landed second Sandy, relieved on second Foster by Bro. P. S. Hilliard until Bro. M. T. Smith bid it in, relieved on second "BD" by Bro. P. S. Hilliard. W. N. Armfield, who secured first Sandy, we expect to call "brother" soon.

Sister V. D. Snyder accompanied a party of young folks from Kennerdell on a sleigh ride to Rockland recently, where they enjoyed an oyster supper.

Bro. J. T. McNaughton and wife went to Pittsburg recently to hear the Rev. Billy Sunday preach. Bro. W. J. Steele was also a recent Pittsburg visitor, and we understand will need a preacher soon for another purpose than to be preached to.

Bro. L. A. King has resigned to go into the oil business in California, relieved by C. M. Wicks on relief job No. 5. We all wish Bro. King success in his new undertaking. These relief jobs should be put up for bid, but as it is now anyone who wants one gets it by making application.

Dispatcher E. A. Boyles, second Oil City, off ten days on account of the death of his father in Pittsburg, was relieved by Extra Dispatcher Neely. He has our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in his sad bereavement.

New south bound receiving and classification yards are being installed at Venango, with fourteen tracks. Looks as if Venango will be made a terminal some day.

D. S. Flower assigned second Quaker, vice Bro. Persall to third "QA."

F. C. Dean is now on second Red House. Wonder if his religion is still against joining secret societies.

Bro. J. C. Garin, Bradford, took in Olean on his relief day, and Bro. J. C. Lamb, first Vandalia, spent his with his family at Allegany.

Mr. Guignon, off some time on account of his hearing, has returned to third "AY" tower, Bro. S. P. Gilbert going back to second "SA."

Bro. T. W. Pringle was off some time, relieved by L. L. Brown, who also relieved F. C. Brown while on sick list.

Bros. King, at Carrollton, and Schobey, at Onoville, are holding down twelve-hour jobs on account of the depression in business.

Bro. F. A. McGill, agent Kinzua, was off sick several days, relieved by Relief Agent J. V. Hackett.

Bro. F. T. Daugherty visited his sister at Bradford recently.

It is now Bros. Keating, second "GD;" Crawford, first Rockmere; Seitz, Hickory; Thompson, third Trunkerville, and others will soon follow on the Salamanca branch. It is also Bros. H. B. Campbell and J. M. Campbell, extra; G. M. Sloughenhaupt, first "PA;" Bro. P. A. Campbell, second "SK," and more to follow on the main line soon.

A certain gentleman paid his compliments to several of the men on this division by sending them a copy of his little journal, in which it is pleasing to note the New Year resolution. We hope he will live up to it.

We are expecting to hold some very interesting brotherhood meetings at some point on this division before very long, which we hope will be well attended, as this will bring some of us closer together.

I received very good support from several of the brothers for this write-up, and hope the relief men will assist me hereafter with a few notes, as requested. Let me have your items not later than the 22d. I will appreciate it very much.

The D. & H. boys have certainly shown us how to make a quick settlement. All we need to do the same thing here is for every brother to take an active part and help us get in the nons. Then we can have a federation with the five great brotherhoods. Get busy, brothers, and work for thorough organization. Therein lies success.

CERT. 18.

Sunbury Division—

Dues period is here again, and I wish to call the attention of the members to the vital importance of keeping up to date, thus insuring your families' future welfare as well as doing your duty to organized labor. I have tried to encourage you all by the notes in these columns in the previous thirteen months, and did all I could for

my fellow telegraphers on the Sunbury and Shamokin Divisions. I took the reins when no one sought the position, and wish to thank the boys who have remained loyal. We must practice the "no card, no favors" rule more strenuously than heretofore, in order to thoroughly organize our divisions. The future is what we will make it. The time is ripe to get busy and do our duty to our organization and ourselves. A lesson has been taught us by the graceful manner the D. & H. boys played their part recently. When you talk federation, be sure you have the facts before you to make your hearers understand it. Best wishes to the "old guard."

CERT. 11.

Philadelphia Division—

Perhaps one of the things most feared in the world is poverty. The fear of old age will creep on and find one battling to keep poverty out. This discourages many people. Nobody wants to be dependent on others for the privilege of living after the brain has been dulled and the arm weakened by the ravages of time. It is not the idler who dreads the approach of poverty with the coming years, but the man who has worked hard, who has fought the battle, but not with the success to be assured that he has enough of the world's goods to rest when the shadows of life commence to lengthen and the sun goes down in the west. There has never been a good reason given why this dread should haunt us, because nearly everybody dies in "the harness." But the poorhouse has its horrors that often unfit a man in the very best portion of life. It would be a grand thing if we had no fear of old age and poverty—a bugaboo that does more harm than a belief in witches. Statistics show that ninety per cent of old men die poor, and underpaid telegraphers in general will be represented very largely in this ninety per cent of dependents.

The P. R. R. statistics show nearly four thousand pensioners. The engineers have twelve per cent retired with a pension, and the telegraphers not one per cent. On the three main-line divisions there isn't one telegrapher that has the pleasure of retirement. The reasons for such a discrepancy are high tension on the nervous system, lack of physical exercise, close confinement and the dreaded fear of making a mistake which might cause death and the facing of imprisonment for manslaughter.

"The heart that is soonest awake to the flowers is always the first to be touched by the thorns."

"Long, long be my heart with such
memories filled,
Like the vase in which roses have
once been distilled.
You may break, you may shatter the
vase if you will,
But the scent of the roses will hang
'round it still."

The semi-annual dues, commencing January 1st, are now due. Don't forget that "procrastination is the thief of time." Pay now and avoid the thief.

CERT. 2004.

N. Y., O. & W. R. R.*Northern Division*

Bro. J. J. Hartigan, first Oswego, while attending the funeral of a relative at Norwich, was relieved by G. A. Rhoades.

Bro. J. B. Dixon, of the Norwich dispatcher's force, visited his home town, North Bay recently.

Bro. P. J. Loftus, off a few days recently, was relieved by H. W. Lewis, who later relieved Bro. Wicks at Caughdenoy for a short time.

Bro. F. L. Hamilton, agent Central Square, is back again after being off a week with the la-grippe, relieved by Art Getman, formerly on N. Y. C., now a thrifty farmer.

Third Fulton and first Welbers have been abolished.

Bro. Beech, agent Galena, while off sick was relieved by his neighbor, Mr. Lindsley, D. L. & W. agent there who worked both jobs.

If I have called any one "Bro." not entitled to the title, do not let your conscience bother you, but just send in your application or pay up your back dues, and it will be all right.

H. K., Div. Cor., Cert. 122.

Southern Division

On January 8th, at Albany, Judge Brady found the New York Central Railroad guilty of violation of Section 8 of the Labor Law, which provides for two days' rest a month for signalmen and operators, and imposed the minimum fine. The district attorney brought the action on complaint of the Department of Labor, under Section 1275 of the Penal Law. The case will, no doubt, be appealed, but this decision leaves the Department in a position to bring further action in case of renewed violations, while the appeal is pending.

The chances now are far in our favor, that we will soon have two days off each month with pay, which we are so much entitled to, even with that, our working conditions in that respect are far behind other classes of labor, since we have to work all Sundays and holidays. However, it is one large advance step for the relief of those conditions, and from past experiences it is plain to be seen that solid organization is the only remedy to bring about conditions that will place us on equity with other employment of like nature. Therefore, I again appeal to you that it is your duty and for your benefit to have an up-to-date card by February 28. Do not give the nons a rest until you have them safe; I have plenty of blanks. Don't be afraid to ask for them.

Give your employers the best service you can and let them know that the O. R. T. is beneficial for them as well as for us. C. L. Cook, L. C.

Southern Division Notes

Bro. B. F. Maybee was off January 3d and 4th, relieved by Bro. Terwilliger.

Bro. R. Davis, second Cooks Falls, off December 31st and a few days in January, relieved by Extra Keator.

Bros. Misner and Barnes, second and third Neversink tower, changed about, as a result of Bro. Barnes having bid in second Roscoe.

Bro. H. A. Smith, third Cadonia, accompanied his wife to the home of her parents in Genesee County, January 7th, on account of the serious illness of Mrs. Smith's mother. Bro. Smith, who resumed work January 18th, was relieved the first day by the first and second trick men doubling and the balance of the time by relief operator, Bro. Lyons.

On Sunday, Jan. 11th. Bro. Walter Niles, who had been working at Atlanta, Ga., for some time, arrived in Cadonia in a condition where a little brotherly kindness was in order, and Bro. F. A. Wood, who came on duty at 3 p. m., making a few inquiries and using the wire, sent him on his way on train No. 5, with a kindly feeling in his heart for Division 20, as represented by Bros. Wood and Lyons of "HD" office.

The D. & H. one-day strike is an object lesson to the truth of the motto, "United we stand, divided we fall." Let us have our general chairman get busy with the chairmen of the other orders on this road, and arrange for a similar federation.

Bro. L. C. Wheat, agent Valley Junction, on December 30th moved into the new station there, one of the best on the road; lighted by electricity, heated by steam, etc. There are also six good living rooms over it.

Bro. Pierce, of Mamakating tower, was off account of sickness the last of December.

H. J. DE GRAW, Div. Cor.

C., H. & D. R. R.*Second District, South*

The year 1913 has passed into history. The Second District South, since April 1, 1913, have taken in six new members between Lima and Dayton, in addition to the renewals. The brothers are showing increased interest in the Order, for which they have our hearty thanks, as it augurs well for 1914.

Several minor grievances have been taken up and settled by your committee and the few others pending will no doubt be settled favorably to those interested. Any of the brothers having a grievance should first take it up personally with the proper official, preserving a copy of the correspondence, and if not successful in adjusting the trouble, then turn over all papers in the case to the local or general chairman, and anything possible will be done to reach an agreement. There must be good grounds for a complaint, otherwise the committee loses some of its influence for good, and lessens the chances for settling well-founded complaints. Within the past year no serious difficulties have arisen, chiefly because the company has been fair with the boys, and in return have received a maximum of good service from all, and where these conditions exist harmony is always the result. Let it continue so during the present year.

During the early part of the last year several of the brothers were victims of the great Ohio

valley flood. Although our efforts to aid them were unsuccessful they still carry an up-to-date card in their pockets.

A special assessment previously issued was recalled on November 23d. Anyone who may not yet have met the same should do so at once.

Although every brother I have talked to has paid up, placing our treasury in a healthy condition again.

During the year past there has not been a man on this district dismissed from the service for inefficiency.

Everyone should strive to put himself in a condition ready to accept a higher position offered at any time by making a constant and careful study of his line of work.

Division and committee meetings have been fairly well attended during the year, but the attendance in future, at the former, should be better, and every brother who can possibly do so, should attend as there is always a chance to learn something of interest to each individual operator, promotes more interest in our grand old Order, and instills friendship among the boys that would otherwise never materialize.

Along during the summer an effort was made to arrange for meeting at Lima, but so far none was ever called, and quite a bit of friendly criticism was directed towards the local chairman for the failure, but the fact of the matter is, this could not be avoided for various reasons, one of which was the inability of our general chairman to attend, account committee work which has been demanding most of his time since July, and as it was the desire of most of the boys to have our chairman present to give us a talk, meeting was not called as we secured no definite promise that he could attend, but as it's never too late to do good, we hope yet to be able to bring this meeting about, but would desire to have as a subject on which to talk, "A New Schedule," which likely will be the main topic of conversation when we again get together. Let us hope.

Towards the close the manual block system recently installed on this district is working fairly well.

The only point seemingly not clearly understood by trainmen being the allowing of one section of train to follow another, without first obtaining permission from the operator in advance. Before letting a second train into block ask the operator in advance for block and when the block is not clear, and the advance operator signals five, the operator having the train following should give 17 for whatever freight is about to enter block, and receive 13 from advance man before issuing caution board to the second train. When in doubt as to what to do at any time, ask your dispatcher, as the man in authority, and then go ahead.

Should some brother, with an up-to-date, happen your way, do everything you can to get him started right, but remember our slogan, "No card, no favors."

Don't forget to send the division correspondent a few notes each month.

I wish to thank every brother on the division for his assistance during the past year, in the

work of organization. Whenever an opportunity presents talk to the nons.

Anna agency was withdrawn from January 1st bulletin, Passman goes to "DY" dispatcher's office; Cawley gets first Troy, Baker first "GR" Cabin Troy; Cunningham second Leipsic Junction, Phillips agency Belmore, and Sullivan declines second Anna.

Ticket agency Brighton and third Tippecanoe City open January 1st.

Lilly, second S. W. Cabin, and Sellers, third Cridersville, are our new members for 1914. We all welcome them to Division 21.

Roomler gets first Lima, vice Cox going back to second there until advertised.

Second January bulletin: J. H. Ward to agency Brighton; J. C. Snell, third Troy; B. F. Ward, Third Tippi City; F. G. Shultz, second Anna, vice McCormick temporary; Cox gets second Lima, and Roberts, second North Lima, vice McCoubra temporary, leaving Stockton, Tippi City, Deahler and Bates and Erie Junction third, and North Lima third operator.

Let's try and persuade the boys filling these positions to come in with us, as the O. R. T. made it possible for them to bid on these jobs.

CERT. 207.

CARD OF THANKS.

I want to thank the members of Division 21 in behalf of my mother and father and myself, and express our appreciation of the beautiful floral offering presented by them at the funeral of my brother, Dec. 27, 1913.

D. E. GREENE, Cert. 198.

M., K. & T. "The Katy" R. R.

Waco District—

After a ten-year struggle in Nondom, the old Katy's name can now be erased from the list of non-scheduled roads. We have stepped from out that company with a schedule which pleases us all, and which was won by the efforts of the "true blues" who stood by the committee so faithfully; one which is so good that we are not ashamed to submit it to comparison with that of many older scheduled roads.

Along with the schedule we secured a nice increase of wages, and a general all-round readjustment of the wage scale. Relay men, straight telegraphers and agents were all remembered.

It behooves us to study the contract carefully clause by clause and live up to it in every particular. If you are entitled to any considerations in the way of hours of service or overtime under contract provisions, demand them.

The contract was fought for and obtained for the sole purpose of securing equal rights for all, and if a case of violation of it comes within your knowledge, report it to your local chairman.

"The concern of one is the concern of all," and if we allow precedents to be established, with the other fellow, our turn may come next.

The company has entered into this contract, in good faith, expecting to do its share toward living

up to its provisions, and it is up to you to show equally good faith.

We can all show our appreciation by making a general and immediate improvement in services rendered. Agents by personal solicitation of business and routing orders; all others affected, by more careful, efficient and prompt handling of the duties devolving upon them. We can, by this method, show the company that it has made a good investment, and thereby pave the way for future improvement in our own conditions financially and otherwise.

We are still afflicted with the usual quota of that ever present evil the non, who were the first to arise and cry, "Look what we have done," when the news of the favorable termination of our negotiations was announced.

I am calling the attention of the brothers, to those upon the Waco District and Texas Central, to the end that we, by individual effort, may show them the error of their way, and bring the desirable ones within the fold. We have them at "KV" Ft. Worth, New Yard, Alvarado, Burleson, Itasca, Hillsboro, Italy and at "D" Dallas. On the Texas Central at Whitney, De Leon and Cisco. These men were all legislated for and are enjoying the benefits and protection of the contract, to say nothing of the increase in wages, and have done nothing so far to assist us in any way.

If I have overlooked any of the nons in this write-up, let not their souls be grieved, for I will remember them in my next, and if any of those noted have lined up, kindly advise me and I will be more than glad to correct the error and call them brother.

Kindly bear in mind that the motto adopted by this division is strictly "No card, no favors," and should be lived up to the letter.

CERT. 4117.

TO THE NONS.

You have read, and you have heard it repeated time and again, "Where there is unity there is strength." A house divided against itself can not stand, and that you can take one small stick, and break it with ease, but if you try to break a bunch of them tied together, you will find it a very difficult task; so it is with our organization, if we all join hand and hand, in a solid body, mighty and strong we will be.

You nons have received just as much benefit as far as the increase and working conditions are concerned as the loyal and trustworthy members have, and we, "the true blues," are sincerely asking you once more to come with us, and make one solid body of true blues for the entire M., K. & T. system, and prove to the good officials that organized telegraphers are better for the company, more loyal to their duty, a better class of men, than non-unionized men, by being loyal to ourselves, loyal to the company's interests, and performing our duty right up to the minute at all times.

Friend non, don't you want to be recognized by the company as one of the above? Have you

any reason for standing back? You know that you have no good reason, and we want you to come in now, and be one of us.

United we will march steadily on, but divided we will be scattered to the four winds, and fall. You have my message, and I trust that you will look on it in a true light for your sake and come with us.

J. I. GATES.

C., M. & St. P. Ry.

La Crosse Division and Milwaukee Terminals—

The meetings at La Crosse on January 15th and at Portage on January 16th were certainly well attended. They were called to order by Local Chairman Upham, who, after a few brief remarks, turned the meeting over to General Chairman Soyster, and we had the pleasure of listening to a very interesting talk on various subjects which are or should be near and dear to every brother who is taking any interest in the welfare of his craft.

Brothers, I wish to urge one and all to get busy, and if you are unable to pull, then push, but be sure to see that your hat is in the ring, and that you are under it, and give our local chairman all the assistance you can in lining up the division solid. All appoint yourselves a committee of one and send me at least one item of news.

Bro. P. E. Call appointed to first, and T. J. Marven to second Roymore; H. L. Jones to second Black River draw, and J. B. Alleman to third Black River draw, La Crosse; and E. L. Johnson to third Sparta.

Mauston third is open for bids on account of putting on a day man there.

Bro. Ruck is relieving K. D. Smith on third New Lisbon.

Bro. H. C. Hausen, Portage, on a leave of absence looking over the insurance field, was relieved by W. J. Hayes, and he on second there by A. D. Zepherine.

Bro. Williams is relieving Bro. Higgins, third North La Crosse, called home owing to the illness of his mother.

Bro. Lucas, West Portage tower, is off on account of an injury, relieved by Switch Tender Ebert.

Div. Cor.

C. & M. Division—

Bro. Smith, first A-68, off a couple of months, relieved by Bro. Miller, and he on second by Mr. Vetberg.

Bro. L. N. Oskins, second "RA," spent Christmas in Ohio. On his return Bro. G. W. Yates, of third, was off three or four days. Bro. M. J. Gould, agent, off on account of sickness; Bro. Oskins, second, acting as agent.

Bro. C. F. Lucas has been relieving on second "RA," Agent Wadsworth working second "U" in order to help out the sick at "RA." We are very short of extra men.

Bro. Appleyard, agent Gurnee, was off a few days recently.

Bro. G. H. Lane was off a few days, relieved by Extra Coffman.

Bro. H. C. Cone on six months' leave, relieved by L. M. Oskins.

Mr. Ripple bid in Hebron tower second. Zenda agency, on the Jonesville line is open—a good little station.

R. E. Sizer, our chief, has been in the hospital with smallpox several weeks. Mr. Carroll, third dispatcher, is acting as chief.

J. Tuffley, Western avenue tower A-2, assistant train director, has been discharged through the influence of the C. & N. W. Had he been an Order man we might have tried to get him reinstated, but he didn't believe in belonging to our Order.

Boys, let's try to line up all the newcomers, so as to keep as near solid as possible.

CERT. 1261.

Kansas City Division—

Bro. R. D. Adkins, agent Rutledge, on six weeks' vacation visiting his parents at Wakenda, Mo., relieved by Sister Sisk, relieved on third Rutledge by Bro. Staufft, from the Wabash.

Recent assignments: Third Cone to C. F. Johnson; second Excelsior Springs to O. W. Schendell; third Osgood to C. O. Johnson; third Chillicothe to Bro. J. L. Gatson, second Chula to Bro. L. B. Carson.

Local Chairman Gallagher and his family are spending the winter in Yuma, Ariz.; Bro. C. E. English relieving, relieved by Bro. Findlay on second.

Former Bro. D. C. Spoor, Cedar Rapids, for the past two years following other work, got into the game at Walford when the derailment occurred in January. The wires had to be cut in, and Conger happened to be there.

Bro. McDonald was a Kansas City visitor recently, Bro. L. W. O'Neill relieving.

A meeting of Kansas City Division boys was held in Ottumwa on January 3d. Those present were: Bros. Gallagher, Hodenfield, Brown, Busick, Roberts, Barnard, O'Neill, Wright and Hoover.

Div. Cor.

C. & C. B., Illinois Division —

Bro. Pollock opened the office, January 1st, at McQueens, for the care of the push engines on Elgin Hill, later assigned to Bro. Orth.

The last block of the automatic signals was put into effect at 2 p. m., January 21st, completing the division, and about twenty tricks were taken off. Bros. Orth, Keith, Bradbury, Eude, Kline and Pollock, also Messrs. White and Lewin, were displaced by the signals. The following positions were put up for them, but not yet assigned: Second and third Racine, second Beloit, and third at Corliss, Kittredge, Bridge Switch, Ashdale and Albany nights.

Bro. LeMaster is relieving Bro. Sumner at Roselle.

Bro. Norton, Byron third, is confined to bed. Bro. Rex Hayes relieving.

Bro. Overcash, Fulton, on ninety-day vacation with Mrs. Overcash to the Pacific coast, relieved by Bro. Fischer, of Albany. One man worked the same trick on this division for over a year, and the brother working with him never said "O. R. T." to him after the first day he worked. He was willing to come in, but had no one to help him. Write them up when you have them handy. Our local chairman can't see them all.

Send your items to S. V. Pollock, Box 44, Pingree Grove, Ill. Let's have some every month. S. V. POLLOCK, Div. Cor.

C. & C. B.—In Iowa Division—

In the November issue a mistake was made in mentioning Bro. P. H. Alberts, at Green Island, as a non. I am glad to insert this correction to rectify my error. Bro. Alberts is up to date and in good standing.

Let your watchword from now on be: "Now or never." Stand back of your committee and be a man.

Recent appointments: Bro. W. E. Ernen, third Council Bluffs yard; Bro. C. A. Conklin, third Dedham; Bro. C. R. Kassel, second Covington.

Bro. Kruse, Van Horne; Bro. Coughlin, Elberon second; Bro. Leonard, Atkins, and Bro. A. A. Jordan, Covington, were Cedar Rapids visitors on December 20th.

Bro. W. W. Key, Madrid second, is on an extended vacation visiting friends and relatives at Gretna, Neb.; relieved by Bro. H. E. Merkle.

Bro. R. M. C. Condon, Vining third, while attending some Odd Fellows' lodge affairs at Dawson, was relieved by Bro. Hedlind, who later went to Bagley second.

Bro. O. J. Atkins, after relieving Mr. Byrd at Keystone, relieved Bro. H. C. Van Dyke at Coon Rapids, on vacation to Wisconsin.

Bro. E. C. Rood, Slater tower first, and Bro. R. E. Heath, third, attended the special O. R. T. meeting in Des Moines on January 20th, and report an interesting time.

Mr. Stone, a non from North Carolina, discharged at Covington for continuous sleeping, was relieved by Mr. Welsh, a student. Bro. Fickes, from Murphy, unable to secure a boarding place at Covington to bump Bro. Jordan, relieved Bro. Grossman at Elberon.

Bro. J. R. Millett, Van Horne third, did a first-class "safety first" act by flagging No. 63 with a broken beam down, thereby preventing what might have been a bad wreck.

Louisa nights closed, and Bro. Mozeney is now working twelve hours, Bro. E. T. Corbett bumping Bro. L. R. Carbee from second trick, who later resigned. Bro. A. A. Jordan, of third, bumped Mr. Welsh at Covington. Mr. Trickler, who bid in Covington second, was unable to get board, and is baching in the waiting room there. He promises to be with us soon as he can afford it.

Bro. A. A. Hottle, Slater tower second, attending his little boy, who was sick at Jewell Jct., was relieved the first day by Bro. Rood and Bro.

Heath doubling, and later by C. T. U. Bro. J. J. Duggan.

Bro. E. T. Corbett has been on the sick list with swollen head and jaws. Bro. M. A. DeVoe, returned from the hospital much improved, will go back to Indian Creek soon as he gets stronger.

Bro. R. E. Heath, Slater tower, down with the grippie, was relieved the first night by Bros. Rood and Hottle doubling, and for two weeks afterwards by Bro. C. D. Schenkin, from Keystone, later bumped by Bro. T. L. Coughlin.

Bro. A. A. Hottle, Slater tower second, off with a very bad case of ear trouble, was relieved first night by Bros. Heath and Rood doubling; afterwards by ex-Bro. Charles Rupp, now in the railway mail service; later relieved by Bros. O. J. Atkins.

Have that non you are working with join, and bring him to a club meeting, so that he may "get wise." It is the man who fights for his own interest and those of his fellow-men who makes the world a better place to live in. The moochers "never done nuthin' for nobody" and never will at "no time."

Through the columns of our journal I wish to thank the worthy brothers who have taken the time to send me items, and hope you will continue doing so in the future. In order that this division be properly represented in the journal, it is necessary to have a contributor on the Calmar line, two on the east end between Marion and Savanna, one on the Middle Division and two on the west end. Now, boys, help me out on this. A good write-up is equal to a good meeting.

If you have not already paid your dues for the present term, you must do so immediately, as it will soon be necessary for us to present a solid front. We have a few nons scattered over the division who should be induced to join at once, and each member should take it upon himself to help get them in. If our division is to become absolutely solid, you will be compelled to lend a helping hand, as our local chairman, with two or three others, can not do it all. Remember that co-operation becomes efficient only through individual effort. Do your duty and be blessed.

CERT. 1408.

Dubuque Division—

It's a long time since the Dubuque Division was heard from in these columns, the division correspondent having resigned.

We are having real mild weather so far, summer trains being handled over this division this winter.

Third has been put on at LaCrescent, Bro. Geo. Snure, River Division, assigned.

Agent Lund at Brownsville has been on the sick list again. Bro. Ed. Boeckh, of LaCrescent, relieving him.

Third trick at Reno, second at Harpers Ferry, Buena Vista and Specht's Ferry, were recently put on, but were abolished after ten days.

Bro. Robertson has resigned Heytmans nights, going into the rural mail service at Ferryville, Wis.; E. Manning assigned.

Bro. Wayne Martin had a close call for his life on the night of January 4th when No. 76 derailed four cars just west of the station, completely destroying the platform and moving the depot.

Bro. V. G. Drumb has returned from Florida, having put in about six weeks on his farm; relieved by Bro. J. J. Degnan, recently assigned third Guttenberg.

Bro. Ed. Christ, agent Turkey River, is on sick list.

Bro. L. W. Obershaw transferred from Gordon's Ferry to Dubuque Shops, and Bro. Yohe from Waukon Jct. to Gordon's Ferry.

Bro. Beerman, on six months' leave, is now in Portland, Ore., Bro. Lyman having charge at Spring Grove.

Motor car has been in service between Dubuque and Waukon Jct., on Nos. 30 and 31, for several months.

Bro. L. E. Webb, agent Cascade, appointed to second Preston, Minn.; H. L. Goodsell transferred from LaMotte to Cascade.

The West Union Line is coming right to the front, Bros. W. C. Towle at Littleport, and H. J. Hansel at Osterdock, having recently joined our ranks.

Supt. Stapleton, on two months' vacation, will be relieved by Chief Dispatcher Anderson; Dispatcher Crawford to act as chief, and Bro. W. O. Wright to work first.

Bro. L. J. Christ appointed to second Turkey River, and Bro. J. W. VanHorn Turkey River Jct. nights.

Two new men on the division, O. F. Knapp at Smiths nights, and W. T. Townsend extra.

CERT. 2095.

Des Moines Division—

Only three nons and two delinquents on this division. If you are one of the five, get in line and help the good cause along. If you don't understand how things stand call up or write Local Chairman Cunningham at Panora.

Bro. Carl Osborn, of Marathon, who spent a few days in January visiting friends over the division, was relieved by Ed. Olson, an extra man, living at Clive, brother to the relief dispatcher in Des Moines. Ed. will get a card soon as qualified and has a steady position.

Wm. Roach, second Clive, is enjoying the benefits of our schedule, and does not have a card. He, as well as a few others, need a reminder. Let's try.

Mr. Watts, on third, is not in the condition to belong to the Order as yet, but I am sure he will as soon as possible. He used to carry a card years ago.

Mrs. L. Jefferies, of Jefferson, and Mrs. O. W. Nelson, of Adel, were recent Des Moines visitors.

Chief Dispatcher W. D. Chase was called back East to attend the funeral of his sister. We O. R. T. boys extend our heartfelt sympathy.

Bro. T. Hayyett, of Granger, off a few days, was relieved by Ed. Olson.

The post office at Panora was robbed January 22d. The robbers then broke into the tool house and swiped the hand-car, making their escape.

Boys, if you must leave for any length of time, ask permission; all good O. R. T. members will help a dispatcher out.

It is rumored that the Des Moines Division is going to have a general clean-up in the freight and train service. Better take warning and attend to business.

Wires are to be installed at Rands; understood is for Western Union biz only, but it undoubtedly will end in a regular telegraph job.

Our committee is still in Chicago, and we expect good results.

The weather has been fine and track in good shape for this time of year, nevertheless business is not as good as it was last year, but our officials are pleased to say that the agents and operators have done their work well, and sincerely hope they will all remain on the job.

The Des Moines O. R. T. Club has its regular meetings as usual; a special meeting was called Tuesday, Jan. 20th, for the C. R. I. & P. officials, and a big meeting Sunday, Jan. 25th. O. R. T. boys will be able to bring their wives and lady friends into the meetings hereafter. We want a better attendance and think this will help out; once the women get acquainted, they will probably organize a Ladies' Auxiliary.

If anyone of you are in trouble or not satisfied with your conditions, etc., just write the local chairman and explain it; if anything can possibly be done he will do it for you, and if any news please call "C" and tell me or write me at Clive. S. S. P., Cor.

Soo City and Dakota Division—

We can have some kind of a write-up each month if the assistants will come to the rescue. It is necessary to have a member on the Manilla Line to send in the news, also one on the Soo Falls Line, one on the Mitchell Line, one on the Armour Branch, and one on the Platte Line, in order to make the write-up complete. The first thing is to find the member who will take enough interest each month to pick up a few items, which are of interest to those who have left the division, as well as those who are still here.

We only have three agents on this division now on the non list, but we are not represented at Yankton, and have not been for some time. There is also a strong force of nons at Sioux Falls.

Remember especially that while the committee is working for a revised schedule it is necessary to support it to the limit. A committee can not accomplish results without the support of the membership, therefore each one of you interest yourselves to that extent. We have complained about the United States mail for a great many years; since Jan. 1st, 1913, we have had extra weight added, with the parcel post, which has reduced express commissions about 30 per cent. The new express rates will make more express at a small compensation. Our salaries should be

readjusted, and we should be relieved of the United States mail. We do not want to handle it at any price, but if we are obliged then we should be compensated for that work, as the Postmaster General has so recommended that the company receive an increase for extra weight. Our class of employes in Canada have recently been relieved of handling the government mail, and so should we in this country. The company claims it is compelled, by contract, to handle the mail to and from the postoffice, but it is not a life contract.

Mr. Van Pelt, from the K. C. S., at Hornick, says the O. R. T. never did him any good. I remember when the old Pittsburgh & Gulf (now K. C. S.) paid operators \$30.00 per month.

Everybody play safe and send in your dues to Bro. Derrickson, and M. B. D. assessments to Bro. Quick before the last minute (Feb. 28th).

No chance to square it with the fire inspector; out with the oil stoves and in with the cook stoves in accordance with the latest circular.

Bro. Perry writes from Mapleton a line is being surveyed from Rodney to Manning, on the C. & C. B. Division, through north of Mapleton, through Dennison, which will probably be the main line, instead of the present one from Rodney to Manilla.

Bulletin of second Charter Oak, vice Non Bristol, expired January 20th. Mr. Newman from the W. U. Omaha three pending appointment.

Bro. McKnight, "DS" Soo City, later Hornick second, is now with the Union Pacific at Freemont, Neb. Dispatchers' force "DS" reduced to five, Given taking side table, first, vice Sellers to Brughier Bridge, and Mr. Fletcher as second telegrapher.

We have a relief agent who figures the overtime to a cent, but claims to have no time for the organization.

Mr. Helvik, from the C. & N. W., appointed third Mapleton. See that he keeps his promise. Bro. C. Perry, former relief agent this division, appointed second Mapleton.

Burbank has been made a telegraph station at \$45 a month with the reduced express commission and 30 cents overtime each evening meeting No. 3. Bro. O. E. Burton, the agent there, bid in second Hornick.

Utica station expired January 20th, no appointment as yet. Bro. Parker resigned to go farming. No living rooms, \$55 a month with reduced express commission.

Bro. Schultz, of Vermillion second, and wife, spent the holidays with his wife's folks at Ethan.

Helpers taken off allowing a clerk at Wagner on account of crop failure from Wagner north. At Geddes and Platte allowing a clerk only. The latter is getting to be one of the heavy parcel post points, receiving about a ton of mail some evenings.

This is my first and last attempt at a write-up for this division. Bro. McKinnon will have to appoint another correspondent. I decided to try it once, but it's impossible for one man to get all the news, especially on a division cut up in subdivisions the way this one is. I had it all lined

as I thought for items by the twenty-fourth, but all I secured was a few from the Manilla and Mitchell lines, and Armour Branch. I've resigned.
H. F. W.

Armour Line—

Bro. Parker, Utica, S. D., has resigned and expects to join the "back to the farm" movement; Utica on bulletin.

It is now Bro. Knoll at Kaylor. The young agents are the boys who are not backward about coming in. It is also Bro. Johnson at Dimock.

Fine weather for railroading this winter, very little snow or stormy weather.

Weighing United States mail will soon occur, we are advised.

N. A. Batchelder, our old-time T. B. M. express messenger, telegrapher, relief agent, etc., on the Armour Line, is reported to have resigned and taken the active management of a blacksmith and machine shop at Tripp, relieved by Wm. Sigloh.

South Dakota will soon be a two and a half cent fare State, which puts a quietus on the two-cent fare howl.
Div. Cor.

Trans-Missouri Division, Puget Sound Lines—

We should make an effort to have this division 100 per cent strong, and should use the "no card, no favors" motto whenever we get a chance, so as not to let the non live with a smile off our earnings and hear him say: "I get along just as well as those who belong." Give him the "cold shoulder;" that will cure him.

C. H. Houck, second McLaughlin, bid in Faith agency, but resigned before taking charge and was relieved by Albert Kirby on second there pending bulletin. Second there later bid in by Bro. T. J. Kelly, from third McIntosh, who was relieved by Bro. T. H. Wagner, from second Reeder, which position was closed. L. R. Mabrey, from Mobridge relay office, took second McIntosh, bumping Bro. M. R. Bennett. R. B. Houck, third McLaughlin, bumped L. R. Mabrey on second McIntosh, who I think took out a card and went east.

Bro. E. C. Weatherly, agent Walker, with wife, took a thirty-day vacation and went East, visiting relatives and the large cities, relieved by Bro. M. R. Bennett.

Bro. S. W. Fuller, first McIntosh, with wife, went back East during the holidays, taking in the sights around Albert Lea, relieved by Bro. M. R. Bennett, who went from Walker on Bro. Weatherly's return.

Bro. E. A. Cornell, agent Scranton, with wife, are off on sixty days' vacation, enjoying the winter in sunny Florida, relieved by C. J. Olson, from Morristown.

A. J. Eide, agent Thunderhawk, who can not afford to carry a card, was off a few days, relieved by Sister Holmes, from Mobridge.

R. H. Laird, first Marmarth, on vacation, relieved by W. J. Dickerson, from third, relieved by F. E. Frankenburger. H. D. Stevenson on

second bumped by Bro. Carlin from second Reeder, which position was closed.

Bro. E. C. Holman from Mobridge relay bumped F. E. Frankenburger, later there on third.

Bro. Merrick, relief agent, relieving Bro. Frundle, agent Reeder, who is visiting relatives and friends at Slater, Iowa.

A. O. Thompson, cashier Hettinger, on two months' vacation, relieved by a Mr. Johnson.

Bro. Earl Leighty, second Bowman, off a few days, was relieved by H. D. Stevenson, from Marmarth. Bro. Leighty called on the writer between trains recently.

Bro. Russell Kirby, formerly on this division, writes that he is now located with the C. G. W.

J. P. Rothman, our industrious chief dispatcher, taking two weeks' vacation visiting relatives in the East, relieved by First Trick Dispatcher H. L. Wilttrout, relieved by F. R. Doud, third, and he by Bro. H. R. Winship, agent Kaiser.

Bro. R. A. Chase, first trick McLaughlin, says he smokes "Peerless" union-made, and has trained the smoke from his pipe to spell "O. R. T." Can you beat it?

We now have two important matters before us—nomination of a local chairman, vice Bro. O. S. Smith, resigned and gone East in other business, and our meeting at Lemmon. We should give these our personal attention.

I received no news from the brothers on the branches, and therefore am unable to give the changes.
CERT. 2145.

Rocky Mountain Division, Puget Sound Lines—

Bro. W. B. Bradley relieves Dispatcher C. G. Brown, who goes to Lewistown. Bro. Jacob Schaefer, from Great Falls Line, relieved Bro. Bradley at Lennep, then bumped Mr. Campbell, relieving Bro. Pete Entringer, first Summit. Campbell relieves Bro. D. V. Phare, third Sixteen. Bro. and Sister Sill, of Summit, relieved a few days by Mrs. Campbell on second, and Mr. Ernst, a new man, on third.

Dispatchers now working the entire division Deer Lodge to Lewistown one man. For awhile the men on second and third tricks had to copy their own orders in addition to looking after 300 miles of railroad, but the second and third tricks have recently been reopened. Boomer Joiner is relieving Bro. Clark, on an extended visit East; Mr. Mulberger on second and Dispatcher Bro. O. C. Linden on third. Ex-Bro. Dispatcher R. W. Maggett returned from a holiday vacation in North Carolina, looking well and merry and fit for another year's struggle.

Bro. M. E. Spencer is back at Willow Creek, vice Bro. W. A. Horejs, now wielding the ax at Schiffman's Spur, cutting mining stulls at so much per foot.

Bro. George Redding has returned from Kentucky to third Donald.

The proposed twelve-hour offices at Janney and Newcomb were not opened, Janney being made a two-trick office instead. This let out Bro. J. W. Thompson on third, filling in now and then on first and second.

Bro. E. M. Kay and daughter have returned from an extended visit through the East. Bro. Curn, of Sixteen, has also returned from a trip East.

Bro. Early, of Ringling, is spending the winter months back at the "old homestead" in Pennsylvania. The Montana ranch is too cold for Jack in the winter.

Bro. Bothmer is on vacation, relieved by Bro. Reed at Two Dot.

Bro. C. E. Harmon, relieving at various points for the past two months, has gone back to Iowa and will stay on the farm until business picks up.

Bro. M. F. Riddell is relieving Bro. H. D. Hughes at Lombard.

Only one or two nons left on the east end.

Butte Relay, G. S.—Bro. Massing has returned from a trip to Buffalo, N. Y.

Bro. T. L. Ballew has returned from Port Allen, La.

Second and third trick wire chiefs removed; positions filled with operators. First trick wire chief subject to call at any hour in case of wire trouble. Second and third trick wire chiefs—Bros. Gray and Faucher—returned from their vacations to find their titles abolished, both now working as day operators.

D. R. Snyder is now with the Postal.

"MC" Miles City relay office has been closed, "GS" office is now testing wires Butte to Miles City east.
CERT. 1489, Div. Cor.

Yellowstone Division—

Bro. C. Huyck, Forsyth, Mont., calls attention to Bro. J. W. Ezell, Division 93, Cert. 234, who has already served ten years of a life sentence in the Pittsburg, Pa., penitentiary for killing a yard-master in self-defense. An attorney hopes to secure him a pardon, provided he can raise sufficient funds to handle the case properly. Among other things Bro. Ezell is making is a handsomely carved bone stylus for copying train orders, which Bro. Huyck is selling for him at 50 cents. It is well worth the money, and by purchasing one you are helping a worthy brother in trouble.

Musselshell Division—

Bro. J. H. Cook, third Shawmut, off for a few days, was relieved by Operator LeRoy, who later relieved Bro. McIntyre on second Musselshell a few days.

Claude Mitchell relieved Bro. Bazek at Baker one night, Bro. Dunn at Dodge two nights, Bro. Pickard at Melstone a few days and wound up at Roundup, where he relieved Bro. Cedersten and L. A. Copp a few days each.

Bro. Irvine, agent Ryegate, and Bro. Hurlbut, agent Terry, each working a six-hour trick on account of reduction in force. Bro. Rediske, third Ryegate, bumped A. C. Parks on third Harlowton.

Bro. G. P. Herod assigned second trick Vanda, displacing Bro. Ray Clevenger, who bumped Bro. Burke at Baker and then relieved Bro. Foster at Ryegate, L. A. Coop at Roundup, and Bro.

Herod and Vanda a few days each, finally laying off and taking a trip East.

Bro. W. A. Aasve relieved Bro. W. F. Corcoran on Bascom days a short time, and then asked for leave of absence and went East with Bro. Fuller, recently bumped off third Musselshell.

Bro. C. H. Burnworth back at Ingomar, displacing Bro. Heise, who relieved Bro. Blazek on third Baker and Bro. Sharp on third Miles City yard a few nights, and then went to Musselshell second and relieved Bro. McIntyre, who was off on account of his wife's illness.

Bro. Ray Clevenger and C. B. Mastin, of Vanda, on short vacation. Understand Mastin, who has mooched the Order now for two years, was looking for a better job. A non has no friends among any of the railroad employees on this division.

Bro. M. J. Corcoran, agent Forsyth, was compelled to take his wife to Rochester, Minn., to undergo an operation for an abscess. We sincerely hope she will fully recover and Mike will again carry that smile that won't come off. "WD" is handling the station, and Miss Mary working second during his absence.

Bro. Sharp from third Miles City yard to Ingomar, where he relieved Bro. Burnworth one day and then went to third Calabar to relieve Bro. H. J. Thompson for a couple of weeks.

Bro. J. H. Jesser, back from vacation, worked one night on third Miles City yard and then resumed duty at Mildred, displacing R. T. Davis, extra.

Bro. T. E. Crandall, first Ismay, off a couple of days, was relieved by H. L. Struckmeyer.

The depression this time hit the dispatcher's office, and Dispatchers Kohlase and Pence are on the shelf until spring work opens up. This leaves our three old heads—Johnson, Corbett and Veitch, working through from Harlowton to Marmarth—340 miles.

Bro. Cedersten, as member of the "safety first" committee is proving a joke—to himself. Some time ago he fell off a motorcar and broke both wrists. More recently he tried to drive a buggy over an automobile and sustained two broken ribs, and at the last meeting, only for the timely assistance of Bro. Corcoran, he would have been run down by a hearse.

In a previous write-up Bros. Cedersten, C. L. Burke, A. K. Edmonds and E. J. Miller were referred to as "Mr." This was all wrong, as there isn't a moocher among the bunch. These errors are unavoidable, and I wish the members would call my attention to them when they are noticed.

Another error was made in reporting Bro. Berger off for the holidays. This should have read: "Bro. Blazek, of Baker."

Bros. A. F. Maile assigned first, W. J. Doherty second, and Mr. F. P. Rozum third Miles City yard.

It has been the practice lately on the part of some nons on this division to try to humiliate a certain alleged "scab" over the wires. He is

contributing exactly the same amount annually as they are to help keep up our wages and working conditions. Some of the brothers allowing themselves to become delinquent might give this some thought also.

A certain non who realized a \$60 a year increase only a few months ago, who has not yet given the Order the \$12 it is entitled to, was heard recently doubling over another non's trick. Members should turn this in, as it is a violation of the nine-hour law, and would be a very effective way of getting rid of two undesirables.

Bro. C. H. Burnworth, assistant general chairman, is a very busy man these days on account of so much reduction in force and so much bumping going on. With all the bad features of the present conditions, there are certain good features of the schedule brought to light which were framed for just such an emergency and which have not heretofore been understood. Many of the members are learning the value of an accurate seniority list and correct dating. This despicable non, of course, is sneaking in on his share of it also. CERT. 2446.

Missoula Division

The local chairman wishes to express his gratitude to the members who gave their assistance towards getting so many nons during the past few weeks. If the members will continue to lend their assistance, it will be but a month or two until we will be solid. We have not a delinquent on the division, and the nons are being filtered out so rapidly that they are withering away like the last roses of summer when Jack Frost has landed upon them with his cold feet and deadly power.

Bro. F. W. Williams, Deer Lodge, resigned, relieved by Bro. McGuire.

Bro. W. F. Marshall was off New Year's, visiting with his mother and father in Missoula.

Bro. Bill Sowden, of third Avery, has been called to his home in New York on account of his mother being very ill. We hope he found her much improved. He was relieved by Mr. Parsons. Get after him, boys, and change the prefix.

Sister Smith, at Kyle, has her sister, Corine, visiting her for awhile.

Sisters Van Antwerp and Trimble are receiving bouquets at their home in Falcon.

The twins from Adair were in Avery to a dance recently.

Bro. Clark, of Roland, made a rushing trip to Spokane last week, where he saw many plays, took in dances and had a general good time. Bro. and Sister Clark were to a chicken dinner at East Portal, given by Bro. and Sister Dean, a few days ago.

Sister Maud McMillan, extra Roland, visited her sister in St. Regis a few days ago.

Sister Mrs. Ray received a call to Mildred last week, where her daughter, Louise, resides. A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Miller, so now we can say Aunt Kate and Aunt Margaret.

Sister Margaret Ray relieved her mother at Superior, and she was relieved by Bro. Herndon.

Bro. Hanson, of Huson, was off awhile on account of his father's death, relieved by Bro. Herndon. Bro. Hanson has our utmost sympathy in his bereavement.

Bro. and Sister Dean visited in Missoula the second week in January.

Bro. Glover, of East Portal, made a flying trip to Superior recently to a Sunday school party, and met many nice young people.

Bro. Brink has returned from his vacation and bid in Saltese agency.

Sister Maxwell gave a dinner to the young people of Saltese recently, and Glover ran off with the gelatin.

Sister Kate Ray made a visit to St. Regis a few days ago.

Bro. Van Antwerp is relieving Mr. Johnson, second Alberton, while East. He bid in second Deer Lodge.

Mr. Baker, first Alberton, on side table Missoula for a week while Bro. Brien filled the dispatcher's chair, Mr. Hanson acting chief in the meantime.

Sister Margaret had a nice trip to Missoula during the holidays.

Bro. and Sister Clark spent Christmas at East Portal.

Bro. Randolph relieved Sister Maud Martin on Christmas, while she went to a dance at St. Regis. Bro. Smith, of St. Regis, spent Christmas at home in Bonner, relieved by Bro. Mike Palarski.

Bro. Glover spent Christmas with friends in Missoula.

Bro. J. W. Smith, who relieved Bro. Dean at East Portal, off on business, is now on Saltese third.

Sister Dean relieved Sister Eva Kent at Adair recently.

Bros. Dean and Glover spent January 2d at Roland, attending the mayor's birthday.

Bro. Cullen has bought the store at Tarkio. We wish him the best of success.

Local Chairman Dean and Bro. Glover visited our N. P. brother, Bro. Holroyd, at Saltese, recently, and find him a most pleasant man.

Sister Margaret Ray was off sick three days the second week in January.

Jobs bulletined lately were third Haugan, bid in by Bro. Maxwell; agency at Saltese, bid in by Bro. Brink, and second "DG."

Bro. Glover left January 22d on a trip to Spokane and Deer Park, Wash.; thence to Missoula, Butte, Three Forks and Lewistown; relieved by Sister Dean.

The "Chinese Twins" are well.

W. H. G., Cert. 2695.

Coast Division—

A very successful meeting was held at Labor Temple, Seattle, January 11th. In the absence of Bro. Hurley, who was in town, as well as Bro. Pope, but did not attend, Bro. Nisonger called the meeting to order at 2:30 p. m.

Bro. Manion, fifth vice-president, favored us with an address, which was heartily appreciated. Bros. Thompson, Woods and Young, general committee of the O. W. R. & N.; Bro. Bergum, local chairman Seattle Division and organizer, and Bro. Compton also favored us with short talks; and the results obtained by our general committee in session and a two hours' discussion of grievances were had.

Among others who attended the meeting were: Bros. Switzer, Kettering, Lang, Napier, Wood, Kidd, Stewart, G. F. Hurley, Grummell, W. A. McKinnon, J. M. Olsen, A. J. Farley and Nisonger from the Tacoma line; Bro. and Sister Martin and Bingham, Everett line; Church, Taylor, Wooten, J. P. Terry, Wools and Gordon, main line.

The joint meeting of the N. P. Seattle Division and C. M. & St. P. Coast Division, held at Cle Elum on Saturday, January 17th, was attended by only four of the latter. There should have been at least a dozen present, as the meeting was arranged at our request. Bro. Wools was relieved to attend by Bro. Cronk, and Bro. Taylor, first Cedar Falls by Mr. Clayton.

Mr. Merritt, who went to Cle Elum to relieve Bro. Howard during holidays, only worked one day, when he met with an accident, breaking his hip, and is now confined at the Seattle Pacific Hospital. We all hope for his speedy recovery. Bro. Nash relieved him.

Bro. Leamy, agent Rockdale, off recently, was relieved by Mr. Clayton.

Sister Leamy, second Rockdale, while spending holidays in Tacoma, was relieved by Bro. Cronk.

Thanks to Bro. Church for notes.

Whittier discontinued temporarily. Bro. Chadderdon, Whittier nights, who relieved Bro. Chadwick, agent Easton, a few days and Bro. Pope, agent Keechelus, while visiting "Sound" points, was relieved, on vacation to Idaho, by Bro. Cronk.

The extra list is pretty thickly populated at present.

Mr. Milray, second Renton, C. P. S., appointed agent Maple Valley, vice J. A. McEachern, on vacation on account of poor health.

Bro. Erland relieved Bro. Adams, agent Laconia, for Christmas holidays. Bro. J. C. Martin, third Laconia, while spending a few weeks with Bro. G. E. Martin at Monroe, was relieved by Mr. Sutton.

Snowfall is very light in the mountains so far, and no delay to trains from that source, but we have had hard rainfalls, which demoralized traffic on the Grays Harbor branch for several days and caused a slide at Renton.

R. F. Rader, formerly "TC," who relieved Bro. Barrett, third Auburn, a few nights, was later relieved on second North Puyallup, owing to illness, by Bro. Lang, now out of the service for refusing to furnish bond, relieved by Bro. Boylan.

Whittier and Bandera reopened as night offices on account of recent snowfall.

Business is picking up again, due to the opening of lumber camps and mills on the "Sound," closed for the past few months.

Our division is in better condition now than it has been for some time, but we must try to get it lined up 100 per cent. Each one pick out his man and land him. Hogan and Cummings, Enumclaw; Carew, Rockdale; Clayton, Sutton; Maddox, Weister; Rader, Owens extra; McKay, "FD," and Robinson, "S," are all good men, and there's no reason why they shouldn't come in; so let's keep after them.

Several complaints about obscenity on wires at night. I hardly think this comes from any of the brothers. In any event, it should be discontinued.

A certain non on this division, who refuses to join, quite frequently obliges one of our brothers to violate the hours-of-service law by protecting his trick. Instead of laying himself liable to federal prosecution, this brother should report this case. If all the members will apply "no card, no favors," we would accomplish more.

Bro. Young, general chairman of the O. W. R. & N., has invited me to attend a meeting of the S. P. & O. W. at Portland on January 25th, the details of which I will give you next month.

CERT. 2034.

International & Great Northern Ry.

Ft. Worth Division—

The Corsicana, Texas, correspondent of the Houston Post says: A school of telegraphy has been added to course of instruction at the State Orphan Home here, connected with the Western Union telegraph office, has been thoroughly equipped with all modern telegraph appliances, in this city so as to give the pupils practical training in telegraphy. There are 38 students at present. Any of you good brothers in Texas who are fortunate enough to own your own home or any real estate are helping to support this "ham factory." What are you going to do about it?

Bro. H. H. Adams, Highbank, was off a few days in December looking after his farm at Crockett, relieved by Mr. Medlin from the C. N. & W., now up to date.

Bro. Menger, Navasota, spent Christmas at his home in Sherman, relieved by ex-Bro. Hellums, back from a trip through the Golden West. "C" can be depended upon to take out a card. He also relieved Bro. Zeller, Bryan third, a few days.

Bro. Bill Dew has the new night job at Calvert Jct., and Bro. Skelton, from Bedias, bid in the agency there. Bedias on bulletin, also Stoneham nights.

For two weeks during the flood, two operators were pulled off at Bryan, your humble servant working from 7 a. m. until 6 p. m.

Bro. McCauley was in Bryan to see Santa Claus Christmas eve.

Bro. Wilson, first Italy, resigned, relieved by Bro. Mitchell, pending bulletin; two new men on the other two tricks.

No one sent me a line this month except Bro. Adams. I can not get all the news; please send me any items you may know, so we can have a write-up each month. Div. Cor.

Gulf Division—

Bro. Taylor bid in Rockdale third, and Carl McGee, Sellers first.

Bro. Wilson, on first Valley Jct.; Mr. Patterson on third pending, and Bro. Jones at Hearne temporary.

Bro. Murchison bid in first Conroe, Bro. Link, third Conroe, fell in the Santa Fe turntable, breaking two of his ribs; damage to turntable not reported. Bro. White, second there, can hardly wait to get home now to see how that baby girl is growing.

Bro. Kassabaum, Arp. has returned from a visit to the old states, relieved by Bro. Yarbrough from Troup, relieved by Bro. Gaston, who later bid in third Jacksonville.

Bro. Hearne, Jacksonville, relieved several days by A. L. Adair on account of sickness. Get after the new agent there; that is a strictly O. R. T. bulletin job and he should have a card.

Bro. Bradburry, at "GN" Houston, was off several days sick, and Bro. Quinn and Small doubled.

It is soon to be Bro. Ferguson at Arcola.

Bro. Holloway is back at East Columbia, having been run to the hills on account of high water.

Bro. Holland, at Anchor, did not have to run from the flood, as the depot being the highest place, was a point of refuge for the homeless.

Bro. J. B. Allen, several years on this division, is now at Roanoke, on the Texas Pacific, which now has a good schedule.

Bro. Adams, our secretary-treasurer, has been reinstated as agent at Oakwood. This was very good news, as Bro. Adams is a hard and conscientious worker for the Order.

Bro. Berry, our general chairman, is still weak from the operation he had to undergo for appendicitis, but we all hope he will soon be entirely recovered.

Bro. Clarke is on first Sellers pending bulletin; Carl McGee, resigning, going into transportation department. We all wish him success. He would have been up to date had he remained in the telegraph service. Bro. J. D. Frank is on second Sellers pending bulletin.

Will expect all members to contribute a few items each month, so we can have a good write-up; also want each new man who hits your station reported to division correspondent, whether he has a card or not. If he has a card, state what division and number. Want everyone to take an interest in the journal, as that is our medium of communication.

The general committee has decided to postpone revision of schedule, etc., until a more favorable time. In the meantime we want to solidify the entire system in order to go through on greased wheels when we do start.

Try to get new members and keep after the delinquent, for the chairmen have a great deal to do and need some assistance to cover their territory properly.

All matters formerly handled by general chairman will now be handled by local chairman.

"BU," Div. Cor.

Missouri Pacific Ry.

Joplin Division—

We have three new members to start the new year with: Bro. Biggarstaff, at Cornell; Bro. Minshew, at Foster, and Bro. Brooks, at Metz. If we keep this up, the end of 1914 will see the platter swept clean.

Every non on the system has received a letter from Bro. Mohler, and every non on the division will receive a letter and a set of application blanks from me in the near future.

Let every brother lend a hand. Some of you are right close to the fellow we are after and can do more with a little chin music, at short range, than we can with a long flowery letter at long range. Tell him about it. You all know what the O. R. T. has done, is doing, and will do.

We were too late with our items last month in which we chronicled the death of the husband of sister Baker, of Jasper. The many friends of Sister Baker deeply sympathize and mourn with her in her great loss. She has returned to duty after six weeks' leave of absence.

Everybody who was entitled to vacation money for 1913 appears to have drawn it on December roll. If anyone is shy, will be pleased to hear from them and will try and help them get it.

Bro. Chapman, from White River Division, is relieving at Chetopa while Bro. Rouse is in the hospital.

Bro. T. H. Matkin drew Pittsburg second, Bro. E. C. Giles Sheldon, and Bro. L. F. Anthony Harrisonville agency.

On Christmas evening Bro. C. L. Rouse, agent Chetopa, Kans., while running to the depot jolted his revolver out of his pocket, which was discharged, the bullet striking his right ankle and deflecting upward, lodging near the knee. He did not discover the wound until he arrived at his office. He was sent to the Nevada company hospital, accompanied by his son Clyde, where the bullet was extracted, and he is now recovering as rapidly as could be expected. Robert Sleeth, agent Faulkner, relieved Bro. Rouse, pending the arrival of Relief Agent Chapman, from the White River Division.

C. V. Rowe,
Local Chairman.

Southern Kansas Division—

I made a trip over the division in December and met all of you. Very glad to have made the acquaintance of those that were not already known to me. With a few exceptions we are 100 per cent strong, so let's all get busy and make it that way. On account of spending Xmas vacation at home there were no notes sent to the journal for December.

Conway Springs agency bid in by Bro. Loshough from Cedarville, Altoona third and Cedarvale agent and telegrapher now on bulletin. Altoona second received by H. L. Rearick, who will be one of us shortly. Account some misunderstanding of seniority, Bro. Heininger was assigned Greeley nights, but was later relieved by Fred Certain, an older man. He will also be a member in a short time.

Ex-Bro. F. N. Bobbitt is relieving at Dexter. Brothers out that way please see that he again becomes up to date.

Mr. Holleran relieving Bro. N. Certain at Garnett. Bro. Lucy advises will soon come through.

W. R. McComas, extra Altoona, delinquent in Division 54, will soon fill out new blanks.

Bro. Orrick, second Conway Springs, home on few days vacation Christmas, worked several nights at "RB" and "CF," relieved by Mr. McComas.

It is now Bro. Evans at Leroy, Bro. Rathburn at Winfield, Bro. Camp at Iuka, and Bro. Covher at Neodesha.

On December 26th last Bro. G. W. Neill, Altoona third, died at his mother's home at Quenemo, Kans. He had been in poor health for a year and worked some time at Montrose, Colo., for the D. & R. G. The Southern Kansas Division members extend their sympathy in this hour of bereavement.

Bro. Martin has returned from Hoisington and resumed at "CF."

Those on the west end send your notes to Bro. Garton at Conway Springs, and on the north end to Bro. Lucy at Leroy. I will try and get the news on this end of the division. Everybody do their part and we'll have a write-up each month.

T. F. J.

Central Kansas Division

Recent changes: Bro. C. R. Wilburn to Admire as agent, Bro. L. E. Goodman to Geneseo second, Bro. M. T. Webb to Lomax third, Bro. J. Milano to new third Osage City. May there be more of them in the near future. Bro. A. C. Eakin decided to go back to Bucyrus agency; not so much wear and tear on gray matter there.

Marquette third bid in by Bro. Wm. Coyne, who has been relieving Bro. T. E. McCann, agent Miller, while on vacation; Bro. J. B. Wells, Comiskey, has also been on vacation, and Bro. Webb spent a few weeks in dear old Kaintuck, with home folks. Dad White, our worthy brother at Bushong, also off 30 days, relieved by Bro. Traylor, third, relieved by Bro. D. B. Frazee.

Bro. T. F. Weaver, Blue Mound, taking an extended leave of absence, Bro. Wilburn relieving; Bro. Guy Williams, "G" of "JN" office Osawat, visited in Kansas City several days recently.

Bro. H. E. Hetzler, second Marquette, off few days sick, causing Bro. Hale and extra man on third to double, until a man could be found to fill in. Bro. Hetzler soon recovered, however, and displaced Bro. Mead on third, who bumped

J. F. Nichol, who did not like Marquette account of the disinterested reception he received. Boys, it pays to have that little paste board in your pocket if you expect any favors around "Q."

Bro. E. P. Stender thought better of it, returned home, and is now on second Geneseo, Bro. Eakin taking care of accounts. Bro. J. M. J. has been seriously ill, but is recovering.

We are glad to hear that Bro. Johnson is greatly improved and also glad to have Bro. Stender with us again.

Bro. Polk, of Langley, was down recently. We extended the hand of goodfellowship and a hearty welcome to him, and to Bros. Polk, Wilburn, Dougherty, as well as the ones whose names I have not yet learned.

Bro. Tackwell, Crawford, off a few days, was relieved by P. Deal, a new man; gone to some point near Kansas City.

Bro. Ussleman, Lindsborg, can give you all the statistics you want on parcel post matters.

We are glad to announce that Bro. Ready retains his seniority. Bro. Maxwell ruling he couldn't return to Allen, as it had been bulletined and assigned, and Hope was the best his seniority entitled him to. Bro. Ready was appointed acting claims assistant only, regarded as an official position.

Bro. Newcomer, former agent Marquette, is now at Kingman, has been visiting relatives at Marquette during the holidays.

Bro. Thigpen, Elmo, was recently taken out of service, reinstated within two or three days afterwards, and did not lose any time; Bro. Goodman, from the North Kansas Division, then went to Admire, pending transfer to Bro. Wilburn.

A. Kersten, agent Carlton, taken out of service, relieved by Fitzgerald of the I. M. S., later returned to his home on account of the sickness of his wife. Fitzgerald being relieved by E. V. Carpenter, not an operator of the Colorado Division.

Agent Bucyrus taken out of the service, Bro. Eakin bid it in.

Boys, we are going to be represented every month and try to create more interest in the affairs of the Order.

Bro. Neale advises that our individual effort has been showing splendid results. There are still a few of the boys that we need and we need them good, all 'round fellows.

Have the promise of Lowe at Gyp City. He is too good a man to stay out. Then we will only have two left and will not take very much inducement to get them back, as they have always been loyal brothers until recently. That will make this district 100 per cent strong. If some of the boys at \$40 per can afford to come in, surely you can with more than double that. Remember the parable of the rich man and the talents, don't bury yours.

Any time you have a news item send it to Box 57, Marquette, Kans.

Thanks to Bros. Neale and Thigpen for assistance. Keep it up and we will have a lively interest all along in a short time.

"Z."

Wichita Division—

Sister Maude Wade, Ft. Scott second, was in Wichita relay office a few days extra.

Bro. G. E. Twiggs, Reece third, was relieved a few days in January by Extra Kaltenbach.

Bro. E. R. Burton, extra at 25th street yard, bid in agency Andale. Bro. Belt goes back to Rock Island.

Bro. C. A. Hughes, who relieved Bro. Kayser, of Bronston, while at Seattle on account of his father's sickness, later bid in second Neal.

Eldorado third bid in by Bro. D. E. Twiggs, of Redfield.

Bro. D. E. Keller, Eldorado third, bid in second Iola, his home town. We are glad to see him land it.

It is now Bro. Sant Smith, second Toronto. We are glad to see him back.

Sister Eva Twiggs, Thompson, is now with the W. U. at Kansas City.

Sister L. E. Twiggs and Mr. Fred Kluckhuhn, of Batesville, are now on their honeymoon, after which they will be at home at Batesville. Congratulations.

The following ruling has been made on paragraph "i," article 8, of the schedule: Those who leave on absence or otherwise, out of telegraph service, from whatever cause, for more than thirty days at any time during the year, will not be entitled to vacation pay for that year. Please note, and govern your vacations accordingly.

The wife and daughter of Bro. Carr, of Colwich were visiting in the East when the daughter, Miss Alma, 23 year of age, was taken seriously ill. Mr. Carr was unable to reach there until after her death. The funeral was held at the home in Colwich, January 11th. A special train was run from Wichita to Colwich. Among those present were Superintendent Webb, Traveling Auditor Lynch and Wells Fargo Route Agent Kyle. Bro. Carr was relieved by J. W. Sheas.

G. E. T., Div. Cor.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, God in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to call from her earthly home to the home beyond the cares and sorrows of this life, Alma, the daughter of Bro. and Mrs. J. W. Carr, of Colwich, Kan., be it

Resolved, That, although we bow in submission to Him who doeth all things well, we are grieved because of the sorrow that has come to the home of our brother; and be it further

Resolved, That in token of our sympathy we cause a copy of these resolutions to be printed in THE TELEGRAPHER and a copy sent to the bereaved brother.

F. O. MOTT,
GLENN E. TWIGGS,
Committee.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to extend to the brothers of Wichita Division our sincere and heartfelt thanks for the

beautiful wreath sent, and the many expressions of sympathy at the time of our sad bereavement in the loss of our dear daughter and sister.

J. W. CARR.

MRS. J. W. CARR.

WALTER CARR.

St. L. I. M. & S. Ry.

Valley Division—

I regret that there was no write-up in the December issue of THE TELEGRAPHER, but I did not receive any items and am unable to learn anything that I do not ask for personally or on the wire. Brothers, please remember that the local chairman does not receive any salary, pays his dues as we all do, and in addition to this does a lot of "hot footing." Therefore, do your best to help him make this division solid. Every man who does not carry an up-to-date card is holding back the rest from doing what they could, as we all participate in the concessions secured; therefore, every man should carry an up-to-date, as he will be helping himself as well as the organization. The man who says, "Go do something and I will be with you," should ask himself, "What am I doing to help?" All the other organizations keep constantly at it, improving their conditions and pay. Keep everlastingly after the non. Do not hesitate or falter in the least from following up one argument with another and drawing his attention to the good work of the O. R. T. each week or month until his promise to join is fulfilled. It is an easy matter in most cases to obtain a non's promise, but it takes continued persuasion to have the blanks filled out and mailed with the necessary remittance. Show him the good the Order has done. We want this to be a record-breaking year by starting now at the first, and if each member would make one special effort this month the Valley Division will make a very creditable showing. Let us come strong and show our appreciation for the recent raise

"Safety First," a great thing in the railroad world, is becoming the watchman for the entire corporation. It is the only key to the reduction of injury and death lists in railroad or any other work, and the sooner each employe keeps that thought uppermost in his mind, the better it will be for all of us.

Why should a non join the O. R. T.? The very reasonable salary he is securing today as a telegrapher was secured for him by the O. R. T. and the organization prevents his wages from being reduced and sees to it that the schedule is lived up to. It takes up all the just grievances of its members and assures them a square deal from their employers. It promotes good fellowship and brotherly feeling among its members and to those of other departments, and the Mutual Benefit Department gives the most reliable insurance possible at the smallest premium.

Bro. Dicky, first Pine Bluff yard, was a visitor in Portland on January 17th and 18th.

Bro. Hale, second Dermott, has resigned and accepted his old position again with the D. & R. G. at Trinidad, Colo.

Bro. T. Y. Wall, agent Portland, received his first card lately. Bro. T. A. Corson, first Portland, returned January 1st, being off thirty days, relieved by Bro. Bryan.

Pending bulletin: Mer Rouge and Arkansas City days, Farrell second and third, Pine Bluff yard, Dermott, Swartz, Colliston and Moscow second, and Walnut Lake nights.

Bro. E. J. Stuttsman, second Higgins, transferred to third Bonita, Bro. T. C. Glover going to Higgins from second Portland, and Bro. Bryan relieving Mr. Glover. Bro. Dunham, formerly of Higgins, is on third Farrell.

John L. Wall, clerk Portland, is on vacation, relieved by Mr. Bradford, of Dermott.

The oldest daughter of Bro. T. A. Corson, first Portland, died suddenly and was buried there.

Bro. Culpeper, agent Bonita, spent Christmas with his wife's parents. He hung up his stocking, but they burned up before Santa came.

Mr. Curtis, third Bonita, neglected to return for duty while Mr. Shea was there on a hunting trip, and was discharged. He had just sent in his application.

A man named Johnson, who said he was a sewing-machine repairer from Dallas, hung around my office all of one day; he proved to be a former dispatcher for the Frisco and a mighty good telegrapher, but had let whiskey get the best of him. He died that night and was buried a pauper.

Bro. A. C. Mason, second Swartz, in the Monroe Hospital, is some better. Swartz is solid.

Bro. Cook, second Bonita, went to a St. Louis hospital recently with chills and fever.

An agent on this division makes a practice of returning to the office at night, cutting in and reporting trains passing his station. Let's see that this kind of work is discontinued.

The Bonita Drug & Mercantile Company's store burned to the ground about 4 a. m. recently, and the agent and his operator were posted on top of the depot with water, putting out the sparks, showing their interest for the company. Bro. Cook, second Bonita, while hunting a few days ago, tripped and fell, knocking out an upper front tooth, when he shot at some birds.

There was a change of dispatchers at McGehee on January 1st.

Bro. Cunningham, Argenta, relieving Bro. Lamb in the dispatcher's office while Chief Rogers was on vacation, says he'd rather pick cotton than run trains.

Many thanks to Bros. Cook and Lamar for items. They certainly helped out. The rest of you boys do this for the next issue.

H. H. BRYAN, Cert. 2831.

St. L. & S. F. Ry.

Southwestern Division—

The west end dispatcher's office has been moved from Sapulpa to Oklahoma City, dispensing with second and third Oklahoma yards, leaving Bro. Casey on days there. "CO" Oklahoma City abolished, business now being handled at "HO" by Bro. Schooler.

Bro. Gordon, second Oklahoma yards, took second Lawton, vice Bro. Cox. We are glad to hear of the recovery of Bro. T. P. Henry, of third Oklahoma City. Bros. Beckerdite and Ward, agents at Jones and Spencer, were shown the sights in Oklahoma City recently by Bro. Schooler.

We are glad to know Bro. Pritchard has resumed on first Snyder, after being laid up with a long siege of fever.

Bro. Estes bid in the Eldorado agency, vice Bro. Cowden, who bid in the Headrick agency. Bro. Ralls, relief Stroud, bid in Depew agency, vice Bro. Lewis, who bid in the Kellyville agency. Bro. Moore is on second Stroud pending bulletin. Bro. Tolleson bid in first Stroud, vice Bro. Pennybaker, resigned to take up agriculture in Louisiana. We wish him success. Bro. Nowlin bid in first Altus, vice Bro. Hathaway, who bid in cashier-operator Eldorado.

Bro. W. B. Mullens transferred from third Seneca to first Neosho. Bro. W. G. Mullens, second Seneca, who is laid up with a broken collar bone, we are glad to hear will soon be out again. Seneca first and second abolished, and the agent left alone to do the stunts.

Bro. Grimmer transferred from Dawson to Fairland, vice Bro. McCann; Bro. H. Shedlebar, Dawson, to agency Bushyhead, vice Bro. Lafferty, and Bro. Creason to West Tulsa second.

Bro. Rowland, the genial cashier at Bristow, was recently married. Congratulations.

Bro. Cleveland has returned from an enjoyable visit to Georgia and Alabama. We are glad to hear him on the wire again.

Bro. Robins, second Chandler, bid in Peirce City second. On account of reduction in force at Jones, Bro. Harris appointed clerk and assistant to agent, Bro. Beckerdite.

Bro. Wilson, second Tulsa, transferred to second Jones. Bro. Heffner, second Catoosa to third Chandler; Bro. Moorehouse, second White Oak to second Chelsea; Bro. Morgan, third White Oak to third Chelsea, on account of second and third tricks being abolished at White Oak, and Bro. Jack Gardner, third Chelsea to clerkship Dawson.

Bro. Sam Stuart, first Afton, spent a pleasant week in Springfield, December 29th to January 4th, and Bros. Maherney and McQuigg, second and third Afton, spent a pleasant week in Joplin and other Missouri points recently.

Bro. Slagman, from Todd, transferred to Verdigris clerkship temporarily.

Since the high water throughout Texas, Southern Oklahoma and Arkansas, which took away the Frisco bridge at Van Buren, practically all California fruit and vegetable trains formerly oper-

ated over the Central Division have been run over this division, making things look like olden times.

The official positions of W. A. Moore, C. E. Prettyman and R. C. Mills, agents Tulsa, Neosho and Oklahoma City, appointed temporarily assistant superintendents, recently have been abolished.

Bro. R. M. Page has returned to Fairland from a pleasant fortnightly vacation.

Assistant Superintendent W. H. Hutchison, in charge of stations and employment, is showing that he is the man for the place. He is well acquainted with station duties, and knows where appreciation and encouragement are needed. We are pleased at his appointment.

I wish to thank Bros. Ledbetter, Schooler, Stuart, Moorehouse, Tolleson and our brother at Altus for the assistance rendered in this write-up.

Brothers, remember the motto: "Get One."

CERT. 1727.

Eastern Division—

On account of the numerous changes made recently and being made now, it is impossible to get them all.

Mr. Wright bid in third Republic; Mr. Griswold, second Conway; Mr. Harris, third Conway; Mr. O'Halloran, second Sleeper; Mr. Denton, third Sleeper; Mr. Bruce, second Crocker; Mr. Cole, operator Helm; Mr. Bryant, Jerome nights; Mr. McNutt, first Southern Jct.; Mr. Kennedy, third Southern Jct., and Mr. Holman, second Sheffield.

Mr. Shepherd bumped Sweet off second "MS," who bumped Kennedy off third "MS," who bumped Copening off third Staff. Later Willis bumped Shepherd off second "MS," who bumped Sweet off third, who took car job temporarily. Allen, from "QN," then bumped Willis off second "MS," who bumped Shepherd off third. Latter night chief dispatcher a few nights. Brockerman bumped VanLoon off second "MO" Monett, who bumped Wright off third "NY." Thorson bumped Denton off second "NY," who bid in third Sleeper. Lemons bumped Snider off third "SP," who contemplates bumping Gardner at Nichols.

Everyone seems greatly pleased with the increase received by the committee and with the dispensation of same. It exceeded our expectations, and we are grateful. This was by far the best Christmas present we received.

CERT. 921.

Baltimore & Ohio R. R.

Cleveland Division—

On the morning of January 16th Midvale depot was badly damaged by fire starting from a defective flue. Bro. C. C. Davis occupies five living rooms in the depot, which were badly damaged. Bro. Davis was burned about the face and had his left leg injured in rescuing his eight months old daughter from the second story. Blinded by smoke and flames he fell from the top of the stairway with his child in his arms. The baby was uninjured. Had it not been that the work train, in charge of Conductor Kirk

and Engineer Anson, was ready to go east at Uhrichsville at the time, which was turned and rushed to Midvale, the entire building would probably have been destroyed. The loss is fully covered by insurance. Bro. Davis has the sympathy of the members of the division in his misfortune.

After serving on this division for ten years, Local Chairman Bro. G. H. McCoy has resigned. We very much regret losing him after so long and faithful a term. Bro. O. F. Weaver, who has been elected to fill the unexpired term, we are satisfied, will "deliver the goods," and we are glad to see the brothers ready to help him make the division solid.

The depression of business on the division has caused the closing of several offices which were never known to be closed before. Two men have been cut off at Freeport, and Mr. Hillyer is now working from 10 p. m. till 9 a. m. Mr. Chaney and Mr. Tope have gone back to the farm. Let's get busy, boys, and make this division 100 per cent strong.

Bro. C. E. Robinson, who has resigned and returned to his home in Elba, will start firing on this division soon as business opens up. Sorry to have the brothers leave us, and all wish him success.

Bro. O. F. Davidson and Bro. A. A. Hammell spent several days in Cleveland recently, visiting and arranging for furlough.

Bro. Shanks bid in second Uhrichsville, leaving Lorain first up for bid. Bro. T. E. Bigler, third Uhrichsville, has resigned and returned to Denison shops. We are sorry to lose him, and wish him success. He spent several days visiting in Cleveland. Bro. A. Scheiser is on furlough. Mr. Summers is on third Uhrichsville pending a bulletin.

Beach City has been reduced to one man, leaving Bro. Harper to do the telegraphing, agent's work and pumping.

Wish some brother on the west end and Valley would drop me a few news items on or before the 15th of each month.

Massillon closed, leaving Bro. Ott as ticket agent, Bro. McCoy on first Columbia, Bro. Landis on second, and Bro. Kelly on third; Bro. Kilbow on extra list.

Telegraph office Canal Dover has been moved from the tower to the passenger depot, cutting off ticket man there, and Bros. Kiefer and Vickers now handle tickets. C. & M. target and switch at end of double tracks also handled by the telegraphers.

"VI," Div. Cor.

Pittsburg Division, Eastern District—

This district has become conspicuous by its absence since our efficient correspondent, Bro. Billups, resigned and your humble servant accepted the position.

We still have a few nons on the Pittsburg Division whom we must by some means induce to join our organization, notwithstanding some of them have failed to keep their promises. Continual dropping will wear a stone; we must keep

everlastingly after them. The new men, as a rule, are willing to join as soon as they get their first pay, but we must keep a watchful eye over them also.

Local Chairman Bro. Yeager, Jr., has been with the general committee in Baltimore practically all of the past two months, assisting in our present schedule negotiations with the company, but during an adjournment several meetings on this and other divisions—one meeting at Wheeling December 23d, a day and night meeting at Pittsburg, December 29th, and a day meeting at Callery on the 30th, where he was introduced by Local Chairman Olwell of the Western District. All were well attended. Bro. Yeager explained all phases of the schedule, and was pledged the full support of the members. We have capable, able men on our general committee, and will come out winners in the end, so don't become discouraged because of the length of time it is taking our general committee to conclude the schedule negotiations.

Bro. Oliver, at West Newton, was off a few days attending the funeral of his mother. We all extend him our sympathy.

Bro. Billups has secured third "MJ," and will require no other physical exercise except what he gets wrestling levers there.

Bro. Marsh was recently re-elected a member of the council at Versailles.

Bro. Sheirey was off during the holidays, and Bro. Fitzgibbons was off a few days on account of sickness in his family. Were relieved by Mr. Busser, a new man.

Bro. Kepler relieved Bro. Toulon a few days at Demmler.

Bro. Moon has gone to Florida, relieved by Mr. Dillinger.

Bro. Wilson, second trick leverman at "WJ," recently returned from Florida.

Bro. Skinner has been granted a six months' furlough.

Bro. Williams, second Rand, has been assisting in the examination of employes on the book of rules. Quite a compliment, for it is no cinch to become familiar with all of those questions.

Agent Welty, at Willock, is an old B. of R. T. timer.

It is now Bros. Kyler and Button at Taylors-town.

Bro. Young, better known as "Mutt," has hiked back to willow Grove.

Bro. J. F. Stahl, on the river district several years ago, was recently elected general secretary and treasurer of the newly organized Panama R. R. System, Division 158, at Cristobal, C. Z.

Bro. Kuhn has returned from a trip to the Pacific Coast.

Sister Bellman, Allegheny, was off recently on account of the illness of her sister.

The fone system, although modern in every respect, has been entirely out of commission several times during the past few months, owing to storms and snowy weather. Some of the boys would much rather hear the old familiar Morse.

Do everything in your power to encourage the general committee. Send the members a note of

encouragement, whether you have anything of interest to suggest or not. It will be appreciated.

Keep your eyes on all new men, and if they are a member of other divisions, send their names and division and certificate numbers to Bro. Yeager, and keep everlastingly after the nons, preaching and practicing, "No card, no favors."

I wish to thank Bro. Gleisinger for his notes, and hope all members of the L. B. of A. will contribute next month. CERT. 159.

Philadelphia Division—

Local Chairman Sullivan called a special meeting in Wilmington, Del., December 29th, for the purpose of considering some of the propositions the company desired the men to accept, which was well attended, and the company's side explained in detail. It was generally agreed that the cry of hard times, by the corporations, was not well founded. Railroad men, generally, perhaps may not want government ownership at present, but if conditions become unbearable it may be forced upon them, feeling that such a change might be beneficial, especially when the wages paid and the hours of service established in the departments already run by the government are taken in consideration. The lesson the people are teaching the express companies should act as a guide to others. It takes time for public opinion to assert itself, and if the railroad men of this country should grow dissatisfied with their treatment, and turn to the government for relief it would no doubt have a powerful influence on the situation.

Bro. R. W. Dill has returned from his trip west to Wilmington, Del.

Bro. Battersby, Wharton Street tower, Philadelphia, reports that cutting out East Side tower has considerably increased the work in that office.

Bros. G. H. Smith, O. R. Burroughs, Seibert, Dill and Battersby, were at the meeting. The three latter gave their usual interesting talks. We were glad to see Bro. Christine out, and hope he will come again.

Local Secretary E. L. Miller was absent for the first time that we can remember.

CERT. 405.

Wheeling Division—

Local Chairman Allender made a very successful trip over the division when he came back from Baltimore, landing almost all the nons he was able to call on.

It should not be necessary to send out organizers over the division. The boys certainly realize the conditions existing and should make a personal effort to support the general committee in session in Baltimore by getting in the nons with them and near them. When we look at what the Order has done in raising salaries and bettering our working conditions, we should also get our cards promptly at the beginning of each semi-annual period.

C. E. Miller, third Glover Gap, on six months' leave, was relieved by W. Elnix. Bro. A. G.

Youst, first Glover Gap, off on account sickness, relieved by H. F. Barnes.

Bro. R. B. Kennedy, first Barracksville, on six months' leave, was relieved by Extra Villers.

W. W. Little, first Winner, was off few days, relieved by R. Mason.

Bro. C. L. Allender, second Littleton, while on general committee in Baltimore, was relieved by Bro. R. Daugherty.

Bro. F. Decker, yard office Benwood, while attending the funeral of D. Davis, yard clerk, was relieved by R. Turner. Ed. Gannon, "FY," off several days, was relieved by C. A. Pue.

Bro. L. Z. Forrest, first Foster, off a few days account sickness, relieved by J. A. Maynard, and Bro. C. W. Hicks, second Roseby Rock, off for similar cause, relieved by H. E. Windland.

Bro. F. F. Frazee, first Brooklyn Jct., in Baltimore on business, was relieved by C. Satterfield.

T. Dailey, first "HN" Benwood, off on account sickness, was relieved by Bro. M. F. Feathus.

Bro. G. J. Hewey, Jacksonburg, off on business, was relieved by G. C. Headly. R. E. Vamfossen, second "AY" Halloway, off on account sickness, was relieved by R. J. Spain, of "HO" Halloway, relieved by A. W. Jackson.

Bros. L. E. Kinsey, of "FI" Tower, and W. Kinsey, of "HO" Halloway, are on six months' leave to Florida, for their health.

R. F. Felty has returned to first "WR" tower after a week at Fairmont, relieved by John Gallagher. CERT. 754.

Monongahela Division—

Bro. J. C. Riddle, second Cornwallis, bid in first "J" Tower.

Bro. J. P. Lannon, first "DK" Tower, was off several days. Bro. "Ilappy" Phil Campbell on first "MD" Tower during the absence of Bro. Switzer. Thrasher, first "MO" Tower, was off few days, relieved by Pringle. R. V. Mericle, first Wilsonburg, off a few days, was relieved by Bro. Ferree. Red Hillock, on third "MD" tower, while Bro. Ogden on second. Bro. A. G. Harbert, third "D" Tower, was off three days recently looking after business affairs at Clarksburg.

Bro. R. M. Coyne on third "MO" Tower pending bulletin.

F. E. Shoulte is on first Brydon, while Bro. W. W. Powell is in "GR" Grafton Relay.

It will soon be Bro. Shoulte, the youngest extra man on the list.

R. Pepper is relieving Roy Davis at "DK" Tower, and Bro. Bunk Lounden is relieving Hargert, who is serving on the jury.

Let us all give the general committee, now meeting with the company officials at Baltimore, a helping hand by paying our own dues promptly and seeing that our neighbors do likewise. As an organization our interests should be so bound up in each other that no difference of opinion should ever allow us to forget that one is necessary to the success of the other, and an injury to one affects us all.

There are still a few nons and delinquents on this division whom we must get in line.

Bro. L. B. Ferrell is now on third Central.

Bro. O. L. Baker, second Petroleum, who was relieved by T. Davis, relieved Bro. L. C. Scott there a few days on account of sickness at Bro. Scott's home. Later Bro. Scott bid in third Cornwallis, which will make it much handier for him to get home.

Bro. T. A. Robinson, Silver Run, was relieved by Bro. Ferree a few days on account of his little girl being sick.

Let us not forget our golden rule, "No card, no favors."

Advise everybody to get in line and always carry an up-to-date. It is the best for them in every way. "BILLY," Cert. 1369.

Connellsville Division—

A. L. Gates, second Mukden, off several days on account of illness, was relieved by J. A. Evans.

R. B. Ellis, first Garrett, while attending court at Somerset, was relieved by O. G. Getty.

H. C. Dawson resigned first Markleton to manage Hotel Arlington at Somerset. We wish him success.

J. H. Tucker, third Washington, Pa., was recently called to Garrett on account of the illness and death of his father. We extend our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in his sad loss.

J. P. Devilbiss, first Dunbar, is on vacation in the Southern States.

We regret to learn that Mrs. Lynn, wife of J. Z. Lynn, second Indian Creek, has typhoid fever, and hope for her speedy and complete recovery.

E. W. Sipple, second Salisbury Jct., made a trip to Richmond, Va., recently.

Glad to note that S. Y. Waterhouse, second wire chief, Connellsville, and A. E. Scanland, second Wilson Creek, are back again after a short period of illness.

A freight wreck on the W. M. at Meyersdale the latter part of January caused their trains to be detoured via our line from Keystone to Confluence. Div. Cor.

New Castle Division, East End—

Quite a number of our brothers considerably put out on account of not receiving their pay checks the last half of December until Christmas, when they were unable to get them cashed.

Our monthly meeting, held in Central Labor Hall, Akron, Ohio, on December 27th, was very well attended. Quite a number of new faces present. Among them were Chairman Yeager, of Pittsburg Division, who thoroughly explained the articles embodied in the new schedule, and the offer made by the company. Our meetings are becoming more interesting each month.

Bros. O'Connor and Foley attended the meeting at Chicago Junction on December 29th.

Bro. Mulhern, of Akron, Howard St., has his hands full since Akron Jct. and East Akron were discontinued. The boys at "AK" are doing their work by phone.

Mr. Craig, third "TF," has resigned, relieved by J. M. Garner, who will soon be in line; also Mr. Senner at "BD."

It is now Bros. Carl Adams and McConahy at Lodi. Glad to see them again in line. It will also soon be Bro. Coyne, extra, at "OD."

Item in December issue in effect that Bro. Bedel had secured "SU" nights was an error, as no assignment made. Bro. Bedel is still at "FN."

Bro. R. R. Barr is now a "papa."

Bro. Carl Adams is on vacation, and Bro. burwell, second Haselton, is off, sick.

Several of the boys have asked for relief, but are unable to get it as several extra men have been dismissed and several resigned.

Mr. Neidler bid in first "OA." CERT. 933.

Chicago Division—

Bro. J. G. DeLong, Ripley third, while off ten days on account of sickness, visited home folks at Greentown, Ind.; relieved by C. C. Redmond.

Bro. G. B. Connor, second Albion, bid in second Ripley Tower, relieved by C. C. Redmond, later relieved by Mr. O'Connor, a new man, and relieved Bro. Rothenberger, first Kimmel, while visiting a few days.

Bros. Connor and DeLong are keeping "bachelors' hall" in a car at Ripley. The only trouble they have is getting the children ready for school.

Bro. Savage at Walkerton bid in third McCool, and Bro. Joe Lee, second Hoyteville. It is now Bro. C. F. Moses, second Walkerton. Bro. W. F. LaFeber, third extra "KN," is now running a general merchandise store.

Boys, get after the nons and line them up. We need them in getting our new schedule.

Send in your notes and keep me posted on all the different changes and anything else you would like to see in the journal. "CH" at "KN."

Chicago & Eastern Illinois R. R.

Illinois Division—

We are now working under our new schedule which went into effect December 1st, which was secured only after two determined efforts on the part of our committee, the first meeting November 18th lasting several days. At the second meeting, by both sides giving ground, an agreement was reached by which we get approximately a 5 per cent raise in salary; overtime at relay jobs raised from 35 cents to 40 cents, and other positions from 25 cents to 30 cents per hour; straight eight hours for three-man stations, and eleven hours for one-man stations, and some other changes in rules.

The new agreement as a whole is not what we expected nor what we should have received after waiting two years for a revision, but on account of the road being in the hands of receivers it is the best that could be done at present. However, another meeting is promised us again next year and better things can be expected at that time. In this connection I would urge every member to keep his dues paid up and insist on the non-members coming in and carrying their share of

the burden, keep our treasury in good shape and assure our committeemen that they will be backed by a solid, loyal membership.

It was really amusing during the recent negotiations to hear the nons on the wire trying to get news from the O. R. T. headquarters. They are always live wires when they see something good in sight (if they think some one else will stand the expense), they are always ready with that old song, "I am right with you in case of a walk-out," but when it comes right down to the point of backing up their talk with a written obligation and a little cold cash (which the O. R. T. has secured for them) they fall back on some flimsy excuse to hide their selfishness.

By trying to make the non-members see themselves as we Order men see them, I do not wish to create any hard feelings but I would certainly like by some means to stir all telegraphers up to the sense of their duty to themselves at least, and when they begin to try to help themselves by good old O. R. T. means, they will be helping every other telegrapher.

Now you non-members, look the matter square in the face. You bid in the job you are working and are assured of keeping it through the O. R. T.; you are working decent hours and get overtime if worked beyond those hours; you are assured of a square deal in time of trouble and are drawing from ten to fifteen dollars more every month than the position paid two or three years ago. These things you absolutely would not be able to enjoy had it not been for the O. R. T. men devoting their time and money to get them.

Now suppose several telegraphers would pool their money (the Lord knows it wouldn't be very much), and put it in the bank or some business enterprise in order to get better interest on their money, and they offered to let you in on the deal if you would put in your share of the stake, then after the deal went through successfully and you did not put your money into the pool, would you feel justified in going to the bank and asking for your share of the interest, simply because you were a telegrapher and working on the same road as the other fellows?

"No, certainly not," you will say.

You would have no right to one cent of that money.

Now why is the O. R. T. not the same kind of a deal?

We put our money and efforts into the O. R. T. bank, so to speak; we draw out better interest than any bank in the world would allow us on the same investment, and at the same time provide a life insurance for the benefit of our loved ones after we are gone, an insurance that can not be beat by any company, and as safe as a thing of the kind can be made.

Now friends among the non-members, every day you work, you are drawing interest out of our O. R. T. bank, every time you draw your check, every time you make out an overtime slip, you are drawing interest from O. R. T. money; every time you put your bid in for a job you are using a right secured through O. R.

T. money and effort. I ask you in all candor and good feeling, is it right?

Down deep in your mind you will answer, "No," but will you let it rest at that?

Let me answer the last question for you. "No, I won't let it rest at that, I will ask the first O. R. T. man I see to get me a set of application blanks and dig up the necessary amount if I have to do without something to eat, I will stop being a "moocher" on the O. R. T. and do my full share to further the strength of the Order, thus not only helping myself and my loved ones, but reaching out a helping hand to all telegraphers."

When every telegrapher makes up his mind to this effect, what will the result be? Our committee will get what they ask for and the much talked of \$75 minimum will not be far distant.

Now, ladies and gentlemen, I have a few application blanks here, and the fee for February is \$8.83, for March \$8.17; don't crowd please, plenty for all, when these are gone, I'll send for another carload, whose the next?

Recent assignments on bulletins: Bro. Dowdy, first Sullivan, to first Goreville; Bro. W. E. Ilicks, local chairman, second Sullivan, to first Sullivan; Bro. O. Sneed, third Kell, to second Marion; Bro. A. M. Chism, second Thebes, to agency St. James; Bro. F. O. Watkins, second Arthur, to first there; Bro. L. E. Doley, agent St. James, to operator-cashier West Frankfort; Bro. W. V. Thornberry, third Mode, to third Bourbon.

Bro. W. E. Ilicks, local chairman, off few days recently, going over the road trying to line up the nons, was relieved by Bro. F. E. Huser, who also relieved Bro. Dewey, second Findlay Jct., a few days.

Bro. Kelley, formerly first Arthur, was off few days recently and returned with a bride. Congratulations.

Bro. E. H. Kirk, second Cadwell, worked several days extra at Ina recently, after Cadwell office had been discontinued.

Bro. W. H. Davenport, local chairman of terminals, from "GO" office, Chicago, made a flying trip to Salem recently on O. R. T. business. He is one of the live ones and we would be glad to see him oftener.

Bro. G. H. Leffler, second, and R. E. Farmer, third trick dispatchers Middle District, and H. J. Walker, third north end, off a few days recently, were relieved by Bro. B. E. Johnson, extra.

It is now Bro. F. R. Thixton, second Mode, we are glad to hear also M. L. Daugherty, first "OW" Salem, and Mr. Wooley, operator-cashier Salem station, have their applications in and will soon be carrying cards. Div. Cor.

Chicago Division, Danville District—

Bro. V. L. Burton, third Woodland Jct., on sixty-day leave, was relieved by R. P. Selsor.

Telegrapher Wood, third Coalier, has returned from an extended trip to San Francisco and other western points.

Telegrapher Potts is back on first Ross Jct. from first Danville ticket office.

Bros. Lottinville and Davenport are out after new members and delinquents.

Bro. E. G. Oehmke, third Pittwood, is visiting in the southern part of the State, relieved by Extra McCleskey.

Bro. J. L. Lanham, agent Steger, was a recent Watseka visitor.

Bro. J. B. France, agent Momenca, was compelled to lay off one of his freight men recently on account of decreased business.

W. N. Danviels, yard master Momenca Jct., on the sick list this month, has gone to his home at Watseka to recuperate.

H. T. Wescoat, third "HJ" tower, is now with the M. C. at Chicago Heights.

Bro. L. S. Willis, second Yard Center, has returned from Attica, where he has been receiving treatment. It will probably be another month before he will be able to resume his duties.

H. R. Ragan, agent Longview, is now on first "MS" tower, Momenca. Div. Cor.

Chicago Division, Villa Grove District—

Bro. Glenn Johnson, third Gerald, was off on ten days' vacation. Sister G. R. Smith, second there, was on the sick list several days.

O. C. Hunt, a new man, bid in third Ellis. It is now Sister Cheffer on second there.

Local Chairman Lottinville did some good work over here in January.

Sister McCammom, second Royal, is on the sick list, trying the sunshine in Los Angeles, Cal.

It is now Bros. Thomas and Todd at Royal. R. E. Farlow, agent there, has our sincere sympathy in the death of his wife. He will be with us in the near future.

Brothers, let us have a write-up every month. Send your items to Bro. C. A. Payne, at Watseka, not later than the 20th. It is no trouble to jot down a line or two when you hear of any change.

Now that we have our new schedule and a raise, let us keep on working until we get this district 100 per cent strong, and then keep it there with the "get together" slogan.

I desire to thank the three of the eight brothers whom I asked for items who helped me out this month. "CD," Div. Cor.

Evanston Division—

We are all enjoying a little raise and better hours in the last schedule, effective December 1, 1913, and we all feel grateful to our worthy local chairman, Bro. Skiles, who is always on the job and does his best for us. We feel that we have done very well in our agreements, considering that the road is in the hands of the receivers.

Brothers, if you have not paid your dues, do so at once. The time is coming soon when a non will not be recognized in a working agreement.

Boost the O. R. T. "In union there is strength," and divided we may be easily broken.

We are glad to see Bro. "Rip" West back on second Worthington, after a spell of sickness.

Bro. O. K. Jackson, second Elliston, wants it distinctly understood that he is not married, although he is a candidate.

Brothers, let's have a write-up in the journal each month. You can all send me something, and by so doing we may know what each other is doing and be better acquainted.

D. A. J., at "CO."

Pere Marquette R. R.

CARD OF THANKS.

I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks, through THE TELEGRAPHER, for the beautiful floral offering and sympathy accorded by the members of Division 39 during the hours of my distress and sorrow.

Mrs. JAMES E. BOWMAN.

Michigan City, Ind., January 3, 1914.

Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.

Indiana Division--

Bro. F. M. Peoples, of Peru third, bid in "HY" tower, but didn't think much of the job after a closer inspection, so he landed Bath again.

Extra Dispatcher Eckard has resumed his regular position at "Z" office. Bro. Holmes, who had been relieving him for several months, is now on third Peru yard office pending assignment of that position.

Several telegraph offices closed temporarily on account of decrease in business which always shows up in January.

Relief Agent Cain was over the line recently, conducting the semi-annual operators' examination.

Bro. M. D. Wood, who has been confined to his home in Fowlerton with pneumonia, is improving and will no doubt soon be able to resume work.

Bro. J. J. Wooley was in Peru on business recently, relieved by Sister Wooley, who filled out the necessary credentials this month.

Bro. Geo. Shanklin is on third Losantville tower while Bro. Brock is relieving Bro. Hutchins on first there.

Bro. Moore, of second Fowlerton, is now a happy papa.

L. H. Sullivan, agent Sweetser, does not see that taking out a card would benefit himself or family. He reasons: "What's the use; I get all the benefits anyway, so I'll just stall along and save the money." It is a shame that we are compelled to work with such material. He has received over \$72 through our organization the past year and is unwilling to return \$12 of it. We are certainly thankful that more than 90 per cent of our force represent other than this class of men.

G. L. FREED, Div. Cor.

Erie R. R.

New York Division--

The regular meeting at Jersey City on November 19th was fairly attended, and some very interesting business gone through. Regret our worthy Bro. Coleman was unable to be present on account of an attack of lumbago, relieved by Bro. Prince. Bro. Coleman was also off previously, owing to the death of his brother. He has our sincere sympathy.

Bro. G. E. Remsen, first Paterson, was off with lumbago several days, relieved by Bro. Prince.

Some brother on side lines send me some items. It is impossible to cover the main and side lines. Your help will be thankfully received.

Doubling up is about a thing of the past. Our new division operator must be able to furnish a man when needed, and the boys can get a day off when requested, which is a great relief from the old days and much appreciated by us all.

A little effort by the members to get the few remaining nons will soon make us solid. Each member should go for one he knows personally and explain the benefits of membership in the O. R. T. Without a solid membership it is impossible to secure the results that we should enjoy.

Telegraphers on competing lines are receiving from \$15 to \$25 a month more than we because they are better organized. Don't condemn the railroad nor the committee you send to the officials. The former will pay only such salaries as they are obliged to, and your committee will get just such concessions as it has the power to demand by the backing of a solid membership. "No card, no favors" is a potent argument for lingering nons. Let's try it.

Bro. Donnelly is relieving Mr. Dowell.

Bro. "Joe" Dockery fell over the signal wires on his way to work recently, cutting his fingers pretty badly.

Bro. Heman, while attending court, was relieved by Bro. McGrady, and he by Mr. Bowen.

Bro. Stevens has returned to second "XK." after working at "JD" on the ten days' clause. Sikes has moved to Southfield.

Bro. Readdy was off a few days, relieved by Extra Bowen.

Bro. T. J. Rielly bid in second Vails Gate Jct.

Bro. M. S. Earl dropped in to look at his old love at Newburgh Jct. recently.

Bro. Mat Brown is now on second "NJ."

Div. Cor., Cert. 85.

Susquehanna Division--

There has been no write-up from this division for several months, owing to the illness of your scribe and the usual failure to receive any notes. It has been a good many years since we failed to have a monthly write-up and we regret it, but put the blame where it belongs. Not one brother has notified the local chairman as to the standing of the new men. When a new man comes to your office to work, unless you do this your chairman is unable to know whether they are members or not. It is more to your interest than

anyone's that we have a good membership and make our division solid. Let's interest ourselves in our own welfare and help the local chairman to get the nons lined up. There are other obligations besides carrying a card in order to secure better results, and these also include the wearing of a union-made coat, shoes, hat, etc., and going to the polls and voting for members who stand for union labor. When you make a purchase of any kind, demand the union label. If you can not find it in your own town, come to McGlenn Bros. at Elmira, who make a specialty of union-made goods. Spend your union money for union goods and for no other if you can avoid it, which means sanitary conditions and good wages for other union men and women.

Your chairman has been appointed on the State legislative board, organized in New York in September by the O. R. T. to represent the Erie in this State. The board will soon meet in Albany to take up its duties, and we hope to accomplish much good through its efforts for all concerned, if each member will cast his vote for the men who represent "our cause."

Bro. Husted will soon hold a series of meetings on the system with Bro. Pierson and some of our other officials. Let's turn out strong, attend these meetings and learn something of interest to us all.

Bro. Ryan bid in Big Flats agency. Mr. Stone says he had much rather that agents' positions be filled by experienced telegraphers than by raw material. Bro. Reeder, agent there for so many years, has retired on account of reaching the age limit, and we all extend to him our best wishes for his future success. Bro. Knickerbocker bid in first "XU," vacated by Bro. Ryan, and Bro. Kelliher bid in third "XU," vacated by Bro. "Nick."

Bro. D. H. O'Brien, who has resigned to accept a much better position, will no doubt continue to carry a card. Bro. Moseson bid in second "VO," and keeps a line of good watches, etc. Bro. Meeker has purchased a fine motorcycle, and is keeping the trail hot between Woodlawn avenue and a certain young lady's residence down town, and "VO" is still solid.

Mr. Smith decided that Covert had a right to return to "GY," which he bid in when "JT" was closed and he protested against returning to "JT" on its being reopened.

Mr. Mapes, a new man from the D. L. & W., will soon be with us.

Bro. A. L. Mason, now on the New Haven, was a very welcome caller along the division during the holidays, and extends his best wishes to the brothers. Bro. Nolan, now on the D. L. & W., called on Elmira friends recently.

We are all glad to see former Bro. P. Donnellan promoted to dispatcher.

There are still a few nons on the division whom we should get after. If you don't know where they are, the local chairman will furnish you a list.

Horseheads agency is now vacant—a good job for some worthy brother.

The Susquehanna and Tioga were the best paid up of all the divisions on the system at the expiration of the recent term. Div. Cor.

Mahoning Division—

Lewis, off on account of sickness, was relieved by Carrott. Flagherty, off a few days visiting in Buffalo and Niagara Falls, was relieved by Lewis.

Fred Duerr, now with the N. Y. C. in New York City, called on several of the boys along the Mahoning Division recently.

Andrews, off making a new time card, was relieved by Copier Smith.

Cate is back on second "IN," after an absence of several months.

Thompson bid in "JU" second.

Grimm was snowed in during the last storm, and our worthy chief had to do the 4 a. m. stunt at "OB."

Brownney was recently presented with an up-to-date auto, which he expects to enjoy the coming summer.

Bruce, taking in the sights in New York City, was relieved by Extra Snyder.

McDermott spent several days in Canton, relieved by Mohn.

The meeting at Youngstown on January 17th was well attended, two or three times as many as in December being present. General Chairman Husted gave an outline of the work being done and other information. Bill is certainly improving as an orator, and we hope he will be with us more frequently in future. Boys, you are missing something in not attending these meetings, arranged for you. Several new faces were seen. We hope they will be regular attendants.

Daily, on Cregan's desk, is laid up with a bad case of mumps. Cregan, car tracer at "SB," is becoming quite an amateur actor, especially as a Dutch character.

The new roster is "some class."

Nothing like advertising. When through with your journal, give it to some non. Probably he might read something that would add one more to our ranks. Our journal is one of the best trade journals in the country, and we have a good editor at the head of it. Pass it along and don't be so selfish.

Arnold visited a few days in Pittsburg and attended the Billy Sunday meetings.

Pierson recently purchased a parrot, whose vocabulary is now limited to "At home at last." It is hoped "Peg" will be able to teach it more.

What nonsense it is to talk about how much we do and how we love our Order, and at the same time make no effort to do anything to strengthen and build it up. Be a "booster" instead of a "knocker," and get busy. The field is large and the returns are great. SLATS.

Cincinnati Division—

There have been many important changes made on this division. The automatic block being installed between Marion and Galion, effective Janu-

ary 20th, displaced nine more men, "BX" tower, Caledonia and Slick being closed.

Bro. J. P. Wilson, of Caledonia, bid in Broadway agency, vice Bro. Lary, deceased. The patrons of the road will find Bro. Wilson a nice, pleasant man to deal with. He was relieved by Bro. I. N. Petty while moving his family from Caledonia.

On account of trains Nos. 10 and 11 being discontinued between Marion and Dayton, Greencamp, Broadway and Kennard nights closed.

Bro. Leibhard was in Springfield recently on business.

General Chairman Husted attended a meeting in Youngstown on January 16th, which was well attended.

Let us all make a resolution to secure at least one new member every month until we have no more timber to work on. We will then have a strong organization. That is the only way to do it, brothers. We must all get busy. CERT. 20.

CARD OF THANKS.

Mrs. Fannie Sheehan Lutz and Mrs. Nettie Lutz and family wish to express their sincere thanks for the beautiful floral piece sent in respect for their beloved husband, son and brother, Isaac Lutz.

Canadian Northern Ry.

Members Division 43: Ten new members in December, six by transfer and four by initiation.

G. H. PALMER,
General Secretary and Treasurer.

Western Division, First District—

Bro. Edling, of Wadena, bid in Chinook on the west end. He takes with him best wishes from boys on this district for future success.

Quite a few reductions have taken place lately account of slack business which I trust will be only temporary.

Bro. E. G. Delano, of Dauphin Depot, is on a trip South.

Mikado station has closed for a couple of months, Bro. O'Farrell, the agent there, relieving Bro. Humphries, at Invermay, for a few weeks.

The extraordinary mild weather has curtailed the usual winter operations. An abundant fall of snow would be of great benefit to the laboring men both in our line as well as in every other occupation, as there are great quantities of grain and forest products still unmarketed, waiting for enough snow to make easier hauling.

Game of all kinds has been very abundant on this district during the past game season. If this feature of the country was properly advertised by the railways and the government, our district would become a great center for hunters. Moose, elk, deer and other big game abound, while birds were never so plentiful before, and right on the railway tracks. CERT. 52.

Western Division, Second District—

Bro. Lemieux, "SU" nights, who got new terminal at Hanna nights, is on holiday to see the folks at home, relieved by Bro. "Nibs" Francis.

Bro. J. H. Strong, the new Prince Albert agent, now has his family with him.

Bro. Wolfe, from Craik, who bid in Polworth, later bid in Regina nights. Bro. W. Norman going to Polworth agency again on bulletin.

Bro. Thompson, at Big River, is watching the new mill under operation, which will again make his village the city he dreams of.

Bro. Braithwaite, at Leask, is making overtime now that the line is completed to North Battleford; also Mr. Bedard and Mr. Armitage, at Blaine Lake, who will soon be brothers, and help make it solid.

Bro. O. Binnette bid in Aylesbury station, leaving DeArcy station on bulletin. Rosthern, Davidson and Hanna days, also up for bid.

Bro. Menzies secured Bethune; Bro. Richardson, Kenaston, and Bro. C. J. Berger, Girvin.

R. B. LAW, Cert. 111.

Winnipeg to Port Arthur—

There has been no write up from this division for some time, but some of the brothers have now been kind enough to send me some notes for publication. A division lived up as well as ours should have a good write-up every month. The writer is willing to help if the brothers will do the same. Our division from Winnipeg to Port Arthur is a credit to the Order, as it is practically 100 per cent strong. This certainly is a grand showing and most of our dispatchers belong.

The extra set of dispatchers at Rainy River during the wheat rush have been withdrawn, leaving only Bro. J. H. Thompson, chief, Bro. Rock, first, Bro. Hicks, second, and Bro. Hitesman on third trick. At Ft. Frances Bro. Sievers is chief, Bro. Wicks on first, Mr. Knoblauch on second, and Bro. Simpson on third trick. It is not known yet whether they will be left there or not. Bro. Fay, formerly on west end Rainy River, is now at Winnipeg, and Mr. Krouse, who says he will be with us soon, is also at Winnipeg.

At Port Arthur Bro. T. J. Brown is chief and Bro. Bensit, Gelzer and Thomms, on first, second and third tricks, respectively.

It has been a hard season on the dispatchers and telegraphers this fall as the weather has permitted navigation being kept open later than usual and the grain handled this year exceeds the amount handled any previous year.

Bro. Elephant, relieving at Woodridge, has gone to the Western Division. Bro. Kell, who has been in the Duluth hospital with a bullet in his shoulder, having returned. Bro. H. A. Cox, agent Woodridge, secured six new members last year, which is not bad.

Miss McClennan, Ste. Anne nights, will be with us as soon as she has been in the service long enough.

Bro. Arnold at Sprague, off for Christmas holidays, will transfer from Division 83.

Bro. T. Scanlan is at Pinewood nights. We are glad to learn that his wife has recovered her health after being confined to the hospital for seven months.

Bro. Hertton, Emo nights, resigned; relieved by Bro. Gale, who has not yet seen the ghost reported to be there.

Bro. Weaver from Atikokan appointed agent Mine Centre, and Bro. Chaquette, agent Kakabeka Falls, goes to Barwick agency, relieved by Bro. Lawrence from Kawene, relieved by Bro. Roach. Bro. Todd, Mine Centre, bid in Hanna, Alberta, agency.

Mokomon closed Mr. (soon to be brother) Cassey at Mattawin nights. Kashabowie nights, Windigo, Mokomon and Twin City Jct. temporary offices, also closed.

Bros. Cullen and Doolittle have returned to Mabella; Bro. Jameson, relief operator, resigned.

Bros. Ainsley, Division 7, and Plunkett, Division 2, G. T. P., are at Atikokan; Bro. Smith, agent there, relieved of telegraph work during busy season.

The new yard office at Port Arthur is completed, the force moved in. Bro. Jones, Port Arthur, is on vacation visiting friends in Michigan and Minnesota, relieved by Bro. McFarland, and he by Peebles, from Kakabeka Falls nights, leaving the latter short.

Only nine miles more steel to be laid from Port Arthur when this line will be completed east to Sudbury. Two long bridges have to be built before the material can be hauled to finish this piece of road.

Send all the news you can to the correspondent and let's have a write-up every month.

CERT. 1094.

Battleford Section—

Bro. Fred Sherman and bride, while passing through "DN" to Chipman, where Fred has bid in the agency, were showered with rice and old shoes. Bro. Smith, "DN," also recently married, bid in Laird agency. Bro. Frisco, dispatcher at "DK," was also recently married, but we did not learn the name of bride. Bro. Roberts, dispatcher at "DK," has returned from his holiday with a bride, to Edmonton. Congratulations to all the happy couples. Bro. O. Farrell also returned from three weeks' visit below Quebec; but the girl refused to come to the wild and woolly West. Try again, Mike.

Bro. McLaren, Denholm agency, on two weeks' leave, was relieved by Mr. Bruce.

Bro. Grant, "DN" nights, on sick list, relieved by Bro. Campbell. When Bro. Sherman bid in Chipman agency Bro. Campbell went on days, and Mr. Henry, a new man, on nights, until Bro. Grant returned, when Mr. Henry went to third "FD." He will soon be one of us.

Bro. Hamilton, "WA" days, to Humbolt nights; Bro. McEachern going to Munson. Later Bro. Weise on sick list, Bro. Hamilton relieving, and Bro. Dowler, from "BO" nights, to "B"

nights. On Bro. Weise's return Bro. Hamilton relieved Bro. Vanmere, Vonda nights, on holiday.

Bro. Xmas, Delmas, while taking in the great white way at Edmonton, was relieved by Mr. Henry.

Bro. Bennett, relieving agent Islay, bid in Big Valley days.

Bro. Stephen, from "FS" nights closed, to Radisson nights, vice Bro. Campbell relieving Bro. M. C. Mann, Warman days, to Hudson Bay Jct., visiting old friends.

We are glad to see Bro. Jack Ashby back at Red Willow agency.

Bro. Potts to Vegreville nights, and Bro. Elliott days, pending bids. Humbolt nights and Hafford agency on Blaine Lake extension also on bulletin.

Bro. Bethune, third North Battleford, to Edmonton third during Christmas rush.

Bro. McKinnon, Vermilion days, spent Christmas in Edmonton.

Bro. McRae is first trick dispatcher at "DK," Bro. Morgan, second, relieving Bro. Frisco, and Bro. Easton on third. Bro. Jimmy Anderson was second trick dispatcher on "DK" Branch until bid in. Bro. Jollymour back on second "MO." CERT. 950.

Ontario Division—

Nons are comparatively few on our line, our schedule is as good as any, and we hope with the next revision it will be ahead of any other.

Our lines are gradually extending; the east line being opened through to Ottawa on January 5th for freight service. Agents installed at McLaren, Richmond, McEwen, Smith's Falls and Lucas and Chaffey's Locks. Other agencies will be opened as soon as the through passenger service between Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal is put on. The steel has been connected up between Sudbury and Port Arthur with prospects of a through western service about September next. This will open up a lot of jobs for some of the boys who like obscurity and solitude mingled with black flies and mosquitoes.

Rumor has it that the telephone system of dispatching is going to be installed between Port Arthur and Toronto. Ten years from now this will be "the" road of Canada, which is saying considerable when you consider the wealth of our neighbor, the C. P. R.

I suppose you are all waiting patiently for the new parcel post to be put in effect when we will be able to laugh at our friend the postmaster toting his mail bag with a consignment of thirty dozen egg crates and a few boxes of butter in it. The express companies are proposing to ask the government for reimbursement for their losses by the inauguration of the parcel post. What is wrong with the O. R. T. asking the express companies for a small slice of that reimbursement? We are doing their work for them today for a measly ten per cent on local business and less than nothing on interline. What we want to get right after is at least 15 per cent or 20 per cent if we can get it. The boys on the C. P. have an agreement with the Do-

minion Express Co. Let us draw up one with our company.

If you will send any items of interest to me at Footes Bay I will endeavor to furnish Bro. Quick with a little more work each month.

The old G. T. R. had a great write-up in the December journal. We should congratulate our brothers over there on their progress during the last year or so. It's not many years since the G. T. R. wouldn't tolerate organization; but in Mr. Chamberlain they seem to have a president second only to our own, and one who sees that it is the best policy to treat his employees as human beings. CERT. 868.

Central of Georgia Ry.

Atlanta Division—

A meeting was held Sunday, Jan. 18th, in the Odd Fellows' Hall, Macon, Ga. We had a very nice crowd, though not as many as could have had. We were met at the train by Bro. Hightower, who marched us out to his sister's, where we were treated to an elaborate spread. After we had eaten our fill, we had some smokes, and repaired to the hall where several things of vital interest were taken up and discussed. Several of the boys had to leave before the meeting was concluded on account of having to work that night. It seems as if each station could spare one man to go to these meetings, so if the raise does not suit you boys when the committee goes down for one again, remember you are at fault. I am glad to say that there is one place on the Atlanta District that sent two men.

Bro. Pope, visiting relatives in South Georgia and his wife's folks at Mansfield on Christmas, was relieved by Bro. McBrear, extra, from the G. S. & F., who also relieved Bro. Carter a few days, and later relieved Bro. Hodges several days, also Non Lock a few days.

Bro. Hutchins relieved Bro. Jones while he relieved Bro. Thompson while visiting relatives near Columbus.

Understand Bro. Thompson lost all his clothes while away on account of his boarding house burning. He has our sympathy in his loss.

Brothers, please remit promptly to Bro. Travis for your new card. Several who have not as yet remitted for card ending December 31, 1913, should do so at once. Don't make it necessary to go to the expense of going to see you—do it now—don't put it off another day, you are running too big a risk. You owe it to your family. CERT. 552.

Columbus Division—

Bro. Pearson, Dadeville days, off account illness and death of his mother, relieved by Extra Featherston.

Several Columbus dispatchers off during Xmas relieved by Extra Dispatcher Sides, who was relieved in "SW" message office by Bro. D. O. Glass from Opelika, relieved on the second there by Extra Frank Hill, who also relieved Bro. A. H.

Warlick on first, while spending a few days at Cusseta with his mother.

Bro. B. F. Jinnett, third Margaret Jct., off ten days during Xmas, relieved by Extra Bolt.

Bro. M. E. Rawls, agent Goodwater, made a pleasant trip down in the southern part of "Here we rest," leaving it up to Bro. Brown.

Important business (?) suddenly called Bro. D. S. Brown to Chattanooga, Tenn., relieved by Featherston.

Bro. L. B. Houston, second Goodwater, on thirty days' leave to try the "AB" and "A" at Arkright, relieved by Mr. Bolt. Here's wishing him well.

Bro. C. Belk, ticket agent Union Springs, goes to Columbus as city ticket agent, relieved by J. C. Perry.

Bro. W. D. Corley, agent Colgate, is a recent convert. We like to see them come.

Bro. Cowden, Camp Hill, relieved a few days by J. C. Perry.

Bro. C. R. Roberts, second Sylacauga, spent a few days at Lineville, relieved by Extra Bolt.

Bro. Fred Clark, agent Leeds, spent Sunday in Columbus attending investigation, relieved by Featherston.

We intend having a write-up from this division of some kind hereafter, so if anybody ever does anything they don't want shown up they will have to do "biz." CERTS. 578 AND 590.

Denver & Rio Grande R. R.

First Division—

The slump in business hit this division pretty hard, quite a number of offices closed and a lot of "bumping."

Jess Campbell, of "DC" Denver, is spending the winter on his farm, on the Gulf Coast of Texas.

A. L. Rogers, "DR" Tower, is visiting in California.

Pikeview station closed, F. C. Hogue going to Rouse Jct. Kelker closed, F. L. Reynolds to agency at Buttes. A. L. Challis, closed out at Florence, is now agent Cuchara Jct.

Frank Jones, bumped out at Echó, is now in the wood and cattle business there.

Operators very thick of late, beating it back from that dear California and the Northwest, where conditions are about same as here.

Only a very few nons left on this division. Keep after them and let's make it solid for 1914.

CERT. 41, Div. Cor.

Second Division, First District—

J. W. Wilson, third Granite, resigned departed for parts unknown, fair weather after him, relieved by Bro. E. L. Pohlson, relieved on third Buena Vista by Bro. Witherspoon.

Bro. Rust, of the Grand, bid in third Minturn.

Mr. Sheehan returned to Tennessee Passagency, relieving Mr. Bacon, on an indefinite vacation. Mr. Carnahan, second there, resigned to engage in other business at Leadville.

Bro. Pohlson, third Granite, resigned, relieved by Mr. Collins, who promises to be with us soon.

It's now Bro. Wiggle, agent Red Cliff; Bro. Wilson, third Malta; Bro. Bigelow, third Pando, and Bro. McGaw, third Wolcott. The ice train at Pando is doing good business, something like 300 cars loaded and shipped already.

Our six-foot snow had some of the boys guessing where their eats were going to come from.

Our committee meets the management in a short time, everybody get busy, we "gotta" make a good showing to get that two weeks each year, with numerous other "articles" of great value to us.

Bro. Alton, third Salida, off on account of his father being very sick.

Three misters promised January pay day. See that they make good, we need the money.

CERT. 599.

Green River Division—

Bro. C. L. Johnson has returned to Mounds third from his trip to Denver; vice H. Harding resigned.

Fruita second and third, Woodside second and third, and Ruby closed on account of light business. One operator at Green River and Thompson's, and four chain gang crews pulled off.

Bro. Ely, agent Woodside, has returned from the East; Bro. Babb going back east, relieved account reduction in force there, Bro. R. C. Wilson also gone back east.

Helper again solid, with Bro. R. C. Moore up-to-date.

Our third trick dispatcher, Helper, made a flying trip to Salt Lake on business. "Happy" is well liked by all the boys.

Mack, Colo., open as an all night position; Bro. Seymour from Green River, and Bro. Rambo from Fruita on second, making Mack solid.

Mr. Grubbs, Sunnyside, has promised to get a new card.

Boys, do not be afraid to kick if you have a good cause, you will never get anything you do not ask for. Local Chairman Hopkins advises that all positions will be bulletined.

Don't forget, brother, to work on the non next to you, or in the same office and get his application. We are about 90 per cent strong now. Individual effort is what counts and it's up to you to land him.

A convict escaped from train No. 2 between Solitude and Thompson's, January 21st. Bro. Cunningham, Thompson's, says he's going back. Bro. Seymour, at Mack, took to the woods.

Mr. Imhoff, third, is now night clerk at Fruita.

Mr. Alderson is on third Price. Touch him up "Sammy," and see if he has a card.

CERT. 621.

Coast Division—

A rousing meeting, marked especially for its enthusiastic and large attendance, was held in the Labor Temple at San Jose on December 7th, under the auspices of the Coast and Western Divi-

sions, some thirty-five brothers and their wives being present.

The meeting was called to order by Local Chairman Ward, who went into the finer parts of our new schedule, in order that all the brothers should be thoroughly familiar with the articles. Bro. Ward ended his talk by introducing Bro. Koppikus, our tried and true warrior, who journeyed with Mrs. "Kop" from Oakville to be with us. Bro. "Kop" can always be depended on for a talk, and we were pleased to have him with us. He gave us an idea of how we stood financially, ending by saying that "Old 53" has obtained more new members, more members transferred from other divisions, and that conditions never looked brighter for Division 53.

Bro. Ward then introduced General Chairman Cowgill (who is no stranger), who was on the eve of his departure for the Atlantic System to help with schedule negotiations there. Bro. Cowgill spoke of trying instances while trying to put through the new schedule, and exhibited a silver loving cup, the gift of the "boys of the San Joaquin." We certainly enjoyed Bro. "Jack's" talk, and I am sure the boys who were unable to take in the meeting would have enjoyed it immensely. We hope to have Bro. "Jack" with us again on his return home.

We also enjoyed hearing Bro. Chapin, a non-schedule member, who told of the difficulties in organizing "53" and how he had to ride a bicycle from Arizona to Oakland in order to get at the boys.

Bro. McDermott, agent Alviso, told of some of his experiences in the old days, and Bro. Harrison called our attention to "eternal vigilance." Bro. Seger (the Relay Divisions' general chairman), who, accompanied by the Hoell brothers, journeyed from "BD," also gave us a nice talk. We also were pleased to hear from Bros. Green, San Mateo, and Chapman, of Alhna.

The surprise of the evening, however, was when Bro. Ward called on Bro. Dains for a talk. Bro. Dains exhibited some O. R. T. cards bearing the date of 1889, and while everyone appeared interested, Bro. Dains turned to Bro. Cowgill and presented him with a handsome dress suit case, "the gift of the boys of the Coast." Bro. Cowgill responded in a manner that was good to hear.

Bro. Pennington, local chairman of the Western Division, then favored us with a brief talk, and as the time was short the meeting was adjourned, in order that the boys could make their trains, all of them going with a promise to be on hand at our next meeting.

It was a pleasure to note the presence of the gentler sex, which made our meeting more home-like. Among the ladies were Mrs. Cowgill, Mrs. Berry, Mrs. Koppikus and several other ladies, the names of whom, I am sorry to say, I overlooked.

We will hold another meeting in the near future, and all the brothers should get together and get acquainted.

Owing to unavoidable circumstances, I was unable to be present, much to my regret, and am

indebted to Bro. Werner, my able assistant, for this report and for nearly all of the news.

Bro. Parke resigned third Paso Robles, relieved by Mr. Arcander, a new man, who promises to be with us soon.

Bro. Chapman, agent Alma, on short vacation, relieved by Bro. Sullivan.

Bro. Emery, while on vacation around the bay cities, was relieved on third Surf by Bro. Moore.

Bro. Blake, assistant agent Lompoc, on sixty days' vacation visiting his old home in "little old Noo Yoak," relieved by Mr. Miles.

Bro. Stuart, agent Gilroy, has resigned and gone into business. We wish him success. Bro. Young is acting agent pending bulletin received at Gonzales by Mr. Sisson, and he at Santa Cruz by Bro. Merrill, relieved on second Redwood by Bro. C. W. Fuller.

We regret the unfortunate accident that befell Bro. Doyle's brother, who, we understand, lost his foot while braking out of Sacramento, on the Northern Electric. He was formerly an operator on this division, but has been braking for several years. Bro. Doyle was relieved at San Jose yard by Bro. May while off to take care of his brother.

Bro. Berry, agent Campbell, has returned from his vacation, and Bro. Kenyon, relief, has gone to Los Angeles for a short visit. There's a reason.

Bro. Covey is assistant at Boulder Creek.

Bro. King, second Guadalupe, on vacation, was relieved by Bro. Sullivan, who later relieved Mr. Heistand, first Watsonville Jct.

Bro. May relieved Mr. Grove, third Mission Bay, San Francisco, on vacation.

Night chief San Francisco abolished, Mr. Masengale relieving Dispatcher Leary on third San Luis Obispo, Leary bumping Bro. King, third "BI" San Luis Obispo, who relieved Bro. Covey, a new man, on second Gaviota.

Bro. Day, Watsonville Jct., off several days, relieved by Bro. D. R. Sullivan, who later relieved Mr. Bell, third King City, a few days.

On December 10th Edna station was broken into and robbed of about \$90 S. P. and a like amount of the Wells-Fargo Company money, while Agent Bunds was uptown on an errand.

Local Chairman Ward, San Jose "SJ," relieved a few days by Bro. A. D. Spencer.

Bro. Crofut, third Del Monte Jct., on a few weeks' vacation around Los Angeles, was relieved by Bro. C. F. Moore.

Bro. D. Topham, second Delmonte Jct., on a few weeks' vacation to Los Angeles, Portland and Seattle, was relieved by Bro. Shackelford.

Bro. G. R. Smith, second Gilroy, relieved a few days by Bro. Covey while going to San Francisco to get married. Congratulations.

Business is picking up again, as the rains have started, which, if continued, will assure a bumper crop next year. "HS," Cert. 1558.

Western Division—

Telegraph offices opened at Webster with three men, and Mikon nights with one man—Bros. Moreland and Allison and Mr. Fothergill at Web-

ster and Bro. Alexander at Mikon. These are emergency offices on account of the high water in Yolo Basin, and will pay emergency rate. Bro. Moreland relieved by Bro. Backschies, after several days on first Webster, to take his assignment as agent Walnut Creek.

Bro. S. O. Higley, former agent Niles, bid in Danville agency; Bro. A. J. Rutherford, agent Alvarado, received Niles agency; Bro. McGinnis, Milpitas agency; Mr. Leithhammer, night telegrapher position Richmond, and Bro. C. P. Walker, telegrapher Cygnus Sink, on the last bulletin.

Only one non landed, and he received a \$10 increase on the last revision and claims he can live for \$23 a month. Some brother close to Richmond make it a point to see if he can not be persuaded.

Bro. A. M. Allison, on the extra list, who spent two weeks' vacation in Los Angeles and Southern California during the holidays, got back just in time to catch an emergency job on the Yolo Basin.

Mr. Kellar, agent Bay point, resigned, relieved by Telegrapher Miller, relieving at Centerville for two months.

Bro. Lester Taylor, agent Altamont, is on his honeymoon trip to Los Angeles, Southern California and old Mexico points. Congratulations and best wishes. Bro. Taylor was relieved by Bro. Dyer.

C. T. U. Bro. Brandt, Altamont, promises to get in line soon, also Messrs. McFerren and Dille at Livermore.

Bro. Follansbee, second Livermore, off Christmas week with his folks, who are spending the winter in Oakland. Severe winters in Boston and mild winters in the "Golden State" made it possible for Bro. Follansbee to spend a real Christmas.

Heavy rains have caused lots of trouble on the Yolo Basin, on the two Putah creeks between Davis and Dixon and slides at Nevada Dock, also near Stege and Vallejo Jct. Single track over the Yolo Basin since the first of the year; and all trains more or less delayed. Heavy snows in the Sierras have caused overland trains to be quite late and in some cases to be annulled. One day both tracks were gone at Webster and trains all run via Stockton and Tracy from Sacramento, and local trains turned at Davis and doubled back from there. January 22d, Steamer Solano, tied up for repairs, and all trains detoured via Napa Jct. and Vallejo except Overlands, which were detoured via Stockton. Over three inches of rain fell during the night and washed out the branch line between Suisun and Napa Jct. The first train from San Francisco got through about 2:30 p. m., after laying at Napa Jct. five hours.

The non list is entirely too large on this division. We must start a system of personal solicitation by all the members on the division. With the increases secured for each position and the benefits added to the old schedule, we have a good argument. Some have enjoyed the benefits so long that they feel entitled to any additional advantages we have secured. When a relief man comes

to your station or the station next to yours, make it a personal matter to find out if he is an up-to-date member, what division he belongs to, and advise your local chairman. Let's make the division solid.

Thanks to Bros. Dohner and Follansbee for the larger part of the items this month. The interest shown by these brothers is certainly pleasing. Remember that items for publication should reach me not later than the 20th, so they will reach St. Louis in time for publication.

Another meeting will probably be held in San Francisco soon, and a large attendance will help much towards making these meetings a regular occurrence. The brotherly feeling shown at these meetings makes it worth while to attend, and you will be amply repaid for any trouble you may have in getting there.

Don't forget the news items. L. C.

San Joaquin District—

Sunday, December 27th, 1913, a meeting was held at Bealville, the very best meeting held on this division in years, judging from the expressions of good-feeling from everyone present.

Bro. and Mrs. Winter were ideal hosts, to say the least, and everyone enjoyed the luxurious repast and the delightful entertainment furnished by them after dinner.

The meeting was called to order at 4 p. m. by the local chairman, and matters of interest on the division were discussed by the members. After the business of the Order was completed the ladies were invited in and the idea of creating a local of the Ladies' Auxiliary on this division discussed, and all the ladies took blanks home with them, as did also many of the members whose wives did not accompany them. The Ladies' Auxiliary will probably have a membership on this division which will be a close second to the O. R. T. itself. L. A. application blanks can be obtained from Mrs. W. E. Blume, Cameron, Cal., local chairman of the Ladies' Auxiliary on this division—the first member to enroll from the San Joaquin Division. We hope the members will have their wives and sisters join, and we can soon have the strongest membership of any division on the system.

Those present at the meeting with their wives were: Bros. O. D. Day, W. E. Blume, H. C. Winter, G. H. Frederick, M. H. Gage and M. B. McMullen. The others present were: Bros. R. J. Shaw, P. P. Kendricks, A. T. Sullivan, C. D. Liston, V. L. Underwood, D. P. Gibson, Jerome O'Neill and R. S. Easterwood.

The greater part of the crowd played games and visited until midnight, and on leaving everyone extended to Bro. and Mrs. Winter their heartiest congratulations and best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

Walong and Cable closed, Bro. O. D. Day, of Walong, going to third Marcel. Business is very light, a great many offices having been closed and others reduced from three tricks to two and in some cases from three tricks to one. Bro. R.

S. Easterwood went to Bealville after second Tulare closed.

A new time table, in effect January 4th, took off four trains between Bakersfield and San Francisco and two between Bakersfield and Los Angeles and all the suburban trains between Los Angeles and the beach resorts.

A letter from Bro. J. J. Dillon, now on the Portland Division, to the boys in Bakersfield, sends his "73" to the boys on this division.

Bro. R. B. Mould, of Famoso, on this division about two years, formerly chef in the Harvey House at Barstow, has resigned and returned East.

Bro. C. L. Coleman is now lineman for the Postal in Los Angeles.

Dispatcher and Mrs. C. H. Nichols, of Bakersfield, visited with Bro. and Mrs. W. E. Blume at Cameron one day last month. No. 107 was badly delayed, and Nick was unable to get back to work his trick. M. B. McMULLEN.

Portland Division—

Bro. Ray Grate, agent Tillamook, visiting in Missouri, is to bring back a better half. Congratulations. Bro. Beer is relieving him.

Bro. Pinkerton, at Timber, is doing the work alone since the work trains have been pulled off.

Bro. V. N. Fields, the lightning hand sender at Cottage Grove, bid in Portland "KC."

Mr. Martin, of Glendale, is on second Brooklyn. He escaped Bro. Olsen. Some brother at "FD" land him. Bro. Hill, Glendale, is on a visit in New Jersey.

Bro. G. M. Leslie, Medford, while on his honeymoon was relieved by Mr. Heyser, acting agent Gaston, who later went to Newberg, relieved by Mr. Dollard, of the C. P. R. Mr. Heyser has invested in so much real estate at Newberg that he is unable to take out a card. Later Mr. Heyser was relieved at Newberg by Bro. Kimes when Hillsboro was abolished.

It is now Bro. Geo. E. Darrow at "BO."

Bro. E. A. Miller, who bid in third Junction City, is taking a short vacation.

Bro. Brunken, third Grants Pass, visiting his folks in Kansas, was relieved by Bro. Dillon.

Bro. Pattison spent his holiday vacation around Portland, relieved by Bro. Gaines, Eugene.

Bro. F. G. Morris, when relieved at Junction City, goes to his assignment at Leland.

Bro. W. M. Knotts, on his vacation, was relieved by Bro. Longabaugh, Junction City.

Bro. Ed Miller bid in Junction City third, relieved by Bro. C. A. McLemore, third West Fork, who was recently on his homestead and has now gone to his gold mine at Rogue River, relieved by Bro. Gaines.

Bro. Dillon, from California lines, with three years' rights, bid in third West Fork.

Dispatcher O. Olson, spent his vacation at Central Point.

Our new seniority lists are out.

Telephones are being installed on the P. & Y. and West Side Divisions of the P. E. & E., Port-

land to Whiteson and back via Hillsboro. Dispatchers McLardy and Cantrell will do the dispatching.

Bro. H. F. Rice, former correspondent and agent at Whiteson, is now with the C. & E. as agent Toledo. He was relieved at Whiteson by Bro. C. B. Easley.

Bro. Dillon, who relieved Bro. Brunken, Grants Pass, on six weeks' vacation in Nebraska, also relieved Mr. McMasters, extra dispatcher at "KC," during dispatchers' vacation. Bro. W. A. Pier-son was on car job several days.

Bro. H. D. Olson, who bid in Gervais agency, was tendered a farewell reception by the fair ones of LaFayette. Bro. S. W. McIlvaine, who bid in Beaverton agency, was relieved at Gervais by S. F. Wilkinson.

The boys on the main line should answer their calls promptly, thereby saving the dispatchers lots of work.

A washout on the Shasta Division delayed the Rogue River Valley business men's excursion to Los Angeles twenty-nine hours. Rogue River Valley moved some thousand cars of fruit during the rush season.

Thanks to Bro. Cathers, Wheeler, for P. R. & N. news. Hope the other boys will send me some items every month. The P. R. & N. is now solid.

Your new correspondent took his vacation at LaFayette, Portland and Sutherlin in December. The "smokes" are coming whenever a brother shows up.

Assistant Superintendent "Capt. May," of Roseburg, recently fell forty feet from a bridge at Myrtle Creek, but luckily no bones were broken. He will take a vacation in Arizona as soon as he can leave the hospital. First Trick Dispatcher Enger is doing the "AS" stunt at Roseburg, with Dispatcher Osborne on first; "Pete" Taylor on second and Russell Wilson on third.

Bro. May, of Drain, handled the car situation on third side wire at "Z" office during the fruit season rush. Bro. S. M. Wilcox, of Drain, off two weeks, was relieved by Bro. Robt. Fromm, who later bid in second Medford and took a vacation in California.

Our new schedule calls for bulletins every sixty days. When you make bids, be sure to make them in duplicate, sending both copies to Mr. Woodbury, who will return one as a receipt.

Somebody get after G. H. Smith at Myrtle Creek.

Junction City, West Fork and Medford are now taking "Today's News of the World," sent from "BD" to "P" for the observation cars.

Our Bro. M. L. Shinaberger contributed the front piece in our journal for December, 1913.

Brothers who have not paid their \$3 and \$2 assessments should do so at once, also be prompt in their payment of dues, thereby being up to date all the time.

Bro. E. F. McDowell, of Leland, is on a month's leave.

Bro. Loucks, agent at Coburg, on a trip East, relieved by Mr. Powers.

G. H. Miller, agent Aurora, spending a few weeks East, relieved by Bro. Sperger from Shasta Division.

Bro. E. P. Sundberg, Brooklyn, is now in the U. S. Mail Department. We wish him success.

Bro. E. F. Thompson, first Junction City, was in Portland a few days on court proceedings.

Bro. R. E. McNelly is relieving Bro. McDougal, second Leland, on a trip home in the East.

Bro. S. T. Johnson, Woodburn, who heads our seniority list on lines in Oregon, with his family, spent the holidays at Jefferson. Bro. Henning, on his return from California, relieved Bro. M. E. Hearn, Woodburn, assigned to Halsey. Bro. P. G. Vickers to first, and Bro. Henning second, Woodburn, relieving Bro. J. F. Knox, extra, now with his folks in Medford.

Bro. M. C. McKercher is on thirty days' vacation South.

Bro. Turner, of Tehachapi, Cal., San Joaquin Division, visited friends and relatives in Medford for the holidays.

Bro. J. Johnson, a new man, is relieving Bro. John Bourn, ticket agent Salem, who is assisting at the State capital at the request of the State officials.

Keep after the non-members, boys, setting forth the benefits of membership in the O. R. T.

Bro. Kimes, Newberg, bid Rockaway agency, and Bro. Comley, second Albany, bid LaFayette agency.

Bro. G. W. Cutts, Jeff St., Portland, is in the hospital at San Francisco. We hope for him a speedy recovery. Bro. Dillon relieved at Jeff St. by C. Damoshofski.

Bro. Sholes has been reinstated at Oakridge. Bro. Applegate assigned Oswego.

Our local chairman, T. M. Boyd, Oakland, and the committee, have the thanks of the employes of the Portland Division for their untiring efforts in securing the new schedule for us.

Bro. F. E. Dodge, of Dillard, is attending lectures on advice farming at the O. A. C., at Corvallis.

Sister Brown is back at Independence after a month's visit in California.

Bro. E. P. Sunberg, Brooklyn third, recently visited old friends around Corvallis and Albany.

Bro. Jeff Kinney is relieving Bro. Woods as agent at Dallas.

Thanks to Bro. Vickers for news for this issue. Some of you other brothers send me some items for the next issue. LESLIE, "MD."

Sacramento Division--

Boys, let's have a good write-up in the journal each month from this division. Let's hear from all the boys in the valley.

A few of the staff operators have already sent in their applications and hope the rest will soon follow, as they are now allowed Sunday overtime.

Quite a number of temporary offices opened on account of heavy rains up in the High Sierras.

Bro. Meigs, bumped at Cordover by Bro. Rector, is now on "BR" second. Bro. Brennan,

former chairman Salt Lake Division, is at "BR" nights.

Bro. L. B. Dean while at the general hospital having his eyes treated was relieved by Bro. McWilliams.

Boys, get after the nons.

Bro. Ketchum was relieved by Mr. Mayhew while visiting the "old folks at home," who is now at Midas, also Bro. Bill Morrison.

Bro. Scott was relieved by Bro. Meigs a few days last month.

Bro. Kerrigan is now on third "NG," and Bros. Manuel and McWilliams at Verdi.

Bro. Heflin, second Truckee, has just returned from Forest, Ills, with his bride. Congratulations.

Glad to see Bro. Barner back from S. F. Hospital where he underwent an operation for appendicitis, relieved by B. Hobbs.

Bro. J. B. McGinnis, agent Smart, is on sixty days' vacation, showing his family the sights of Portland and Los Angeles, relieved by Bro. Colins from Boca.

Bro. F. Misner has returned from a visit to St. Paul, Minneapolis and other large cities. Glad to see him home again. C&ST. 2857, Div. Cor.

Los Angeles District—

Our new agreement is working fine, and it is now the duty of every agent and operator to leave no stone unturned to swell the revenue at their stations, and double the amount conceded in our recent revision, thereby proving to the management that the Southern Pacific will lose nothing by treating their telegraphers fairly. Give them the best service possible, and also render good service to your organization by advising your local chairman of all changes. Every time a new man comes to this division ascertain whether or not he is a member, advise your chairman, and keep him posted on all things pertaining to the Order. This is the only way he can keep up his records. You should also send him copy of bids for future reference.

Get interested in "the safety first" movement, boys, for the benefit of yourselves and the traveling public. It shows that the road you are working for is up to the times.

The meeting advertised for 2 p. m., Sunday, January 18th, was postponed on account of rain and washout; it will be held at Colton some time soon.

Those who have not yet received a copy of seniority list dated January 1st, advise and same will be furnished. Incidentally the nons might ask who pays for the printing of these seniority lists.

Bro. A. F. Thomas transferred from Division 81, relieved by Bro. R. H. Hobgood, second Imperial Jct., a few days.

Bro. A. E. Laisure, general chairman H. T. & C. until same merged with Division 53, has been elected to the reduced general committee of the Sunset Central Lines, now negotiating with the officials at Houston, Texas, headed by Bro. J. E. Cowgill, general chairman.

Bro. A. M. Hammond, local chairman, was off two days, relieved by Bro. G. L. Rorer from Pomona, relieved by Bro. J. W. Craig assigned.

We must insist that not the slightest abuse of the schedule will be tolerated, at the convenience of the company, or for the benefit of any special member. Slight abuses, if allowed to creep in from time to time, might destroy the effectiveness of portions of our agreement. This was the case of our schedule just superseded, where part of it became almost inoperative.

Recent assignment agencies: San Bernardino, Bro. D. P. Smythe; Florence, Bro. N. A. Mahan; Declez, Bro. F. J. Ellison; Piru, Bro. M. H. Goodlander; second telegrapher Beaumont, J. R. Blake; Redland's Jct., Bro. H. L. Earl; Ventura, J. D. Gavin; Shorb, Bro. C. L. Robeson; third Santa Barbara, Bro. T. B. Roberts; cashier-operator, Santa Ana, Bro. C. G. White; Oxnard, Bro. G. Crowley; operator El Centro, C. F. Willard.

Lano opened as a telegraph office January 18th by Bro. H. P. Pielert temporarily.

Bro. Bailiff relieved Bro. E. W. Kalies two nights at Riverside Jct. third, then to Cabazon, relieving Bro. C. H. Musselman, third, a few days, then to Iris, relieving Bro. H. F. Mead, who took a few days off in Los Angeles.

Bro. R. E. Loomis, from Oxnard third, to Ontario third, on bid relieving C. J. Clements, now at Declez temporarily.

Recent applications: Chas. M. Smith, Postal, Los Angeles; F. E. Warner, Guy Crowley, N. A. Mahan, A. F. Gill, G. J. Rothenburg, G. S. Thompson, W. S. Barton, W. H. Riley, C. C. Butts, a tourist, and M. H. Goodlander, and others. Pretty good for one month.

I wish to call to the attention of brothers in the East that this company will hire only first-class combination telegraph and clerical men in future, and have instructed the examining board accordingly, so if contemplating coming West you will not be disappointed. At this writing California is flooded with men of all trades out of employment.

A. M. HAMMOND, L. C.

Tucson District—

At the end of 1913 this district showed only one delinquent. Feb. 28, 1914, is the limit set for the payment of dues for this half or until June 30, 1914; so those who have not yet paid should do so immediately, both to protect themselves and to keep the Order records as clean of delinquents as if there was no such word as "delinquent." This division also shows more members at the end of last year than any previous year, with two new ones added in December and three in January. Of some 130 operators and agents on the division, only seven are still nons. Each brother and sister should do all in their power to help make us 100 per cent strong. Bring in these non-members working with you, and next door to you; your local committee can not reach them all, and depends on your help. No good excuse for their remaining out. Let's make them realize this the same as we do.

Look over the new seniority list of new men on the division, and write your local chairman or committeeman for those not up-to-date. They have all promised us their applications the first pay day. See that they keep their word.

Our three new brothers are: J. C. Bostick, Picacho; W. H. Lawrence, agent Bowie, and E. L. Cummings, agent, Separ.

L. G. Wakeman, a new man, relieved J. F. Bechtel, third Sentinel, assigned second Lordsburg, bumping L. L. Anderson, who relieved R. J. Bachman, third, on vacation.

P. J. Crigler, a new man from O. S. L., relieved P. V. Burke, third Maricopa, on short vacation to Los Angeles.

H. W. Henderson, from Steins, takes assistant agent under J. N. Lean at Willcox.

J. A. Hibbs, returning from sick leave, relieved J. W. Maus, agent Dragoon, who relieved E. M. Joyce at Sibyl, who goes to Willcox, vice Bostick, assigned Picacho.

J. H. Gloonan, relieved at Aztec, by F. E. Young, a new man from Tuscon, assigned Afton nights, relieving A. D. Fellows to Willcox third, vice P. J. Crigler, resigned.

Douglas Brooks, from E. P. & S. W., relieved Mr. Smongeski, second Steins, resigned.

W. B. Estes assigned second Gila Bend, relieved on third there by A. G. Phares.

T. W. Healy, from "DS," relieved G. E. Wilson, agent Red Rock, who went to "UN" fifth, vice L. J. Lieux, displacing Guy Edwards, sixth, assigned third Picacho. R. P. Flynn, from "DS" Tuscon, who relieved B. W. Doyle, second wire chief, was later relieved by Doyle when called to Portland as witness in a suit against the S. P. Co.

All tricks at Bowie are now solid.

W. L. Church, third Picacho, resigned, relieved by Robert E. Walsh, fireman switch engine Gila, later relieved by Edwards, and relieved E. W. Sargent at Raso, on sick leave.

R. J. Sutherland, new man from Grand Trunk, who relieved E. L. Cummings, second Estrella, assigned Separ agency, later relieved by Mrs. Price, from third Estrella, and relieved O. Wilson, Mohawk, assigned Wilna nights, vice R. B. Guiterrez on vacation.

J. G. Roberts, new man from N. Y., N. H. & H., relieved J. W. Maus, Sibyl, going into the B. & B. service.

J. C. Bostick, referred to in December journal, is now up to date.

W. O. Warren, new man, who relieved D. H. O'Brien, fourth trick Yuma "BY," later relieved by W. T. Brinley, from Lordsburg on bid.

C. E. Welsh relieved on first Picacho by J. C. Bostick, assigned Aztec third, vice F. E. Young to new Lordsburg fourth.

P. J. Crigler relieved by P. V. Burke, returning from vacation, went to Willcox second.

E. J. Tilley, first Deming, a few days on sick leave, relieved by W. O. Wheeler, an operator-rancher near Deming.

G. N. Wilson, new man, relieved J. C. O'Connor, agent Huachuca, to El Paso, as witness in

a suit against this company, later to San Antonio on vacation.

H. F. Albert, returning from vacation, to Sibyl days, relieving J. G. Roberts.

W. P. Lacey, agent Wellton, off sick a few days, relieved by W. H. Graham.

J. E. McNeil, new man, relieved O. Wilson, Wilna nights, resigned.

Mr. Foster, Santa Fe, is third trick dispatcher on the Stormy.

Installation of the selectors in "UN," Tucson, in working order January 20th, the selector call for the office being 1-4-2-2-1- in short dashes. Stanley and Shahan did the work.

B. R. Pine, referred to in December journal as having resigned, is still in the service at Bowie; it was T. R. Simpson who resigned.

A. H. Price, third Estrella; G. C. Kelber, agent Gila; T. W. Healy, agent Red Rock; W. E. Hettinger, Esmond; B. D. Mahoney, Jaynes, were recent Tucson visitors.

"UN" Tucson is soon to have three 14-wire table, new style Western Electric telephone jack boxes. O. L. BUTLER, Committeeman.

Shasta District—

I regret that we have not had a write-up in the past two months, but I have received nothing I did not ask for on the wire from anyone but Bro. Bob Vaughn at Weed, whom I wish to thank for his assistance. If you all would help out as he does, we can have a good write-up. Since leaving Dunsmuir I know very little of what is going on.

Bro. Tuttle, agent Chiloquin, says the government is going to give that big nine-pound boy of his 160 acres of land on account of his being the first white person born on the reservation.

Bro. Lloyd, second Weed, was off a few days on account of his mother's illness in Washington.

Hornbrook third is up for bid. Bro. McCarthy bid in third Kennet, making it solid. Delta nights bid in by Mr. Miller.

Shasta Springs closed, Mr. Veyl relieving Bro. Ruth, at Ashland, on account of illness.

Bro. DeHaas is on first Red Bluff; McCleary, second; Bigelow, third; Mr. Miller, agent.

Redding is solid with the exception of Agent Martin, and Sisson solid except R. E. Nixon on third, who promises to come in pay day.

Bros. Morrow, Cusick and Mr. Edwards have been busy straightening out wires since the storms.

The snow plows have been busy on the division lately, Bro. Scott at Sisson handling baggage and mail with his toboggan. The winter carnival there began the last of January, and any of the brothers may call on Bro. Scott for skis or toboggan and show them around.

Boys, we have the finest schedule in the United States and the best bunch of officials to work for in the country. I have worked on a dozen different roads, and I have never found a better class of men to work for than we have in Dunsmuir. All try to do their best and give the company the very best there is in them. "XP," Cert. 2916.

G. H. & S. A. R. R., El Paso Division—

Assignments: Ft. Hancock agency, E. M. Busch; Ft. Hancock third, E. A. Joyce; Sander-son fourth, J. A. Skipper; Valentine second, G. W. Haas; Marfa third, H. G. Fuller.

Vacancies: Marathon agency, Marfa second, Valentine first and Houston eleventh.

Bro. G. J. Schwarzerder has gone to Cresson, Pa., his future home.

Bro. A. Lickorish, agent Sierra Blanca, who received a plum pudding by parcel post Christmas all the way from England, has resigned and gone to Ontario. Bro. Hoffman, second Sierra Blanca, received a Christmas package from Canada.

Bro. Polk returned from several days' hunt for the elusive black-tail deer without any game.

The depot and *Brown News* at Valentine burned on the morning of January 19th. Nearly all the contents of the depot were saved, but Bro. Gardner, the agent, who lived in the same building, barely had time to escape. A new building is now in process of construction there.

Bro. Dearman, Valentine nights, has gone to El Paso, relieved by Mr. Floyd, from the Western Union, St. Louis. Bro. Alvarado, second Valentine, resigned to accept a position as dispatcher with the Mexico Northwestern at Juarez, Mexico. Bro. Barker is still doing the tango at Valentine and playing poker with the error cards.
DIV. COR.

Victoria Division, G. H. & S. A.—

We acknowledge a brief but pleasant call from our popular local chairman, Bro. Z. B. Alexander, on his way to Houston to confer with the committee on a new contract. We hope the nons will in the near future realize the inevitable position in which they stand and how they are regarded by the brethren who are not only bearing their own burdens but also those of the few who still stand under the black cloud of non-membership and ask for affiliation. Brothers, get after the nons in your office and secure their applications, so that we may be able to get a contract in accordance with our intelligence and experience. Let us also endeavor to keep our personal records clean by giving such good service that Order men will be known as the best on the road. Should any demerits be placed against you which you consider unreasonable, take up the matter at once with the local chairman, and if you have received the marks in error he will back you up and see that you get justice.

Bro. Rice, agent Pierce, bid in El Campo agency, relieved by Mr. Hansard, formerly ticket agent for the T. & P. at Dallas.

We are glad to hear that Bro. Shoquist, Nixon, is improving, and hope he will soon be again in harness. He is being relieved by Mr. Winter, formerly agent Beasley.

Bro. Isaacson, Beasley, bid in Westhoff, and Bro. Little, Smiley, bid in Beasley, but later resigned.

We are glad to welcome into the fold Bros. Isaacson, Beasley; Bell, Van Weck; Harding, Bay City, and McClanahan, Palacios, and extend to them the right hand of fellowship.

Bro. Allsworth, Wharton, has resigned and is handling a trick on the main line. Sorry to lose such a good man. He was relieved by Mr. Whittsitt, an old-time agent for this company, who was relieved by Mr. Black on return from his vacation.

Bro. Morgan has returned to El Campo, after a spell of night work in the high-water districts at Nixon, Boy City and Wharton. The boys say the water was so high at Bay City that Morgan slept on a hat rack for a week and then begged to be let loose, as he was afraid he would get web-footed. Bro. Rheinhardt, bumped at El Campo, has gone to Ganado.

Bro. F. S. Alexander, Cuero, relieved the local chairman at Port Lavaca agency while the latter was in Houston on committee business.

If the boys on the west end will keep me posted, I will be only too glad to make a write-up, but for the present I am depending upon hearsay.
CERT. 1715.

T. & N. O., and Galveston Divisions, including East Texas, Dallas and Sabine Branches—

Resolve that you will always keep an up-to-date card in your pocket. Best thing in the world for you.

Bro. Buffington, our hustling local chairman, mailed out invitations to everyone in reach of Houston to join in on a "whoop-'em-up" meeting on Sunday, Dec. 28th. Bro. Cowgill, general chairman Division 53, is in Houston with his family. He is one of the finest ever.

A certain Skinner by nature as well as name, who confessed he had helped break strikes on the Katy and Santa Fe, and butted in on the street car motormen's strike at Beaumont, lasted less than a week in this section. His reception by the boys in general is best expressed by the touching little ballad entitled, "He may get over it, but he'll never lock the same."

The Sunset Central Lines have been having one awful time the last month or six weeks with the flood and washouts in Louisiana, and serious troubles over the H. & T. C. and the G. H. & S. A., in which every other road in the affected territory was put out of commission.

Bro. R. Louis, from the C. P. R. is now on third Galveston "Z." Bro. B. L. Tynes bid in Texas City Jct. third.

Bro. J. H. Clark relieved Bro. Tynes at Harrisburg tower.

Bro. Driver relieved Mr. Harkrider of the car desk, visiting relatives over the holidays; relieved by Mr. Bright.

Bro. Rummel, from Echo, was a recent Houston visitor.

Bro. R. G. Keller is relieving Bro. Craig, agent Kaufman.

Don't forget to pay your dues and get the man next to you.

We had a well attended general meeting in Houston, December 28th, of telegraphers, from all lines of business in and around that city.

Among those present were: General Chairman Cowgill, Local Chairman Buffington, General Secretary and Treasurer Hill, and two other boys from the S. A. P.; Bro. Binde, Houston Packing Co., who still retains his card; the Leo brothers, and Bros. L. L. Albertson, D. A. Norton, T. E. Davis and a brother from the W. U. Local Chairman Loper, who went back to Livingston and lined up the H. E. & W. T. solid; and a number of others, in addition to your humble servant. There were none present from the T. & N. O. and Galveston Divisions.

Bros. Cowgill, Hill and Binde made some very interesting remarks on the organization of a telegraphers' club for all lines in and around Houston.

Another meeting will be called in Houston shortly and we hope as many of the boys who possibly can will attend and get acquainted with each other.

The general committee was convened at the Cotton Hotel in Houston for eight days, including Bros. Cowgill, Starns, Alpine; Alexander, Port Lavaca; Haldon, San Antonio; Buffington, Houston; Bro. Laisure, Ennis; Assistant General Chairman Wells; the local chairmen from the Louisiana lines, and the official stenographer, Bro. Buckingham. The various callings were represented, there being two agents, two straight telegraphers, and two relay men. The various towers on the Sunset Central, the H. & T. C. and H. E. & W. T., now included in Division 53 (Division 57 which heretofore covered these lines, being dissolved), will also be represented hereafter.

A number of the brothers called on the committee while in session and met a fine bunch of men. The telegraphers of the Sunset Central are very fortunate in the choice of their representatives, who can be fully trusted to handle the situation in a manner that will bring about the greatest good for the greatest number.

Brothers, we must assist this committee by paying our dues promptly, and seeing that the men on the job with you do likewise. Our motto of "No card, no favors," should be lived up to.

No news sent in from anyone on the line since yours truly has been on the division. If you expect to see a write-up in the journal covering your home division every month, drop a postal card in regard to the happenings in your vicinity to I. M. Rathburn, 1219 Liberty Ave., Houston, Texas, not later than the twenty-second of the month.

Bro. Oliver is in the Houston hospital, having undergone a very painful operation.

"Hit the ball;" pay your dues, and "get the man next to you." Div. Cor.

First Division, H. & T. C. District—

The consolidation of Division 57 with Division 53 will be of great benefit to us, so let's do all we possibly can to make the work of our officers as light as possible, and they will be more

willing to exert themselves in our behalf. Whenever a man shows up at your station, or anywhere that he can be talked to, ascertain if he is a non; if so use your influence to convince him that he should be with us—if he belongs to another division get his certificate and division number and send it to our secretary and treasurer, and have him transferred to 53.

We should all be proud of the fact that our Bro. Laisure was able to arrange for the consolidation, thereby bringing us all together. His work is greatly appreciated, and we must show Division 53 that it made no mistake when it voted practically unanimously to allow us to merge.

Bro. Laisure, and Bro. Cowgill, general chairman, have been in Houston for some time arranging details regarding the consolidation and also getting up a new schedule for the Sunset Central Lines. Let us show them that we are behind them 100 per cent strong right by getting that man working with you or next to you immediately; have every man carrying a 53 card—then when the time comes for the conferences to begin, we will have a strength of numbers which will be conclusive evidence to the company as to just how the boys stand on the revision of the schedule.

Having just been appointed correspondent for the first division I am not up on the various changes, but with the help of the rest of you we will have a stunner next month. Send me a line or two. It is great to get the old journal and see a nice big write-up for the H. & T. C. It gives a man a proud feeling. Without your help I can't make it as big as I would like. Let's keep together, and use the journal as one way for doing so.

Another meeting is due shortly when the cards are sent out. Arrange to come. It's fine to hear the talks.

It is with great regret that we have to lose our genial Irishman, Bro. Moseley, as secretary and treasurer, account of the consolidation, and the handling of the position for this line is now being done by Bro. D. W. Koppikus, of Oakville, Calif., but with Matt's line of conviction and oratory there will be a time when we will have to again call on him for assistance, and by so doing keep him where he should be—in the lead. Thanking him for his past efforts and good work is a mighty small matter, but when I express myself to thank him it's the sentiment of us all. "Matt," here's our thanks, may God bless you and keep you with us.

W. F. DAVIS, Div. Cor.

Louisiana Lines—

Assignments: Agencies—Edgerly, C. J. Baggesse; Franklin, J. Whitmeyer; Baldwin, H. J. Parr. Telegraphers—Cheneyville, second, C. W. Porte; third, L. P. Chatelain; second, DesAllemands, G. H. DeJean; Lake Charles, D. R. Somerville; relief agent, J. L. McIntire.

Vacancies: Bowie, Roanoke and Adeline agencies, Bowie second, Schriever first; Vinton and DesAllemands third.

Relief Agent J. L. McIntire relieved C. J. Baggesse at Bowie, later by H. L. Feske, until J. Whitmeyer, assigned. Feske relieved at Roanoke by W. H. Gates until Edgerly assigned.

Olivier, West Lake and Hayes telegraph offices, and second and third DesAllemands closed; Albania water tank nights opened.

Bulletin was delayed this month on account of our local chairman being in Houston on revision of contract.

Remember, boys, just a few more days in which to get that new card. CERT. 2179.

Northern Pacific Ry.

Idaho Division—

Our membership is now approximately 85 per cent on this division. This is a very good line-up compared with our showing last year, but we should make a better one. On January 1st we had 110 up-to-date members, but some of the younger ones are temporarily out of the service through reduction in force. We have eighteen non-members, and there is no reason why we should not reduce their number materially, through acquisition to our ranks, during the early months of 1914. No telegrapher can give a satisfactory reason for remaining out of the Order, for we have conducted our affairs in a business-like manner, have made good on all our promises and have not only increased the salaries of all telegraphers through our efforts, but have secured many beneficial working rules that apply to the nons as well as to our members. I fear we are not getting as much individual work as we should, and hope that every member on this division will resolve hereafter to do all in their power to line up the non working with or near them.

It is also important to keep an up-to-date card. During the latter part of the last term I was compelled to use practically half of the time that I should have put in organizing to clean up delinquents, 80 per cent of whom advised me that they had "neglected" or "overlooked" the matter of remitting their dues. This should be remedied. The division can not be organized to the maximum when I am obliged to use the greater part of my spare time keeping our membership up to date. Pay your dues before the first of March and September, respectively, always keep an up-to-date card in your possession, and see that Mr. Non working near you gets into line. Do not overlook this: *Pay your dues before March first.*

Only for the defection of five of our members during the last term we would now have approximately 90 per cent. F. A. and W. E. Hartman of Thompson Falls; Miss E. B. Murphy, of Kildee; J. A. Hutchinson, of Medical Lake, and J. S. Harned, of Govan, were suspended for non-payment of dues on December 31, 1913. Mr. Harned will probably soon be with us again. Miss Murphy and Mr. Hutchinson ignore my letters and the Hartman brothers, who advised me October 15th that they were going to quit

railroading and "did not think it would be to their advantage to pay any more dues into the Order," are still in service. Members may draw their own conclusions as to the sincerity of the statement. I received a special request from the Hartman brothers about a year ago, in which they asked that I do all in my power in the pending schedule negotiations to have the salaries at Thompson Falls increased above the minimum, and \$5 a month was added to each of their positions, which they repay by dropping out. The salary on third Kildee, held by Miss Murphy, was increased \$10 a month in the schedule revision of 1911, and \$5 a month in the revision of 1913—a total increase of \$15 a month, or \$180 a year, in less than three years. Another example of the consistency of telegraphers who decline to support the organization. The salaries of Messrs. Hutchinson and Harned were raised \$2.50 a month each in the last revision.

I believe the foregoing explanation is due the membership, who are striving to make this the best division on the road. We have now but four non-members on the main line of this division—three on the First District named above. Mr. Bunge, third Cheney, the only one on the second district, promised to join February 15th. I have done all in my power to make the main line of this division 100 per cent strong, and would have succeeded only for the dropping out of those on the First District. I hope our members on that district will get actively to work and point out to those parties how they are not only injuring others, but themselves as well, by pursuing the course they have taken and remaining out of the Order. B. E. NASON, L. C.

Idaho Division Notes—

Furlong office closed, Bro. LaMoreaux displacing Mr. Harned at Childs, who bumped Bro. Partidge from Govan agency. Later Childs closed, Bro. LaMoreaux going to Cocolalla with the intention of bumping Bro. King on agency there.

Third trick Heron discontinued, Non Dickinson bumping Bro. Griffith on third Clarks Fork, who bumped Bro. Bartley on third Hope, not yet located.

Second and third tricks Sand Point closed, Bro. Barrow bumping Bro. Barton on second Cheney, who bumped Bro. Hazen on second trick Paradise. Bro. Myers, third Sand Point, has taken the new position of night ticket clerk at that place.

Second and third Hauser closed, Sister Cunningham displacing Sister Percy on second Ramsey, who bumped Non Dickinson on third Clarks Fork. Bro. Briggs, from third Hauser, bumped Bro. Irwin on third Velox, who, it is reported, bumped Bro. Brandt at Davenport, later throwing up that position and taking extra work on second Marshall.

Oden office closed, Bro. Bailey displacing Sister Cunningham on second Ramsey, who has not yet exercised her bumping rights. Bro. Bailey was called back to Kansas by the serious illness

of his wife, whom we trust he will find much improved.

Bro. Taylor, displaced on third Trout Creek by Bro. Gephart, bumped Bro. Stephens on Plaza agency, who bumped Bro. Wotruba on second Kootenai yard, who bumped Bro. Mockross on third there. Bro. Mockross is contemplating a trip back East until the "smoke arises."

The preceding holiday remembrances were handed the good telegraph employees of this division, presumably as a reward for "good and faithful service" during the year 1913. Sentiment does not enter into the matter of business.

Bro. and Sister Stevens and Miss Murphy, of Kildree, have returned from a holiday vacation, spent with relatives in Nebraska, and resumed work on their respective positions. They were relieved by Bros. Garrett, B. F. Mays and Non Vawter.

Bro. N. P. Matheney has resumed work on third Nixon, after a thirty-day vacation spent in the Middle West.

Bro. Cahill bid in first Ramsey, relieved on third Tuscor by Bro. Johnson.

The hours on second Heron have been changed by the closing of third there, Sister Cahill going on the extra list.

Bro. King, agent Cocolalla, on thirty-day leave in Denver, Colo., and vicinity, relieved by Mr. Moe, Dakota Division, who has promised to join if he remains here.

Bro. Lee bid in second Velox, relieved at Ramsey by Bro. Jackewitz.

Bro. Ageton bid in first Pullman, relieved on Peck agency by Mr. Colegrove, who promised to join Order "if working after January 1st."

The reverse side of the November pay checks bore the following: "Did you ever think about the other fellow—the man you're working with; or the man under the car working, or the man 'coming along behind,' or the green man who doesn't know? Are you doing something or failing to do something that might kill or injure him? Think it over. A pay check looks as good to him as it does to you. Do something today for the other fellow." The reverse side of the December checks were blank. The green man and the man "coming along behind" had been thrown out of a job on account of reduction in force, and the company has "done something for the other fellow" with their retrenchment policy.

The following spasm occurred at Otis Orchards on the night of January 16th, train No. 3 having run up against an automatic red board at that place and no operator on duty. The conductor of No. 3 calls the dispatcher on telephone, and the following is perpetrated:

Dispatcher: "Make a 19. Order No. 44, forty-four. To C. & E. No. 3, three-c. Proceed under control, Otis Orchards, Otis Orchards, to Velox, V-e-l-o-x, expecting to find track impassible. No trains between Otis Orchards, Otis Orchards, and Velox, V-e-l-o-x.—J. L. D."

Conductor No. 3 (repeats): "Order No. 44 to No. 3. Proceed under control to Velox and protect and expect to find track impassible."

Dispatcher (prompts): "No trains between Otis Orchards and Velox."

Conductor No. 3: "Oh, all right; that will be good. We're gone."

Only half of the order repeated; none of it repeated correctly, and a passenger train running against a red board with it. This is an actual occurrence and a fair specimen of the safety in permitting other than experienced telegraphers to handle the receipt and transmission of train orders. Good fortune will not always attend such work, and the inevitable toll of death and destruction will follow.

Bro. J. D. Garber, recently married, has accepted service with the Great Northern as extra dispatcher at White Fish, Mont. Congratulations on both events.

When Non Brown left Paradise he attempted to borrow an up-to-date card from a brother on the Rocky Mountain Division, stating that he wished to use it to "get over the road and to help in getting a job." It seems that even a confirmed non appreciates a card in times of adversity. He showed up at Cranbrook, B. C., "flagging" under name of Whalen, carrying a card to correspond. After a few days' work at Hosmer, B. C., the good brothers of the C. P. R. got "next" to him, and he left for Havre, Mont.

All brothers in this territory have viewed with gladness the accounts of the victories of the Federated Orders* on the Sunset Lines of the Southern Pacific, and on the D. & H., and the dominant topic of the day is the universal sentiment for federation of at least five brotherhoods on the Northern Pacific. Looks good to us.

Some of our chronic nons have objected to our many allusions to them and their standing in the columns of this journal. We wish to state to these parties that this is not a "Sunday Supplement" or a "Pink Society Sheet," conducted for the benefit of parasites, but a Union Labor publication in the interests of its members. If you do not like your classification, get into the band wagon and try being a man for awhile. It will do you good.

We are indebted to Bro. Kay for First District notes this month. Div. Cor.

Yellowstone Division—

The usual annual slunk in business has struck us with the greatest curtailment in men we have experienced in several years. It is not because business has decreased, but with California weather, summer rating prevails and the larger engines in use on the Yellowstone makes what business there is seem small. This company is handling its business the cheapest in years, comparatively speaking, and it is not a pleasant thought to know that so shortly after the joyous period we all entertain during the holidays that we should be set adrift with no position in sight, and several weeks or months yet before we can expect to be earning money to sustain life and an humble home.

It must bring home to the most of us that we are too free with our earnings when times

are good and pay checks regular, and the more we realize from these experiences that we must "save the half." for when our employer deems it necessary we must "hike" if our standing on the list is not well up towards the middle.

It is at this time that one meets telegraphers "booming" hither and yon, mostly broke and always looking for help from those who have through the strictest economy and self-denial been able to lay away the "mite" for a rainy day, and it is a blot on the men who make telegraphing their profession that they should be so unmindful of the future that the least retrenchment in expenses by the company, should make it necessary for a man to have to go elsewhere with not enough money to pay his way. There is no plausible excuse for this state of affairs now-a-days, with the salaries we get, and while our charitable instinct may be good, still a feeling of hardness comes over us every time a man comes in with the "broke" look on his face and the "stake me" joke. We are scheduled, so some papers say, for a depression in business, such as we had in 1907, and if it is our luck to battle with a panic, every man today who holds a position should see that he takes stock of his surroundings, and when he at last is laid off have enough to tide him over till he is again able to work.

We had one slipped over on us this fall, as we didn't heed the old slogan, "No card, no favors." A man named H. C. Larson, came to our office, wanted a job, had no card, but gave us that worn-out excuse, "as soon as I get to work." We got him a job, first pay day came around and "soon as I get a full pay check," was the next excuse. It came, and, "I want a job on bulletin." He got that, and, "I am up against it and can't do it just yet," was the next plea. Then took a lay-off, got a pass to Mandan (as far as he could get with no longer amount of service), bought a ticket to down around Duluth or elsewhere, and came back again on another ticket to Mandan; went to work and after another pay day, tells us: "Can't do it now, as I am afraid I will be laid off." Anyone coming our way now, looking for a job, wants to have a paid-up card in his pocket or he will not get any consideration at our hands.

Most of the lay-offs, with a few exceptions, have been among "the no card" class, and I won't take up valuable space to enlighten the faithful members on the happenings of these non-microbes.

Bro. Don Dyer, bumped at Glenullen second, was bumped by Bro. Hitchcock, from Glendive, and bumped Bro. Brand, extra Mandan, who is going to stay on the premises and be ready at the first call for help. He saved his money, and is the kind of man we need, also the company.

Bro. Green, Glendive extra, bumped Bro. Shouquist at Glenullen third, as Glendive was reduced to three men.

Retrenchment hit Mandan the second time, taking Bro. Dyer off his feet entirely. He saved

some money and will "camp on the job" until business picks up.

Bro. McLean, second Allard, an old-timer, reduced to a jobless state, stopped off at Mandan on his way to St. Paul to visit old friends, but will be here when the bugle blows. We're going to keep these brothers posted if they leave their address, and when business starts we hope to see them wind their way back to the N. P., the best road yet.

Bro. Hannon, on third Beach, while Non Larson was on a trip, was laid off on this non's return, but we are pleased to say he got the managership of the Western Union at Beach.

Sister Golden, second Sweet Briar, down to Mandan weekly taking in the sights and lessons in music. This worthy sister entertains all those who have the time to listen on the simplex, to some exceptional music. Also. Bro. Flannigan, third Sweet Briar, sets in and one can't tell which is which from this distance. Bro. Jimmie Golden, first Sweet Briar, recently received a patent for an attachment to an automobile, which is a valuable acquisition to the many sundries in the auto line, and the writer has been promised a position as "shoofar" soon as Jimmie sells his invention, and is able to own a car.

Bro. Finch, just out of the Glendive Hospital, after several months' illness, bumped in at Medora third, relieving Bro. Brand, who went up and worked one day. Brand back to camp at Mandan, and Finch calls for papers to get in while he is still alive.

Bro. Holritz, agent Sims, was down to Mandan recently, laying in supplies for the winter. Speaking of winter, if anyone buys a ticket to California or Florida, with the present kind of weather this part of the country enjoys this winter, they should not be allowed to return; we have the best there is.

Sister Haeger, second Sims, in company with Sister Golden, of "SB," took in the Capitol City recently.

We are wondering how much longer trainmen, and others, will be allowed to take orders at any old place they hove to. The government passed an "hours of service act," regulating the hours under which telegraphers and "foners" could lawfully work handling trains, and at the same time permit trainmen to be on duty sixteen hours, and if necessary, take an order every thirty minutes. In my estimation, the man sitting in an office, that is not allowed to work more than nine hours, has a greater chance for being "safe" than the man who is thinking of "meets" he already has, hot boxes, flat wheels, and the numerous other duties which surround the proper handling of his train. Trainmen with their long hours, hard work, big trains, orders and signals, have no more right to take orders over a phone longer than a nine-hour period, and any law that says they can, and the telegrapher can not, is ignorant bosh, which should be made the fighting point of every grievance committee appearing before a management. We have it from the daily papers that the O. R. C., on one road in particular, have asked their company to discon-

tinue permitting trainmen of any class, to receive orders over the phone, and we hope the enthusiasm of the idea spreads to every road in the country. When trainmen or enginemen take orders on the phone they infringe upon the rights of the operators, and is about as much advanced in the present railway from this distance as it would be for the train crew on a train to tie up upon arrival at a station and the telegraphers get out, run the engine, do the station switching, and when the air was tried, call the crew for duty. It's just as reasonable one way as the other.

Are you one and all starting out this new year with a firm and steadfast resolution of getting the non next to you? If not, get at it, don't allow him to work a day without reminding him of his duty to us, himself and the laboring class in general, for, without the persistent effort of each individual, nothing can be accomplished. Let's bend every energy toward the only right thing before us today, that of keeping the men with whom we work, lined up and worthy of fraternal esteem. See that he wears a button of our organization. I take it every man has a backbone and he should not be afraid to advertise the fact.

Bro. Vaughan, late agent Sentinel Butte, now on second Howard, expects Mrs. Vaughan home from the East shortly, and will make Howard his future home.

Those having the handling of orders will notice dispatchers are leaving off the word "all" in addresses and bodies of orders; this is a new ruling and one we should not overlook, as it is sufficient reason for reprimand during periods orders are turned in for inspection.

Bro. H. A. Hiers, first Miles City, just returned from a trip through the Central States, taking in St. Louis and Chicago.

Bro. W. J. Pombert, agent Hathaway, has returned from his vacation.

Bro. J. P. Meehan relieved Bro. Pombert on Hathaway agency, but on the latter's return, was left without work, on account of the reduction of force.

Bro. E. H. Brammier, agent Rosebud, took in the New Year's dance at Forsyth.

Sister Heckman, who has filled the clerk's position in chief dispatcher's office, is working second Miles City extra. She reported for work within three months' limit, thereby retaining her rights.

Dispatcher Histed, first trick, third sub, spent vacation in Pennsylvania, returning with Mrs. Histed, who had been there for some time, stopped in at Mandan and saw the boys in "A" office on his return.

We are glad to note that we may now refer to H. A. Hiers, Miles City; H. A. Briese, and C. V. Schwindt, Terry, and J. H. Hollinshead, Gladstone, as brothers.

Bro. L. Gammon, agent Myers, has returned from a two weeks' sojourn in the East.

Bro. L. D. Witham, third Custer, is expected back shortly from a visit to his home at Waco, Mont., during the holidays; relieved by Bro. Whistler, from Salt Lake Division, Sou. Pac.

Bro. C. A. Sharpe, third extra Sanders, before second and third pulled off, is expected back from a trip East as soon as Mrs. Sharpe recovers from her recent illness sufficiently to travel.

Bro. Sheffer, spending some time on his "dry" farm, is expected back to work shortly.

Have you paid your dues for the current term? It costs a great deal to keep after those who forget to keep up to date. Get your dues paid up at once, and save your treasury for business of a greater importance than reminding you that you are not, as yet, paid up.

Several of the brothers were anxious to try a meeting at Dickinson, but owing to the reductions made, it crippled the force to such an extent that few could get off, hence the idea was dropped until a more favorable time.

Are you all insisting on being given your rights to your bumping privilege during the reduction? You should keep well posted at a time like this, and stand up for your own rights, more so when we have no local chairman to whom you can turn in case of doubt.

The relay division received quite a jolt in "DX" office, Bros. Sterland, Lyons and King being laid off and going elsewhere. Understand there was some mix-up as to rights at "DX" office, but through Mr. Clapp, our congenial superintendent of telegraph, Bro. King was allowed to use his bump where he saw fit. Beats all how the nons with a year's right seem to think they should be given preference.

The Bismarck Daily Tribune recently contained an article commending the Northern Pacific and the employes on duty at Dickinson, on the arrival of No. 2 at the time a representative of one of the big Eastern papers made his record trip around the world, over the manner in which a lady who reached the office as No. 2 pulled in, wishing to go to the bedside of a sick relative, was permitted to board that train. Through the efforts of the operator the matter was explained to the dispatcher, and the train was stopped at a point on the first sub, and the papers eloquently related one instance of a great many which are happening every day somewhere, showing that the railways and their employes are not bereft of their conscience as some would try to make us believe.

Bro. Laurence, third Richardton, spent several days in St. Paul recently getting fitted for glasses, stopped in Mandan on his return.

Bro. E. A. Brand relieved Bro. Laurence, third Richardton, several days, and on return of Laurence, went to Hathaway.

It is a gratified pleasure to refer to E. F. Finch, third Medora, as brother.

Bro. Dyer, grazing at Glenullen for a few days, was sent to third Zero for awhile.

Bro. J. O. Spencer has been elected unanimously as local chairman of this division; let every one of us do as well to support him in his work (now that he has the reins) as we were to back him up for election. There are a number of matters on this division that have become lax during the last three years, which time we have really had no local chairman at all, and it will

take persistent perseverance to put things on a smooth basis, to the mutual advantage of the employer and employe. Keep him posted on all changes, new men coming to the division, whether card men or nons, and do everything in your power to get those who are next to you into our fraternity. We have got to have a better per cent in strength on this division, and with a wide-awake man like "Spence" we can not lose.

L. E. BORDWELL, Cert. 886.

Dakota Division—

"Get this idea into your system and radiate it," that you are doing a non a favor when inviting him to become a member of the O. R. T. And while business is rather quiet don't become lax in your energies, but get busy lining up the few remaining nons. During the "lull before the storm" let us all prepare for a bigger and better year for the Northern Pacific Railway and the O. R. T.

I have appointed Bro. O. H. Underwood, agent Elgin, as assistant local chairman, to better assist in the good work he has already started. So with Assistant Bros. D. C. Poindexter, at Bismarck, and Waine Mattson at "J" office, I can boast of three staunch Order men to help bear the burden of the Dakota's work along with the helpful assistance from such privates in the rank as Bros. C. E. Andre, of Dawson; Harry Marsh, of Brinsmade; J. E. Stokes, of Oakes, and numerous other good brothers who have rendered aid in the past.

It is now Bros. A. C. Diehl, at Gwyther; A. Sayles, at Flasher (making Mott Line solid); Chas. Rodgers, at Sheyenne; A. J. Kelley, of Dawson (now at Mott), and expect J. F. Ellis, at Robinson; C. E. Boyden, at Oberon; E. C. Knoop, at Grand Rapids; C. R. Jolley, at Berner; G. V. Skinner, at Medina, and A. C. Conover, at Dawson, in the near future. J. J. Ryan, of Turtle, has not yet sent his blanks, as erroneously stated in January TELEGRAPHER, but still hope he will make good.

Bro. B. F. Neal and wife, of Carrington, spent Christmas with Superintendent Strachan and family.

Bro. F. A. Sommars, attending school at Fargo, has resumed at Mercer agency.

Bro. G. W. Sartell, agent Buchanan, enjoyed a few days' visit with relatives in the East.

Bro. Ralph Whitcome, third "JY," rides the J. R. & O. branch quite frequently since he relieved J. A. Youngman at Dickey. We wonder why? He also relieved Bro. A. Peterson, agent Minnewaukon, for ten days, while "Pete" visited in Minneapolis. And since being informed that a young lady from Steele called on Pete, we are led to believe that both gentlemen are lady-killers. But neither of them have anything on Bro. J. D. Rohrer, at Carrington.

Bro. J. O. Wright went from Adrian to second Burleigh, relieved by Bro. S. F. Morse. Third Burleigh was pulled off, and Bro. Jos. Smith left for a tour.

Bro. C. E. Rotramel, of New Leipzig, and Bro. Underwood, are in favor of holding a get-together meeting at Mandan some time in the future when the weather warms up. It is a happy thought and we will see if it can not be arranged at some later date.

Bro. G. B. Stuart, agent at Driscoll, during Moe's absence, was relieved upon the latter's return from working on the Idaho Division, Guy going to first Dawson temporarily.

Bro. G. L. Berquist, agent Tappen, recently took about three weeks off east on his honeymoon.

J. O. Rosendahl, a brother to Bro. O. J., at Sykeston, relieved Bro. W. W. Jaynes, at McKenzie, while the latter and wife made a flying trip out to the coast. J. O. went to Goodrich, from there to relieve John Ireton for several months, and promises to be with us soon.

Bro. C. J. Roberts, with the Dawson Press for some time, relieved Bro. Vincent, first "JY," a few days while the latter relieved Mr. Horsnel, car distributor at the headquarters. Roberts later relieved Bro. West on first Bismarck until Bro. Ross Whitcome arrived from New Rockford.

Bro. E. M. Pool, agent Steele, made a quick trip to Minneapolis; relieved by his helper.

Bro. C. E. Andre, first Dawson, and wife, took several weeks' vacation, visiting points in Wisconsin, where their parents reside.

Ex-Bro. A. L. Boelter returned, convalescent, from Brainerd Hospital, stopped off at Medina before going to visit relatives and friends in Wisconsin.

Bro. Clarence O'Mally, assistant wire chief, from N. P. relay office, spent part of his vacation with his sister at New Rockford, before continuing on an eastern trip to New York, Washington, D. C., and other points.

Bro. John Smith, agent Mott, is batching while his wife is in Illinois.

Bro. Rotramel, of "NE," visited our assistant local chairman, Bro. Underwood, at Elgin, over Sunday, discussing things of interest.

All agents are greeting our new traveling freight agent, W. T. Kraft, who succeeded Mr. Burnham, promoted.

"Unless you get out of the rut of pessimism, and get that glorious feeling of optimism, you can never make your work a success." Become an optimist at once.

"Careful" buttons will be issued soon to all those who have applied for membership to the N. P.'s newly-launched "Careful Club." With the Bureau of Efficiency doing wonders toward bettering our Northern Pacific service, the Careful Club comes to make it so much the more so.

"Hard work is the best pavement you can lay for luck to get to your door." Let's pave.

Hope to welcome at least two more nons to our ranks by next month. H. H. ELLSWORTH.

Seattle Division—

Sister Robinson, Maywood, on 90 days' leave, relieved by Sister Fenner.

Bro. Fenner, third Martin, relieved a few days by Bro. Gould, of Division No. 31, who later transferred to Division No. 54.

Bro. Newcomb, first Stampede, off a few days, on account injuring his back, relieved by Bro. Burghard.

Sister A. A. Rivett, second Borup, granted 30 days' leave, relieved by Sister Morgan.

Bro. "Shorty" Anderson, bumped at third Easton, relieved second Upham. Shorty says Upham is as near heaven as mortal man can expect to be.

On account second and third Thorp being closed, Bros. Ackley and Farrington bumped to second and third Easton; third Bristol also closed, Sister Cleo Erdman going to second Palmer Jet.

Bro. Davis, second Martin, off a few days, visiting friends in North Yakima, relieved by Bro. Gould.

Bro. B. H. McIntyre returned from an enjoyable three months' visit to California, bumped Bro. Brunk, second Ravensdale, who bumped Bro. Kilhefner, third Kanaskat, who hid in second Wickersham.

Sister Morgan, extra, was visiting and shopping in Seattle for a few days recently.

The December write-up regarding Bro. Burnett securing second Doster, is in error; should read Mr. Burnett.

Bro. Floberg, second Auburn depot, off two days to join the "Moose" and attend the meeting at Cle Elum, relieved by Mr. Bassett.

Bro. Williams, first East Auburn, also attending the meeting at Cle Elum, was relieved by Bro. Mulligan.

Bro. Tegelbery, first Everett, has been appointed assistant local chairman on the north end.

The company is installing a fine, large fan at the west end of Stampede tunnel to clear it of gas and smoke, which at times is very bad. This will be appreciated by all who have to go through it. It is expected to be finished about June 1st.

Bro. Hammer is relieving Bro. Earp, on first Arlington, who is in Tacoma Hospital.

Bro. Pearson is back at Bothell, not finding Issaquah to his liking, relieved by Mr. Shutt temporarily. Bro. Griffiths, ex-agent Issaquah, is sojourning in California for his health. We hope for his speedy recovery and early return to our vicinity.

Bro. Palmer, back at Maltby nights, temporarily relieving Bro. Davidson, who secured first Upham.

Mr. Corsley, second Wickersham, out of service, relieved by Bro. Kilhefner.

The company has eliminated all bids of lady operators from mountain grade, on account of switch throwing; as the sisters have been doing this work as well as the brother operators, this hardly seems fair.

On January 17th, a joint meeting of the Milwaukee and Northern Pacific brothers and sisters was held at Cle Elum, which was very well attended, there being seventeen brothers and sisters from this division present, which included Bros. Morgan, Bayer, Shisler, Farrington, Leeper, Silliphant, Anderson, Fischer, Newcomb, Bergum, McIntyre, Floberg, Bell and Williams, and Sisters Johnson and L. F. Rivett, and about ten brothers from the Milwaukee, whose names I was unable to obtain. The main question to be dis-

cussed by the members of this division was the starting of a reserve fund, to protect the expenses of the division and to help out a brother or sister in case of sickness, and if compelled to go to the hospital, at Tacoma, and to have flowers and fruit sent to them. After several suggestions from the brothers as to what the assessment should be, it was decided to place it at \$1.00 per year, payable semi-annually, and at the same time your other dues are sent in, same to be remitted to the local secretary and treasurer. It was also decided that on account of Bro. Kelly, our present local secretary and treasurer, not being more centrally located, a new local secretary and treasurer be appointed. Bro. Bell, of Auburn, was appointed.

The brothers on the mountain are keeping after the nons in good shape. Two were recently secured, which will be appreciated by our local chairman. Keep the work up brothers, and in case of the excuse, "pay day," if given you, remember that the ghost walks on the 15th of each month, camp on their trail, and secure the coin. "Happy."

Rocky Mountain Division—

Bros. Parks and Hinton, Silver Bow, are out gunning for nons. Olson on first better hurry and get that card or they will ambush him.

Bro. Blankenship, Arlee third, bid in Silver Bow first, vice Bro. Beall, resigned. Arlee third bid in by Bro. Ward from extra list.

Hope Bro. Cuthbert, Deerlodge first, will get time to do a little missionary work on Lyle, now on a trip to California and New Mexico, relieved by Bro. Bonn, of Division 2.

It's now Bro. G. M. Campbell, extra Garrison first, making that office solid. Hope Bros. Corwin and Cron will be able to land Stevens.

Bro. Hart, agent Avon, is on month's vacation, relieved by Mr. Wilcoxon, from second, and he by Miss Guoit. Hope to soon call Wilcoxon, Wilson and Miss Guoit brother and sister.

Bro. A. Balzhiser, Drummond second, is sick again and has gone to Rochester for treatment, relieved by Mr. Fuller.

Crane, at Austin, and Scott, at Blossburg, promise to be with us February pay day.

We are glad to have Bro. Mintline, at Austin third. It is also Bro. Scott, extra Missoula second, and Bro. Scholz, at Hamilton.

Bro. Nutter, Birdseye third, has returned from a pleasant trip to the old home in Ohio.

Mr. Bullis, at Lo Lo, says: "Organized labor has brought peace and comfort to many homes, but sorrow and desolation to a great many more." His raise in salary, \$30.00 a year, on the last schedule he says is as nothing, as he makes \$50.00 during the summer selling garden truck, but the \$12.00 for a year's dues looms up large to him, as he needs all his earnings to start his next spring and summer work, and then he plead illness and was afraid he might be turned down on the insurance and that would be held against him in case he wanted to get other insurance, but said if we could waive the insurance he would gladly

come in. We had the insurance waived, but he was only playing safety as he figured we would not waive the insurance.

Understand Mr. Cyr, one of the new men, has filled out his papers.

Business rather slack just now and some of the extra men having a hard time keeping busy; for that reason am giving them a little time before pressing them too hard, as we want to give every one a fair chance. The old nons who have been with us for two and three years have had plenty of chances though, and should be cut from your calling lists, as they show that they do not want to associate with the brothers by their refusal to join us.

Bro. Holroyd, Saltese, is the busy rustler on the branch and trying hard to make the "snake" solid.

Mr. Force, at Lookout, has been intending to "leave the service" for a long time. He don't like to be called "hog," "bloodsucker," etc., and while I don't believe in calling names, I am beginning to wonder if the others were not right.

Mr. Brown, for many years at Paradise, and could not see the good in the Order, was discharged some months ago and went to Canada, where he found it rather hard "sledding" without a card to get a job, so he wrote a nice, friendly letter to Bro. Carr, at Perma, and asked him to "kindly send him his up-to-date card," so he could travel on it and get a job. Of course, he got it (in the neck). If you boys here would treat the nons like they do across the border there would be mighty few and those few wouldn't last long.

Bro. Nason, of the Idaho Division, had a splendid letter to the membership in last month's journal, and I urge all of you to read it carefully; it is well worth reading and applies to this division as well as to the Idaho.

Am very much pleased at the many applications going in since the beginning of the new year and hope all of you will interest yourself in this matter and keep them coming in till we are solid. Let's do it before the end of the present term. Also don't forget to pay up your current dues promptly; costs no more now than two months from now and you have the satisfaction of carrying a card all the time.

V. N. WEBER, L. C.

Fargo Division—

Agencies Dieser and Eastedge, "CS" job at "DH," operators Davenport and La Moure, second Eckelson and Brackett, two tricks, pulled off on account of light business. Most of the men let out spent their holidays at home. Mr. Sullivan, from La Moure, who relieved Bro. Urdahl, third Sanborn, while home for Christmas, also relieved O'Mera, on second there, called home on account of sickness.

Mr. Opsahl, from Dieser, is now at Schaible, vice Bro. Tarr, resigned.

Agent Daily, Buttsville, was off recently owing to the death of his mother at Jamestown.

Bro. Fricrecks, agent Berlin, off a few weeks, was relieved by Mr. Penick, who resigned some months ago in quest of something better.

Mr. Farnham, agent Jud, on three weeks' vacation, was relieved by Bro. Burton, and later by Mr. Pravitz.

Mr. Klefers, formerly second Buffalo, is visiting in Minnesota.

Mr. Murray, first Valley City, was relieved by Bro. Myer, and he on second by Bro. Brink, second "DH," and Mr. Hauber, formerly at Edgeley. Mr. Rummerick, formerly of this division, relieved Bro. Brink when at Valley City, and also relieved Bros. Arnold and Lokke, first and third "DH," when enjoying short vacations.

Bro. Lee, second Oriska, who was relieved while spending Thanksgiving in the Twin Cities by Sister Gable, was taken sick later and relieved by Mr. Nuwash, who previously relieved Mr. Birlingmair, operator Tower City.

Bro. Murphy, formerly agent Eastedge, relieved Agent Penick when off getting married and then went home to Luce, Minn., for Christmas.

Bro. Meldahl, second "MX," was off, relieved by Mr. Hauber and Dispatcher Wold.

Bro. Meldahl, who relieved Bro. Finello, second Brackett, while "SN" saw the sights in Fargo, later relieved Sister Gable, third Alta.

Bro. Arnold, first Dilworth, while relieving Mr. Raewald, "FO," was relieved by Bro. Gilbertson.

Bros. Stirrat and Kvein, third "MX," and Oriska, off for the holidays, were relieved by Mr. Pladsen and Bro. Burton, Mr. Pladsen taking second "MX" on Harry's return.

Supt. Lowry goes to Minnesota Division, relieved by F. R. Bartles, formerly supervisor here. We wish Mr. Lowry all the good luck in the world at his new position, and hope every operator gives Mr. Bartles the best service possible, his just due.

Mr. Birlingmair is now on second Buffalo, and Mr. Begley on second Tower City, they having exchanged positions.

Mr. Fenne, Davenport, on vacation on account of second there being closed, later relieved Bro. Opsahl, agent Schaible, on account seniority, who relieved Bro. Frey, at "XN," called away on account of death. Opsahl went to Hastings from "XN" for a few days' relief work.

The boys at "DH" made a change for their own convenience, Bro. Arnold, first trick, taking third, Bro. Brink, second, taking first, and Lokke, our big Swede brother, third, taking second, were relieved by Mr. Thompson, our "CS" man, and Agent Amick, Dilworth, while making change. Later Bro. Murphy relieved Bro. Lokke, on a visit to the cities.

Ex-Dispatcher Wold, relieving on first "MX" for awhile, went to "FO" relay office, relieving Bro. Paulson, who relieved Bro. Carrigan, off with the mumps.

Cleveland, first "SA," resigned, putting it on bulletin. E. C. Murray, first "VY," also resigned, Bro. Myer bidding it in, and Penick, off the branch, bid in second "VY."

Bro. Hanson, off a few days, was relieved by Bro. Burton.

Mr. Klefsas took second "SA," on account seniority, pulling Bro. Lee off; Bro. Kvein also pulled off on account of that trick taken off. Bro. Beigh-

ley relieved Begley at "CT," Bro. Kvein relieved Mason at "BF," and Bro. Burton relieved Trinwith at "BF," while the three latter relieved attended court.

Bro. Ryan, third "SA," bumped by Bro. Murphy, went to second "VY," putting Hauber out on account seniority. Bro. Nuebecker on vacation to Cuba, will be dancing the "Cubanola Glide" when he comes back; relieved by Bro. Ryan on second "CA," Wold taking second "VY."

The boys are having some time now jumping from place to place on account of business so dull and seniority so small, but we hope that business will soon pick up so they can all go to work.

We wish to thank Bros. Wilk and Lokke for the items they sent in and want everyone who can find out any news to do likewise so we may be able to have a good write-up each month. Use names of places instead of office calls.

MUTT and JEFF, Certs. 1901 and 1225.

Tacoma Division—

Bro. W. G. Lowery, of Rainier, who was operated upon January 5th for appendicitis by Dr. Mowers, in Tacoma, N. P. Hospital, is doing nicely.

Let us keep after the nons, boys. Our duty is not done when we get a card. We must show them the benefits to be obtained by their coming in with us. If we can't get them in don't have anything to do with them. CERT. 2258.

Relay Division—

Acknowledgments are due to all the brothers who furnished notes this month.

Business 'way below the average.

Tacoma.—Bro. J. D. Turner relieved Chief Clerk Keenan, in Mr. Dildine's office, on two weeks' vacation.

We welcome Bro. "Doc" Parker, late nights, back to the fold. Bro. N. F. Gordon relieving Bro. Bill Bates for a three months' trip to California, again out of service, bumped by Bro. Gibson, from Spokane, has gone to Chicago.

Only four operators left at Spokane; Bro. Gibson, taken off January 13th, went to Tacoma.

Bro. Lee, off about ten days owing to his wife being in Missoula Hospital, was relieved by Bro. Sundin, now out of service.

Helena.—Bro. Bothmer is now the only operator left at Helena. Bro. Kileen was acting manager for two days while Manager Jackson was on a trip to Seattle on account of his wife's illness. Bro. Bothmer was off two days taking in the sights at Spokane. Bro. A. W. Sterland, Dickinson, laid off December 15th on account of force reduction, is now walking from Portland, Ore., to Portland, Me., billing himself as "The Dakota Land Turtle." At last reports he was doing fine, and "no bumps yet." Here's luck to him.

Bro. Lyons, reduced December 15th, gone to Spokane.

Bro. H. G. Johnson, from Fargo, bumped Bro. King December 19th, who relieved Bro. W. J. Servis for a trip to Florida and Cuba, goes to

Helena January 17th, to bump night chief. Bro. Smith, permission having been granted by Mr. Clapp to do this. Mrs. W. L. Lyons relieves Bro. King at "DX."

Bro. Carrigan, night chief Fargo, while in the hospital with a serious attack of mumps, relieved by Bro. Robinson, late night chief, relieved by Bro. Paulson.

Bro. Johnson, taken off Fargo on account force reduction, went to "DX."

Bros. Jones and Ford, St. Paul, left January 10th for Port Tampa, Fla., to while away a ninety-day leave on Bro. Jones ten-acre plantation.

Bro. Graham, on ninety-day leave, now at Gaston, Ind.

Bro. O'Malley, on vacation trip to New York City, address Waldorf-Astoria, relieved by Bro. Ringham.

Bro. McAllister recently purchased a grand piano.

Greetings to our new Bro. Otto Morgan in O. D. Johnson's office. UNOTRIPLO.

Pasco Division—

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our heavenly Father and all-wise Ruler of the Universe to call to his reward the beloved infant son of our Bro. R. F. Hickey; in manifestation of our grief and sympathy, be it

Resolved, That the members of the Pasco Division No. 54, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the sorrowing brother and members of the afflicted family their sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved family, a copy spread upon the minutes of the division and a copy forwarded to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

H. E. MILLER,
C. G. MASON,
H. E. NINING,
Committee.

St. Paul Division—

Our write-up for the January journal was probably delayed, as it did not get to St. Louis in time for that issue, and therefore appears now with our February notes.

Two new members were initiated this month—C. A. Anderson, second Gregory, and T. A. Larson, second Lincoln. We welcome them with the glad hand. We also have the promises of two or three next pay day. We can soon be solid or near it if each brother will do his duty.

Agent Schultz, Starbuck, off a few days for Christmas, relieved by Bro. Meiser, from Division 53.

Benson, first "MS," off a few days sick, was relieved by Bro. Anderson.

Peters, third Royalton, was recently married. We congratulate him, and hope he will keep his promise to join next pay day.

Brothers, keep after the delinquents as well as the nons, and see that they pay up.

Bro. J. B. Macy, a new man from K. C., came right across without asking, and we hope to soon get his pal, Mr. McNeal, another new man, as we understand he had a card up to June 30, 1913. Bro. Macy relieved Mr. Walters, third Rice, who relieved Agent Love there on a sixty-day leave to California, owing to the death of his mother. Bro. Macy later relieved Bro. Nelson, third Little Falls, also Bro. Hardenbrook, second Little Falls, while they made the trip to Minneapolis for the usual "exam" on eyesight and hearing. Bro. Macy then relieved Bro. Brisbane, third Lincoln, while "Bris" was in Minneapolis doing Christmas shopping for the babies. He then relieved Mrs. Buck, first Darling, while she took a brief visit with her folks and little daughter in Iowa, and then relieved Bro. Sova, third Darling, while away enjoying Christmas right, so he says.

Mr. McNeal relieved Bro. Galloway, second Anoka, a few days while visiting with his folks, and then relieved Mr. Anderson, second Gregory, whom we hope will soon be up to date.

Bro. C. E. Ayer, first Sartell, took Christmas dinner with Bro. Randall, agent Gregory, and I know he enjoyed it, as I have taken dinner at Bro. Randall's house myself.

Would be glad to receive a few notes from the boys on the east end. CLYDE BARTER, L. C.

Wheeling & Lake Erie R. R.

We have at last secured our long-looked-for schedule, and while it falls short of our ambitions, it only remains for us to maintain our strength and membership and continue to add to it each year. Now, boys, it has again been demonstrated that the O. R. T. is a good old boat to ride in and one that is fully equipped to weather the storms. You have secured a new schedule, better working conditions and a raise in pay, which has taken nearly nine months to secure. Your dues have been the same, with the exception of one assessment of \$2, as under normal conditions, and the entire bill has been footed by the O. R. T.

To fully understand what this means to us, it is only necessary to consider what such a siege would have cost our brother trainmen and conductors in dollars and cents.

Now, boys, let us show our appreciation in the strongest possible manner. Those who have not joined the Order and those who got "cold feet" and dropped out should join at once. The old adage, "Get all you can and keep what you have," applies to us in strong terms.

It has been clearly demonstrated to us that our only salvation lies in the Order, and I trust you will all respond to this call promptly and make Division 55 one hundred per cent strong. Get after the non telegrapher or agent in your office or on either side, and everyone pull.

CERT. 79.

W. P. T. Notes—

Bro. J. D. Harbaugh, third Hopedale, and wife, spent Christmas with their parents at Crooksville, and Bro. "Hank" Bell, third Mingo, spent New Year's with his parents at Pittsburg, relieved by Bro. Harbaugh.

Business on the W. P. T. has been at a standstill since lake navigation closed.

W. S. B. Notes—

Business is very slack since navigation closed.

Bro. Sturges, operator and clerk at Clairton, cut off January 1st, bumped the agent at Fair Haven.

Bro. Cown has been appointed agent at Longview.

Wheeling Division Notes—

I did not receive any items this month from the Cleveland and Toledo Divisions.

J. H. Atwell, ticket agent Martins Ferry, bid in Jewett agency.

Bro. Horton, first Sherrods-ville, was called home owing to the illness of his mother.

It will soon be Bros. Wright, agent Sherrods-ville; Eby, second Mingo yard; Aby, agent York-ville; Renneker, first Pine Valley, and G. W. and T. E. Lucas, second and third Jewett. This will make the Wheeling Division nearly solid. We welcome them all into the fold of a good cause.

Now that we have our schedule, we should all "hit the ball" and make the officials of the company feel glad that they have these kind of men working for them.

Mr. Friend, Toledo, has been appointed chief clerk of civil service, with headquarters at Toledo.

We regret very much to learn of the death of Dispatcher Fred Jones and his sister, Miss Mildred Jones, and extend our heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family. Mr. Jones was well liked by all the boys.

Thanks to the brother at "HO" and Cert. 224 for items. Let's have a dandy write-up next month. Be a "booster" not only for the O. R. T., but for the "Wheeling" also. I wish to extend my appreciation to all the good brothers who sent me items. Let's have some from some of you brothers on the Toledo and Cleveland Divisions.

R. F. SMITH, Cor.

CARD OF THANKS.

Mingo, Ohio, January 25, 1914.

To the Employees of the Wheeling Division:

We wish to express our great appreciation and sincere thanks to you for the beautiful floral piece, "The Gates Ajar," and the heartfelt sympathy in our recent bereavement in the loss of our beloved husband and father.

MRS. FRED JONES AND FAMILY.

Southern Ry.*St. Louis Division--*

The meeting of agents at Princeton, Ind., Sunday, January 25th, was a success in every way. Many points were brought up and discussed that were of great benefit to the agents. Mr. Gatchell certainly knows how to deliver the stuff for the benefit of the agents.

The following agents, clerks and operators were in attendance: A. E. Kaume, W. E. May, T. E. Riley, E. J. Coffy, C. G. Walker, F. Roberts, W. I. Atkin, V. E. Claycomb, O. Chambers, H. A. Hoffman, Mr. Byers, W. T. Survant, J. H. Holstein, T. G. Stevenson, W. L. Johnson, H. Helmbach, W. E. Young, L. E. Crandall, O. M. Houghland, C. U. Bishop, C. E. Willis, Mr. Bottenfield, L. C. Smith, H. Merrick, G. Tyler, R. Crawford, I. A. Gibson, E. Crayden, J. A. Whaley, H. G. Melton, O. D. Longest, H. A. Boston, J. A. Wood, B. H. Kemp, M. J. Kemp, W. L. Kemp, E. P. Lowery, C. C. Schmuck, W. G. Geddis, A. L. Marvel, C. O. Gore, W. J. Stalling, W. B. Stranding, J. A. McLin, J. B. Chambers, E. F. Hubbert, F. G. Thompson, M. L. Marshall, E. L. Burke, W. F. Rheiman, E. P. Roach and Mr. Bates, of C. & E. I.

Now, as you all have shown that you were able to come to this meeting, we are going to call a meeting for the benefit of all agents, operators and levermen on this division within a short time, at Huntingburg, and it is hoped that you will show your interest at this meeting as you did in the Princeton meeting. So, brothers, be on the lookout for the notice of this meeting and be sure to come. Mr. Howsen has promised to stop No. 1 east of Huntingburg to let off the boys who attend from the east end.

Bro. Machino went to first Mt. Carmel during Bro. McLin's illness.

Bro. J. A. McLin and wife spent a few days with Bro. A. M. Hall at Birdseye recently.

Bro. Hutchinson, Mt. Vernon, off a few days, was relieved by Mr. Grubbs.

Bro. Oskins, third Ayershire, has moved to Velpen, where you will always find him with that pleasant smile.

Bro. A. M. Hall made a flying trip to Fairfield recently.

Bro. Boston, wife and son Harold, of Birdseye, made a trip to Indianapolis recently, relieved by Mr. Eskew.

Bro. Spurling, of East Jct., is now at home at Francisco.

Bro. T. E. Riley and family, Belleville, visited home folks at Lincoln City recently.

Bro. C. U. Bishop, of Tell City, had the misfortune of losing the depot by fire recently, losing three typewriters and some very valuable things. We are certainly sorry to hear it.

Watch for the big meeting at Huntingburg soon, brothers, and let's have a good turnout.

CERTS. 138, 2881 AND 2866.

Birmingham Division, East End--

The regular meeting was held at Bremen, January 11th, with a good attendance. Many subjects of importance were discussed. The most important touched on was that of thorough organization. All agreed that this was the keynote to success.

We have battles to fight, and unless we have an army, we can not expect victory, and unless we all enlist and show the true colors, we will surely meet with defeat.

Another thing of vital importance is that of permanent enlistment. As long as we are coming and going the army can not be as strong as it would be if we were always on duty. Brothers, quit going on furloughs, for the enemy may attack us when we are all on furloughs. Don't be a "quitter."

Boys, give close attention to your office calls, and don't cause the dispatcher to do any unnecessary calling. Let's give good service, and when we go up for a new schedule, it won't be so hard to get.

We are going to Washington before long, and the boys will be anxious to know the outcome. If we were all lined up, we would know before we went what it would be. Let's all do the right thing and line up as many as possible, and be on hand when the roll call is sounded at our meetings.

Bro. Oden, Muscadine, while with his wife at the hospital, now much improved, was relieved by Mr. Salters.

Ex-Bro. J. S. Aly, from the S. A. L., on third Cook Springs, vice J. L. Poole, promises to do the right thing soon. Later this position was assigned to B. G. Aly.

Bro. G. C. Gladden, second McFall, relieved a few days by Curtis Johnson, who also relieved Bro. Tom Coleman, second Riverside, a few days. Mr. Johnson will come in as soon as he gets the age and experience.

Bro. Harry Foster relieved Bro. W. R. King on second Pell City a few days.

Bro. C. R. Toney, second Coalburg, bid in first Leeds, vice Bro. Carter, who bid in third Oxanna Jct. Bro. J. H. Hall, second Choccolocco, to second Leeds, vice Shaw. Bro. W. S. Norman, second Temple, to second Choccolocco.

CERT. 1340.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to extend to our brothers at Bremen our most hearty thanks for the manner in which they so royally entertained us at dinner January 11th. We were treated with a true spirit of brotherhood. BROTHERS BIRMINGHAM DIVISION.

Birmingham Division, West End--

Our regular monthly meeting was held at Parrish, Ala., December 21st, with a fairly good attendance.

Two candidates were initiated, one petition received and the promise of another petition at our January meeting.

Everyone enjoyed the dinner furnished by the ladies of Parrish, and wished them a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Bro. J. R. Miller, third Parrish, was sick two nights, being relieved by P. M. Griffith, an old-time telegrapher, who has been out of the service several years, who later relieved Bro. T. M. Cannon, first Parrish, on vacation.

Bro. J. J. Andoe, agent Cordova, made a trip to Tuscaloosa, and could not attend our last meeting.

Boys, call "J" and give me the news, so we can have a write-up each month.

Div. Cor., Cert. 253.

Mobile Division—

Brothers, note the write-up from the west end on the Birmingham Division. Pretty close to home, for us not to be represented in the journal each month. You will note by Bro. Stoudenmire's write-up that they are holding meetings. We can just as well do this also. Now, let us hear from all who have the welfare of the Order at heart enough and willing enough to help out in having a meeting on the Mobile Division. This is the only successful way to carry on our affairs and become better acquainted with each other personally. It is necessary for us to get together, or we will never know what is going on, and there are conditions that could be improved.

We are glad to note that a night office has been established at Seymour, with Bro. Reedy, formerly agent Piedmont, in charge. The creating of this position is evidence that business on the B. B. B. branch is on the increase, which is encouraging for this part of the year.

All who favor holding meetings and establishing a lodge, as our sister divisions have, let it be known, and not only that, but let us do something. Any brother who feels like writing to me personally, I will be glad to hear from him on the subject. It only needs the support of a few to start, and the rest will follow. *Let's do it, and do it now.* E. M. LAWLER, Cert. 1745,

Belle Ellen, Ala.

Charlotte Division, South End—

Bro. J. D. Jones, Madison first, off three days fox hunting, relieved by Bro. G. Walters, of third, and he by F. T. Brock.

Bro. C. P. Cureton, Calhoun second (extra), assigned to Athens days, relieved by Mr. Brock.

Bro. K. W. Boggs, with the Western Union at Clemson College during Christmas holidays, is with the A. C. L. at Savannah. We all wish him success.

Ex-Bro. A. E. Stewart from Toccoa third to Gainesville second, relieved by J. P. Lyles, assigned regular.

Bro. A. P. Laurence, Central second, off a few days on account of sickness in family, relieved by Bro. J. H. Gibson, Bros. Johnson and Brown doubling one day.

Bro. Joe Brown, Seneca second, off a few days taking Christmas, relieved by W. L. Harbin, extra. R. Boggs, third Calhoun, off for sleeping on duty, relieved by Bro. J. H. Gibson.

Bro. H. L. Watkins' name appears in the December journal as "Mr." This is an error, as Bro. Watkins is always up to date.

Our former chief, A. W. Watson, who has been in Highlands, N. C., all summer and fall, with consumption, died at his home in Greenville, and was buried January 1st. We were all sorry to have him go, as he was a thorough railroader and treated his men right.

Bro. J. C. F. Clyatt, Lula third, off a few days, account sickness in family, relieved by H. F. Kennit.

Bro. B. L. Rike, off ten days getting married, relieved by W. L. Harbin. Congratulations.

Bro. B. T. Littleton assigned second Deercourt.

Bro. Arthur Werner, from the Seaboard, an old-timer of this road, on a visit to home folks at Easley, during Christmas holidays, reports only two nons on his division. Says they don't like 'em.

Bro. E. H. Brown, Central third, off a few days, sick, relieved by Fred Brook.

Bro. R. E. Pierce assigned to Fallis third. Lyles on extra board.

Bro. I. C. Edwards, Broswell days, off with fever, relieved by Bro. J. H. Gibson, relieved on third Culham, by N. M. Tollison, who promised to do the necessary thing pay day.

B. W. GRANT.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank the South End Charlotte Division brothers for the floral offering in our recent bereavement, the death of our little son.

A. P. LAURENCE AND WIFE.

Columbia Division—

I wish to thank you all for your courtesy, and hope you will put forth all efforts possible to make our division 100 per cent by the first of March, 1914. We have a good set of men on this division; they stick well, and there's no changes, but some of them are rather slow in their support of the Order, after the Order has done so much for them. The officials of the company did not voluntarily increase your salary and make your working hours better. This was done through the efforts of the O. R. T., which needs your support.

I heard a remark made by a very prominent official that was impressed upon my mind. He said: "I like to see a man of his craft stand for his rights, or he is worthless to himself, or the company; nor does he have much respect for himself or fellow-craftsmen by not trying to better himself or his condition. Such a man is worse than a highway thief, because the thief gives the law a chance to catch him. On the other hand, the man that reaps the benefits of organization without any contribution, but promises, only is more of a thief than a robber, because there is

no law to get him." This remark was made while discussing the various organizations and no particular ones pointed at.

We are glad to know that every man on this division is going to have an up-to-date card, and we have been in touch with them and all seem very much interested.

I had a list of all the nons on the division, and could have shown it to this gentleman, but I did not have the heart to do so, as he would have had a very bad opinion of the men on our division, whom we look forward to be up to date on the next half. Gentlemen, wake up; your integrity is at stake. Be working members of our Order and don't stand back and wait for some to do so for you.

Remember the Lord loves a cheerful giver, and you shall prosper according to your deeds. Look at the B. L. E., O. R. C. and others.

Bro. McGimpsey, Blythewood, has about recovered from being hurt on account of a skid being knocked through the office, striking him. He was relieved by Bro. J. A. Clarke.

G. C. Turner has returned to Vauluse agency, having been sick some time. Mr. Boon, "CH," has been sick also.

Boys, look out for the "KO" report. One of our brothers in "CO" says it's awful sometimes in getting it from some of the stations. They are ready to help you, if you will help them.

Now, let's start and make the year before us a prosperous one. M. D. D., Cert. 2729.

Memphis Division—

We are glad, indeed, to learn the nons have decreased some on this division since our last write-up; several of them have filed their applications, and we can now call Messrs. Jones, of Paint Rock and Minor, of Collierville, brothers. A few more of the young men have also filed their applications for membership. Let us all pay our dues promptly and see that our new brothers never fall behind with their dues.

I am not receiving the co-operation I should, boys. Let everyone who has any news for the journal send it promptly to Bro. Uptain, at Memphis, so it can be sent to the editor of our journal, for publication, not later than the 20th of each month. Don't depend on another one to do this, but send in all the news you can yourself.

The nice new block tower is now completed and being used at "DJ," and we hope the one who has fallen from the ranks there will soon come in again. Find out and let me know.

Bro. Atchley bid in Glens, relieved by Mr. Canterbury at Barton.

Bro. Willis, off a few days, was relieved by Extra Tinsley.

Bro. Jester, off a few days recently, was relieved by Bro. Wyatt, and he by Extra Kimbrough.

Bro. Adcock, of Hunstville, has accepted position as night chief bill clerk at Memphis.

Brothers, don't forget to work on the nons every day until we get them all lined up. It is embarrassing that the percentage of nons and de-

linquents is so great on the Memphis Division, so let each of us do our best to decrease the number as much as possible.

Div. Cor., Cert. 2641.

Knoxville Division—

The dues and initiation fee for members filing petitions in February is \$9.50, and for March, \$8.50. Blanks may be had upon application, and I will be glad to handle same promptly. Start 1914 right by paying dues. W. H. Cord, L. C.

Bro. F. A. Calfee, Cert. 1575, who was in the hospital last July for some time, with rheumatism, was taken sick again in October, and is unfit for duty, and has sent me a letter asking for assistance. I believe his is a worthy case, and feel that we should help him.

As our regular monthly meetings have been discontinued on account of non-attendance, and as handling such matters by circular letters, in my opinion, has not been satisfactory, I am advising you of this case through the journal. Anything you feel like contributing you may forward direct to Bro. Calfee at Whitepine, Tenn. He writes that he had three convulsions in one day, and it has been reported to the superintendent that his illness has affected his memory, and that he can not allow him to resume duty until he has passed a satisfactory examination. Just a little help from each brother, he says, will help him to tide over until he can get back to work. He will appreciate any help you can afford to give him. I have written the general chairman in regard to waiving the dues of Bro. Calfee for this term, and feel sure that Division 59 will be glad to do so. I have also taken the matter up with assistant local chairmen on the east end.

W. H. Cord, L. C.

We closed the year 1913 on the west end with a 99 per cent membership. R. W. Clark, Loudon, Tenn., being the only man out. The east end has not shown up quite so well, but we hope it will later on.

We greet the new year with pleasant anticipation, as 54 new and revised agreements were made during 1913, and no strikes, a schedule for every week in the year and a few left over for good measure.

We have had better conditions and more pay the last two years than ever before, in any like period.

Every member added to the membership roll increases the power of the organization for good to that extent, and every member who forfeits his membership reduces the influence of the Order that much. So it is plain to see that every man who declines to pay up hurts himself just that much.

It should be the ambition of every telegrapher to make his profession as remunerative as that of any other employee connected with the movement of trains, and it is self-evident that the only way this can be done is through the Order

of Railroad Telegraphers; therefore, if you wish to bring about this much desired result, you must keep yourself in good standing in the Order, and help to organize and stand solid. Every member should assist in bringing into the fold those who still remain on the outside.

President Perham has well said, in one of his circulars to the division officers, "Let the unorganized drivel over their foolish reasons for keeping out of the game; they know in their hearts they are wrong and their consciences prick them in ways unknown to the one who does his duty to his fellows, works hard, and sleeps the sleep of the just."

Certain cases are being referred to the Commission on Industrial Relations for investigation, and amendments to the hours-of-service law will soon be presented to Congress by Hon. Raymond B. Stevens, of New Hampshire, when a good, hard fight will be made to institute the straight eight-hour day for every one who takes care of train movement by means of electrical circuits or signals. At the right time the membership will be requested to lend a hand to bring this about, as was done in 1908, when 30,000 telegrams from "home" were poured out upon congressmen's desks, asking their support of the "telegraphers nine-hour bill." Let's get the remaining non-members to sign up before the time comes 'round for business.

Regardless of the benefits being enjoyed, some of the non-members here turn a deaf ear to all appeals to get a card, and have turned down every proposition made them.

As long as they can get these benefits without any outlay of money on their part, they seem content to remain nons and let their fellow men pay the bills, and "No card, no favors" should now be applied vigorously, as these nons get the same benefits as the member who pays.

Recently on a certain road a non did not get his vacation as soon as he thought he ought to have had it and he wrote the chief, demanding it, referring him to the "rules and regulations." The chief just wrote on the bottom of his letter the notation, "There is no vacation coming to you." Later on this non got a card, and then secured his vacation. That is what we need right here on this division.

There has been some discussion relative to the work of the general chairman, which is getting heavier all the while. The Southern Ry. System covers about 8,000 miles, over which the general chairman has to travel, and at the same time keep up his correspondence and other work. The writer believes that it would be to the advantage of the organization to have an assistant general chairman, or a system organizer, whose duty it would be to look after the organizing, and assist the general chairman in his work. Division 59 is a big one and the organization is in shape to carry this out. We should also subdivide the Atlantic and Knoxville, which are very large divisions, and have two local chairmen for each of them, as one chairman can not well take care of such large territory. CERT. 48, Div. Cor.

Several brothers have called my attention to the write-up by R. R. J., ex-correspondent of the Atlanta Division, in the January journal, concerning a proposed new seniority rule, which would be all in favor of a few, and against the majority. It would not permit a man, in case his position was abolished, to roll anyone, but compel him to take the extra board and take chances on the bulletin. I have not been informed officially about the matter, but I am of the opinion that the present seniority rule is the best for all concerned. Some of the oldest roads in the country have been working under it for many years, and it seems fair to the majority. If such a change is proposed, the membership should be given a vote on it, as this would take the responsibility off the committee. I hope our general chairman will put it up to the membership for a vote, which I believe he will do.

W. H. CORD, L. C.

We note the write-up in January journal, by Atlanta Division correspondent, in which he states that it has been proposed that our seniority rule be changed, making it so that when a position is abolished the man so affected will take the extra list, and take chances on bulletin. Under such a rule a man who has ten or fifteen years age on the division, would, in case his job was cut out, have to take the extra list, instead of being allowed to take his rights on the road. It would not be fair for such a man to have to work extra over the division, and, if he has a family, be compelled to pay board on the road, as well as the expenses of his family at home, when there is a man one year old holding a desirable position on the division to which the man whose position was abolished is entitled. It would not be just to adopt a clause like this, giving to the younger men advantage over the men of long service. Several of the oldest organized roads in the country, namely, the C. & O. and B. & O., have the same seniority clauses as Division 59, and our present rule has worked satisfactorily. The present rule will come nearer giving justice to all concerned than any other rule that could be applied, and for the good of the organization, any change in this rule had better be given serious consideration, and a vote taken before adopting any change. We should learn a lesson from one of our neighboring roads that changed the seniority rule without a majority vote, which resulted disastrously, so we had better let the seniority rule alone. It is the most important one affecting the majority in the agreement, as it now stands. If a man has but little age on the division he gets a show accordingly. If he has but little age, that is no fault of the man who has staid with the division and accumulated years of seniority. If the rule is changed it will give the younger men more advantage than the older man, and there would be little use to have a seniority clause at all.

We recommend that our local chairman be requested to call a special meeting, notifying every member to be present, to discuss this matter

should it develop that such a clause has been proposed covering our rules and regulations. Many roads organized for twenty years have the same seniority rule as Division 59 has today, and have been satisfied with this rule for all these years without change. Division 59 has been organized for about seven years, during which time there has not been any serious kick on the present rule. While there may be a few who want the new seniority rule, we believe that a very large per cent of the men would vote to retain the present one, and are not afraid that this vital question will not be given consideration by the membership when they are aware that a change like the brother on the Atlanta Division mentions in his write-up is about to take place.

We hope it will remain as it is, and believe it will; however, we call your attention to the matter and refer you to the Atlanta Division write-up in the January TELEGRAPHER.

R. O. BURNS, Cert. 381.

C. F. RYMER, Cert. 670.

Atlanta Division, South End—

Our correspondent must have gone over Niagara Falls. We never see any write-ups from this end. The north-end correspondent comes across each month with the happenings and tells his views on certain important questions.

Recent changes I know of are: J. I. Hardin, on second; Bro. C. A. Pless on first, and Bro. G. C. Merritt on third Locust Grove; Guy Green, on third Flippen; Bro. Key, on third Ellenwood; Bro. J. J. Anderson, on third Jenkinsburg, while waiting for the successful bidder; Bro. J. F. Moseley, on second Jenkinsburg; Bro. McClelland, on third Jackson; Bro. W. H. VanZandt, on first Sandy, having given up Stockbridge agency, account of rheumatism. He has our sympathy and hope he will be pleased with his new place. Bro. C. J. Simpson bid in Flippen agency; second Constitution, which I understand will be on next bulletin, as well as several other places.

I think this end should have a regular correspondent, and send a write-up each month, for we all usually turn to the fraternal pages of our grand old journal as soon as we receive it. All other divisions of this road give write-ups each month and we should do the same, and let other divisions see that we are not asleep. Bro. R. R. J.'s views in regard to rolling just suits me, and I hope other good brothers will fall in line, and let's defend our contract and let it stand exactly as it is.

You take the conductors and trainmen, when one train is taken off it affects all other runs. And if it is not too much trouble for the company to change this class of men, neither is it too much trouble to change our class when a job is discontinued. If a job is abolished or cut out temporarily, I think the boys so affected should be allowed to go where their age entitles them. So let the contract stand just as it is—both sides made it and both sides certainly should live up to it to the letter.

CERT. 612.

"GM" General Office, Washington, D. C.—

We, of the general telegraph office, look back with pleasure upon the progress of the Order in the relay offices of the system. It is indeed gratifying to know that the relay operators have at last awakened and are taking advantage of their opportunity. The recent write-up from "QN" shows that the next to the largest office on the system is up and doing.

We glory in the advancement made by the men in our sister office, and assure them of our hearty co-operation in every way, as we know that they are men of principle, who realizing their duty, do not procrastinate in the performance thereof, neither as regards the company which furnishes them employment, nor their fellow workmen, who are laboring for the uplift of the "profession" and the welfare of the membership. Let us pull together, boys, and raise the standard of the Southern Railway relay offices to that of other roads in the country. Let us so improve the telegraph "profession" that we will be proud to be members thereof; that our wives, mothers, children and wives-to-be may be proud to acknowledge that we are telegraphers.

It is with deep regret that we announce that Bro. T. B. Ipock has left our ranks and returned to his old position at Old Fort, N. C.

Bro. O. E. Koegel spent the holidays with his mother at Booneville, Ind. "KI" is a student at the National University Law School, and is rapidly advancing. We are expectantly looking forward to the time when he will represent a certain Indiana district in the National Congress, and pass acceptable laws for telegraph operators. He knows their lives are not all sunshine.

Bro. McKelder, recently from the Washington Division, has joined our ranks. His regular trick places him on the "white elephant" (meaning 71, the "QN" quad). He is beginning to realize what the duties of a real telegrapher are.

The boys did very well during the holidays. Headaches were few and far between, which is certainly a good record. It was rumored that several well-known parties just about that time had cleared the cloak rooms, etc., of dead soldiers, etc., but we can prove an alibi for them, however—the janitor had cloves on his breath.

The boys on the line steer clear of "GM." This is a great job. Come up fellows, and let us put you through the mill.

Bros. Irwin and Williams made a flying trip up the Manassas Branch several days ago, but nothing serious happened, as expected.

Bro. Wilson (not Woodrow) is thinking of going back to Bridgeport, Tenn. "WS" is some car man, and we will miss him greatly. But the call of the heart is prevailing strongly with him. The world loves a lover, therefore he has our love—I was about to say sympathy.

The force presented Manager Thompson with a dress suit case Christmas. We appreciate a good boss here.

Miss Winkleman, the telephone operator, has broken about all the hearts in the office—married men probably excepted. It doesn't hurt them.

however. All telegraph operators are susceptible to pretty girls; the trouble is they have one in every port.

There has been quite an agitation in the various relay offices regarding an individual local chairman, or rather chairman for the seven offices. I was sorry that the "QN" correspondent in last month's journal did not express his opinion upon this very important matter. It strikes me that this is much to be desired and merits the consideration of the general committee. Keep the ball rolling boys, and we will soon have a representative who knows "what's what" in relay work. We have an abundance of material to draw from.

CERT. 3010.

"QN" Atlanta Relay—

There was no write-up in the January journal on account of my misunderstanding as to the time the write-up had to be in St. Louis, and when I had it ready, found out that it was too late for that month's issue.

Two more members have joined since we had a write-up, and there are more in view.

Bro. J. W. Tallent, "RX," joined directly after the last write-up, and D. E. Brantley, "DE," gave me his application January 6th.

There is still two who have promised to come in for two years, and we have been obliged to enforce the "No card, no favor" order on them, although it is not pleasant to do so with men in the same office; but they should do the right thing, as there is no reason on earth why they should stay out.

Since "QN" was moved from the Equitable Building to the new office in the Southern Railway Freight Building there has been an increase of 75 per cent in the membership, and these two men are the only ones who seem to delight in being labeled nons.

Those still in "QN" without cards are: F. Hatchcock, "S;" L. E. Murray, "P;" R. I. Thomas, "R" (third trick wire chief); N. C. Coleman, "C" (second trick wire chief), and we hope to add some of these before long. The brothers are: J. W. Tallent, "RX;" Bishop, "JR;" Payne, "DC;" Morehead, "MO;" Griffin, "GN;" Pryor, "A;" Tucker, "F;" Clark, "RA;" Bolen, "BO;" Williams, "AH;" Brantley, "DE," and English, "ON."

I wish the other relay offices, as well as "GM," would wake up and give us a few dots and dashes.

D. H. PAYNE.

"CS" Terminal Station, Chattanooga, Tenn.—

I wish to invite all Southern Railway, Q. & C., and all other operators' attention to the article in the December journal, by Cert. 2519, "QN" relay office, Atlanta. This brother is on the right track, and more of this kind of writing would do a lot of good. Instead of the men wire-pulling all the time, they should get together and take under consideration the difficulties each place has to contend with. Everything you see that will assist in making the telegraph department a credit to itself, as well as the telegraphers, should be

done. Take an interest in your work; avoid delays to messages. It is impossible for the company to keep this department up to standard without the assistance of the telegraphers, and we can do it by everybody pulling together and working for the interest of the company. When the officials know that the men are taking the proper interest in their work your committee will have a great deal more confidence when meeting the management for schedule revision that the concessions sought for will be granted. Keep this writing up, and everybody pull together and watch the outcome.

B. D. STONE.

Queen & Crescent Route (North).

Bro. C. H. Young, of the N. P., is on third Blanchet. Bro. S. M. Matthews, agent-operator Hinton, on 30 days' vacation, was relieved by Ray Gardner.

Bro. Gresham, agent Lancing, Tenn., was relieved by Extra Agent W. F. Mumford, relieved by R. L. Harrold, transferred from Oakdale; agency not yet assigned permanently. First "WJ" tower assigned to Bro. D. B. Price; Bro. A. Trickey assigned second "CB" tower, Bro. Hamlin to second Annadel, second "TR" tower to Bro. Madden, third Sunbright, vice Bro. B. Q. Phillips, resigned.

Bro. R. J. Justis, agent Robbins, is back from a two weeks' vacation, relieved by Sister Anna Mosier. Bro. D. Strunk, agent Pine Knot, now on vacation. Agent Hanchie, Silerville, was relieved by Extra Agent Strunk, understand it is permanent.

Bro. A. R. Cate relieved Bro. Rogers, agent Spring City, fifteen days, then relieved Bro. King, agent Evansville, several days, while he visited friends "way down in Georgia." Minks and McCluen are on second and third Evansville.

Bro. E. D. Smith bid in second, and Bro. Appling third Citico.

Bro. G. R. Cole, operator-clerk Melville, after a short honeymoon, went to Danville, having bid in "SJ" tower second. Congratulations. Bro. Creekmore, agent-operator Devon, assigned Melville.

Bro. J. O. Hunnicut, third Dayton, while visiting home folks in Kentucky, relieved by H. L. Thornton.

Bro. L. C. Thompson, Cave Springs, is batching while Mrs. Thompson is visiting relatives in West Virginia.

Non Owens, third "UN" Oakdale, off several days recently, relieved by Mr. Thornton, from the N. C. & St. L., who also relieved Bro. C. B. Grayson, off fifteen days with wife, taking in New York and Washington, and visiting the old folks back in Virginia and Georgia.

Roody second and third, and Evansville second and third, filled with new men. Non Carpenter, third Evansville, while pending bulletin, discharged for sleeping, and stopping No. 3.

Bro. Swann, first Emory Gap, off for the holidays, relieved by Mrs. Grayson.

DIV. COR.

Cincinnati to Chattanooga—

Ed. Dugan is relieving John Troget on third "MO" tower.

Bro. C. H. Young relieved Mr. Pemberton, nights Rices Creek, who went back to second district. Bro. E. H. Daugherty, agent Ludlow, resigned, relieved by Earl Wilson, former leverman, Southern Bridge, Cincinnati.

Bro. J. W. Gardner, second Blanchet, was off a few days on account of sickness, relieved by Bro. Mason from the Wabash.

Bro. M. S. Matthews, agent-operator Hinton, Ky., on 30 days' vacation, relieved by our new brother, Ray Gardner. Zed Henderson is another of our young brothers.

Bro. S. H. McCartt, agent-operator Walton, Ky., our general and local chairman, first district, attending a series of meetings extending over the entire road from Birmingham to Cincinnati; he reports good crowds and great enthusiasm at every meeting. Bro. McCartt also called on those personally who could not attend the meetings, which did a great deal of good, he was relieved by Bro. F. G. Gardner, relief agent. Bro. B. O. Sullivan, third Williamstown, attended some of the meetings.

Sisteg M. Kells, third Williamstown, enjoyed a short pleasure trip recently to Cincinnati; relieved by Bro. J. T. Hurt.

Bro. O. H. Brooks, who relieved Bro. E. W. Shadoan, Georgetown, Christmas, also relieved H. B. Robinson, nights, while at Georgetown a week; we hope it will be Bro. Robinson when we mention his name again. Bro. Gillingham, third "SJ" tower, while visiting home folks, relieved by Bro. H. B. Griffin, who then relieved Bro. L. Vallandingham, second High Bridge, on account of the death of his mother at Science Hill, Ky.

W. B. Madden, nights Sunbright, Tenn., bid in second "FR" tower, vice Floyd Kidd there pending, who bid in Stearns nights. Floyd's petition is now due.

J. W. Wyatt, Bracht nights closed, is visiting friends at Tateville. Bro. A. Trickey bid in second "CB" tower, and Bro. D. B. Price, first "CW" tower. Bro. Grover Lee, second "KD" tower, on leave, relieved by Ross Wilson.

Bro. Elmer Davis, third "KD" tower, bid in second Williamstown, Ky.

Bro. M. Kelly, Williamstown first, doing the tango at Cincinnati a few days, relieved by Bro. F. G. Gardner.

Bro. O. H. Brooks, Sadieville third, has the measles, and Bro. Ray Gardner is relieving him.

Bro. J. F. Hurt relieved Bro. E. Davis on second Williamstown several days recently.

Bro. Hyatt, first "US" Jct., now on bulletin, bid in second passenger depot Somerset, Ky.

The items you send me go to Bro. Quick at St. Louis just as you send them in. If they are not published as written, there is a good reason for their change or omission, which can be satisfactorily explained by Bro. Quick, as he is responsible for such matters. I am going to serve you to the best of my ability, and thank you all for

the items contributed. Please let me have all changes and other matters of interest by the 20th of the month, as I must mail them to Bro. Quick before the 28th. The items for January were mailed too late for publication that month. Those received too late for one month appear the following month revised so as not to appear out of date, unless it is requested that they do not appear.

Div. Com.

M. & St. L. R. R.*Eastern Division—*

We are pleased to call C. G. Ramsey brother, also Bro. Christy, at Union.

D. R. McLain was relieved at Mason City by a brother of the B. of L. E.

Bro. J. T. Nelson, agent Ackley, has returned from his trip, relieved by T. J. Dailey.

Bro. C. V. Platts, local chairman, from Steamboat, while at Minneapolis several days, was relieved by his assistant, C. Shaner.

Bro. C. C. McLellan, relieved at "M" town yards, by Mr. Kightlinger.

We are pleased to now have three good brothers at Hampton, and S. L. Zea, the agent, is also up to date—wish we could get some of the nons on the east end to see it that way. Ex-Bro. J. D. Kyle, agent at Brighton, will also be with us shortly, and Bro. Bartlett, one of our old standbys, can no doubt help us to land Roy on third trick there, which will make "BR" solid.

Bro. C. L. Keohen, from "A" Lea, is now on side table in "DS" Oskaloosa.

The committee has been meeting with good success, lining up the nons, as they have no excuse for not joining.

Brothers, let's send our dues to Bro. Sandmier promptly for this term, and save stamps, as well as valuable time he might be using to get in the nons. Don't forget either that the "MB" department assessments go to Bro. Quick, as your card won't be issued until that is paid.

Let's all get our shoulders to the wheel and make 1914 the best year old Division 71 has had. We have lots of good pushers, but it runs awfully heavy when others drag their feet and pull back.

W. C. M.

Chicago & Northwestern Ry.*General Office "SJ"—*

It certainly looks encouraging the way Division 76 is lining up, showing that the brothers realize that it is necessary to present a solid front and back up the committee in order to secure a schedule equal to that which other roads now have.

Every member should make it a point to get in the nons about him, and use the "No card, no favors" rule, as there is positively no argument against joining. The trainmen will not take excuses; it's either join or the no favors rule applied in a way that generally works. Brothers, unless we get busy and line up solid, we can not expect the committee to do very much. The Southern Pacific lately secured a \$90.00 minimum for O. S. and \$110.00 for relay jobs, and many

other concessions, and the C. P. and Can. Nor. have almost as good a schedule, because they have almost a solid membership.

As our committee is about to convene, it is absolutely imperative that it have the undivided support of the telegraphers on this road. The committee is only as strong as the membership behind it, and unless it represents the majority of the men it is useless to try and secure concessions from the management. The company is not going to grant us increases out of sentiment. It is purely a business proposition and it is up to us to have the strength of numbers to back up our demands.

Cupid is getting busy on second, and Bro. Alverson is looking the "happy guy."

Bro. Novak exchanged hours with Mr. Golden for two weeks, Bro. Novak serving on jury during the daytime and doing the owl stunt nights.

They are all nons in the Galena Division train dispatcher's office, since "Dutch" left. What's the reason?

No. 78 is a solid O. R. T. wire all the way now. How about the rest of them?

Div. Cor.

Chicago Terminal—

J. J. Lewis, chief director at Lake street tower, is on a three months' leave, relieved by W. E. Connors, succeeded by Bro. W. H. Harlan as assistant director. The boys at Lake street are very much pleased with these appointments, and peace reigns once more. Bro. Lawson goes to Lake street, relieved at Division street by Bro. Crampton.

Bro. Howard Gobel bid in second Sangamon street, which we had bulletined after quite a little trouble.

Bro. Morrison, from split trick Canal Jct., is doing fine in the restaurant business. We wish him continued success.

Charles Martin, in poor health for some months, has filled out his pension papers; succeeded by George Russ, first Rose Hill.

Frank Gart promises to join shortly.

Two new towers, Wood street and Hunting avenue, opened up in the Terminal District recently; the former a mechanical and the latter an electric plant. This gives us nineteen towers in the district, a splendid field to work for new members.

Nothing heard from the Galena Division side this month.

Boys, let's everyone put our shoulder to the wheel and get this district into shape, before the committee convenes, which will be only a few days now, unless something happens we can not foresee at this time. If you are looking for success this time you must show your enthusiasm in other ways than words and carrying an up-to-date card. I hope every member will give me his full support, and absolutely refrain from knocking any move that is made for the good of the majority.

Please send me or telephone me some news items.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN, Cert. 434.

Wisconsin Division—

Our local chairman has been over the division recently, meeting all the members and non-members his limited time permitted him to, working late into the night and getting out early in the morning. He reports great progress in the way of organization. In fact the membership of this division has increased with almost incredible rapidity. All that is now needed is a little personal effort on the part of each member who has a non-member working near him, to bring all within the fold. He has called on these men and if the matter is now kept constantly before them, the time will be short when we can call this the best organized division on the road. If you meet a man you can't land, write the local chairman and he will help you.

Miss Reil, Desplaines third, has accepted a position at Mayfair.

Miss Veasley, of Chicago avenue round house, was a recent caller at "GO."

Remember the court meetings at 912 Masonic Temple. It would greatly benefit all of you brothers to attend these meetings, where you will hear things that are of interest to you.

Get after the few nons floating around, and write them up.

Bro. Brice, of Harvard, and the third trick man from "GO," took a hunting trip over the "KD" line, west, a few days ago, and shot eleven times at one rabbit before landing him.

Brothers, send all the items of importance you can to your local chairman at Harvard, not later than the 20th. We will greatly appreciate this.

CERT. 262.

Madison Division—

Martin H. Hansen, from South Beaver Dam, has gone to his assignment at Adams agency.

Superintendent and Mrs. J. W. Doyle ate their Christmas turkey with friends at Huron.

Bro. Scotty Butterfield was rabbit hunting near Kendalls, New Year's, but no rabbit stew has been floating 'round, for the delectation of the Baraboo force.

Bro. Sid Kilts, while looking after his movie show interests, was relieved by Bro. Jim Neff, on first trick "B" Baraboo, relieved by Bro. Jack Hibbard, on third, and he by A. G. Verch, at Jeff. Jct. Hibb had a lot of "new" jokes to spring about the wooden horse.

Reduction of forces seems to be a mania now. By the time the trimming is over with we may all be lookin' for a "jawb."

Assistant Superintendent Layden has changed his headquarters from Adams to Baraboo, and Trainmaster Worthman from Baraboo to Adams.

R. R. Ginn, agent Galena, relieved by Harry Hammill, chief trainmaster's clerk, has been assigned to Beloit agency. Both are old operators whom we are glad to see moving up. Harry LeMay takes the chief clerk job at Baraboo.

J. S. Lewis bid in South Beaver Dam agency, relieved at Benton agency by H. L. Lippolt.

M. Biwersi relieved G. W. Richardson at Dane a few days at Christmas time.

E. D. Wilson, who recently resigned Merrimac agency, relieved A. B. Steinhoff there, who relieved Bro. Harry Pigg for his "wedding tower." R. H. Peacock, a new man, is learning the plant at Merrimac.

Joe Dolbier has resigned again, owing to ill health. We hope for his speedy recovery.

H. Hobart, relieved by R. H. Peacock, relieved F. J. Dunklee, agent Roscoe, a few days at Christmas time.

E. J. Lang, agent at Ipswich, on an extended trip to the Pacific coast, was relieved by A. G. Verch.

Bill Holden, second trick dispatcher on the north end, has a corner on calendars with Scotty Butterfield, runner-up.

J. H. Mueller, at Galena, was off a few days, somewhat under the weather.

H. J. Wagner, agent Wilton, was relieved a few days about New Year's, by J. B. Mackenzie, former agent at Norwalk, who has been a great help recently, both to the boys who want relief and the chief, as extra agents are scarce.

Walter Hansen, Wyeville Yards, has been off for some time, the work being taken care of by Al Clark and E. D. Wilson. The operators at the interlocking plant at Wyeville have been installed in the depot, and the plant is now in charge of levermen.

E. D. Wilson relieved F. C. Wolfe at tower "Z," Merrimac bridge, a few days.

The new seniority list has been made up and is now in the hands of the different officials to whom it goes. Bro. Scotty says it's some chore to make up the list of seven or eight copies, with so many changes, and some 175 or 200 names to show.

A. D. Dungan is back on the extra list again, and relieved Mr. Sorenson at Reedsburg, who bid in Cutler.

Matt Schleck, agent Wonewoc, relieved by Jovechild, cut his six months' leave short, and resumed work after an absence of several weeks. Some of the agents at some of these burgs make from \$65.00 to \$85.00 in express commissions, several dollars in W. U. commissions, and at junction points, something for being a good man for the other line; but they earn it, and we like to see them haul it down.

L. Holley is relieving J. H. Mueller, at Galena, who is on the sick list.

Train Dispatcher John Stekl wants to publicly thank the boys who so kindly send him copies of the Hebrew papers every few days, and is saving up a lot of Chinese laundry bills to send them in return for their thoughtfulness. John says he likes to read awful well, but his folks brought him up to be right-handed.

Agent C. L. Graves, at Cottage Grove, was relieved several days, while indisposed, by Relief Agent A. C. Dimock.

C. B. McIntosh relieved Agent J. Roberts, at Lodi, a few days last month.

Agents Edwards, at Wales; Stephens, at Footville; Barnes, at tower "PP;" Schmidt at tower "DO," enjoyed vacations recently. Others were

also off, but we didn't learn who. Come across with your news items, fellers.

Percy Avery breezed into the office of the scribe the other evening and gave us a good social chat on the affairs of the new line. Percy keeps well informed and is up to the minute on the business. He bid in Dalton station, and was going over to take charge. Come in again, old man.

C. E. L. HANSEN,
Secretary.

H. L. Lippolt bid in Benton agency, relieved at Cuba City by Agent Stephen's son there, pending bulletin.

A. E. Tuttle relieved Archie Matzek at Beloit third a few nights, who relieved one of the force in the freight house who was sick. Later Tuttle went to tower "BJ" to learn the interlocking plant.

E. C. Phinney bid in South Madison agency, relieving C. A. Hummel.

Mike H. Keeffe bid in Mt. Horeb days, vice J. E. Dolbier, resigned, and relieved R. J. Main there, extra, who went to second tower "DO," vice H. Hobarts.

J. H. Mueller has resumed at Galena after a few days' illness. Harry Hammill appointed agent Galena.

Jack Hibbard is relieving at "B" Baraboo.

Louie Abts, who relieved "Bill" Grimshaw at Elroy, while attending the funeral of a relative, was relieved by J. S. Lewis.

O. S. and Mrs. Butterfield took a trip over the west end one Sunday recently, to Lancaster.

S. F. Kilts resumed first "AO" Baraboo, relieving Jimmy Neff, who took several days off to view the sights in the surrounding country.

Div. Cor.

Ashland Division—

Bro. Kilsdonk, first Kaukauna, bid in Tigerton agency, relieved by Mr. Hawley. Mr. Wudi has resumed on second Kaukauna.

Mr. Jones, second Wittenberg advertising agent there, pending bulletin, relieved by Bro. Crandall, third Wittenberg, relieved by Mr. Olson, a new man. Later Bro. Carmany bid in Wittenberg. Jones back on second, while Bro. Crandall spent a few days at Wausau.

Mr. Brooks, agent Hunting, relieved a few days by Mr. Borseth.

Bro. Bigford has resumed on third Eland.

Mr. Huncoski, first Wausau Jct., relieved Bro. Johnson, Wausau, a few days; Mr. Huncoski relieved by Mr. Busse, who bid in second Aniwa.

Stratford agency secured by Bro. Krummey, vice Bro. Seering, resigned.

Mr. Jobe, third Summit Lake, off sick, relieved by Mr. Borseth.

Bro. Hunzick, third Pelican, bid in Wakefield, relieved by Mr. Leary.

Mr. Peterson, third Monico, off a few days, relieved by Messrs. Hawley and Borseth.

Mr. Untiet, second Mercer, off a few days, relieved by Mr. Farrell.

Bro. E. A. Manthey, second Ironwood, bid in third Ironwood; second Ironwood pending bulletin.

Mr. Gartner, third Saxon, relieving Mr. Bessy, clip job Ashland, who relieved Dispatcher Dickenson, at Ashland, a few days.

A meeting was held at Antigo, Sunday, Dec. 28th, on arrival of No. 141.

Get after the nons, brothers. The line-up shows too large a per cent of nons on the A. D. We need them all to make a good showing.

Div. Cor.

Lake Shore Division

Bro. Teidka, local chairman, has just finished a sojourn over the division. Although he secured a number of new members, some of the nons made great promises; others argue that the O. R. T. can not better their conditions any, while some absolutely ignore the Order, in spite of the fact that they secured better wages and working conditions through the medium of the O. R. T. Let's get after these fellows, brothers, and see if we can't get some of them off the non list. Bro. Smith says the brothers are very careless about paying their quarterly dues. Since he has been local secretary and treasurer he has collected only \$6 or \$7. Now, boys, 25 cents every three months is not very much to give for a good cause. When you let it run for a whole year, it's \$1, and you hate to part with it without seeing any immediate returns. In a few weeks Bro. Smith will send out dues cards for the first quarter of 1914, and I sincerely hope that every brother on the division will respond promptly.

The brothers at Belgium have a non with them who promises to join soon, and Bro. Blau has a couple under his charge. Brothers, ask me for a list of the others, and get after them. Mr. Strohm, at Mountain, will be a member before long, also Mr. Grimmer, at Green Valley.

Mrs. Teidka, wife of our local chairman, has the distinction of being the only member of the Ladies' Auxiliary on this division.

Bro. J. L. Kaufman, second Calumet yard, was off recently getting married. Congratulations. Bro. Engels relieved him.

Bro. Hawlette, agent Newton, spent the holidays with his parents at McAllister, Bro. Wilke relieving.

The wife of Bro. Evans, in the hospital at Green Bay, is reported getting along nicely.

The brothers of the L. S. Division join in thanking Chief Dispatcher Bowman, also Dispatchers Haight, Moser and others, for the generous donations they made to the subscription for Bro. Evans.

Bro. Teidka says he will soon have the few vacancies on the division bulletined.

F. R., Cert. 581.

Pennsylvania Division—

This division has not had a write-up for fully a year. Now, boys, try to contribute a few lines towards a write-up each month.

With the closing of the ore season several of the small telegraph offices on the west end, also night offices at the larger stations, were closed.

Indiantown, a new office, has been opened, with Mr. Easman in charge.

Bowers second was bid in by Bro. Shannon; Bro. Fahey resigned, leaving second Little Suamico open for bids.

Bro. Dunlap, relieved at Cascade on bid by Bro. H. G. Barkhard, has resigned and gone South. We wish him success.

Bro. Damitz, of Saunders, while being treated for a serious illness at a sanatorium in Missouri, was relieved by Bro. F. W. Merrick, who was later taken sick with typhoid pneumonia and relieved by Bro. Perra. Bro. Fousignout relieved Bro. E. R. Burkhard at Narenta, who relieved Bro. Perra while relieving at Bark River and Saunders.

Operators Semour, Martin and Peters have been transferred to the L. S. Division.

Bro. Merrick has resigned and gone to Indiana.

Bro. Fahey is in the bush, scaling logs and keeping books for some lumber company. We wish him back in our ranks.

Bro. Rasmussen, relieving Bro. Hartho at Penloga, on vacation, is being relieved at Stambough by Mr. Rouquette, and he by Bro. Tousignant.

Operator Syverson, of South "Y," was off several nights on account of being injured while playing basket-ball. The E. H. S. Eels must be a pretty rough bunch, eh?

E. Johnson, leverman Tesch, on a vacation during the holidays, was relieved by A. E. Sundberg. We would like to be able to call these levermen brothers.

Bro. Shannon, on fifteen days' vacation, was relieved by Mr. Bardwell, a new man.

Bro. Deroucher, of Stager, has resigned and gone farming. We wish him success.

Mr. Laure, of Iron River, was home on a vacation during Christmas and New Year's.

Looks good to see all our engines equipped with electric headlights. Seems more up to date. Don't forget to equip yourself with an up-to-date. It looks just as good.

Bro. R. A. Moran has resigned as local chairman, and Bro. F. W. Phillips, of Wilson, has been appointed his successor. We sincerely hope that he will continue in the good work.

CERT. 455.

Sioux City Division—

A meeting was held in Sioux City on December 13th, but the day was unfavorable and many of the brothers could not be there. It is to be regretted that conditions were such that we could not show our appreciation at the presence of General Chairman Troy. Bro. Noe was the only official representative of the division present, but reports indicate that he did honors to his position.

Bro. Troy has had a number of organizers over the divisions to strengthen our position as much as possible before the committee meets the management.

Bro. Fisk, of Boyer, is a new addition to our ranks, also Bro. Stadum, tower "Y." Crinklan has returned from Sioux City to Sargent's Bluff, and Guille has taken the agency there.

Bro. Haymond has returned to Ida Grove, Bro. Carnes to Schleswig, Mr. Smith to Danbury and Watson to Sioux City dispatcher's office.

Inspector Noyes, of Chicago, passed over the division recently, giving us a general check-up on train movements, etc.

Everything is running very smoothly, owing to the exceedingly open winter. This division has enjoyed a nice business during the past year, and a slight lull now will not be greatly noticed.

Our committee is due to meet February 1st, and we trust that every brother will give it his unlimited support and try to bring in every delinquent and non within his territory.

Bro. Fenn has been covering much of the State with his check-writer and protectigraph, and has been doing exceptionally well, which we are glad to learn.

Bro. Stadum has been having trouble with his bonds and, as usual, no excuse is given or any explanation of any kinds. It's to be regretted that there is no law that will compel the bond companies to give an explanation in full at time of cancellation.

VILLA.

A meeting at Sioux City on January 18th was attended by about fifteen brothers. It is indeed encouraging to have a turnout of this number, and trust that future meetings will meet with as ready a response.

Mr. Baskin has taken River Sioux while Bros. Neves takes Blencoe, vacated by Bro. Grush, who goes to a farm near Cedar Rapids. We all regret the departure of Bro. Grush from our midst, and trust that future success will be his. He was always an earnest worker for the Order, and was never known to miss a meeting—an example that the younger men could follow with profit.

Louie Dick was on a few days' vacation, relieved by Baskin.

Shrimp Hays has been handling Boyer temporarily.

Bro. Barker, Wall Lake, has been told to go home when his time is up at 7:30 p. m., instead of "sticking around" for the passenger trains, as in the past.

Bro. Fenn has resumed work after a successful campaign with his check-writing machine. He made sales faster than the factory could fill the orders.

We hope that everyone will make a special effort to increase the membership, especially during the next couple of months, so that it will not be necessary to send an organizer over the division, as it is an expensive proposition, and the money spent for an organizer could be much better spent for some other purpose.

The new express rates, effective February 1st, should prove to our benefit in many ways after they get thoroughly in action. Much of the small stuff now coming by freight can be secured by express, and we should not be the least bit back-

ward in securing it, as the railroad company is paid 55 per cent of the express company's earnings.

DICK.

Sioux City Division Notes—

M. J. Elliott, agent Craig, on a thirty-day visit East, was relieved by Bro. H. W. Hays. He should be able to get an up-to-date card.

Bro. W. H. Hays relieved Bro. Fisk, agent Boyer, Iowa, now with the C. G. W. Ry.

Bro. F. L. Hudnall is on second Cal. Junction pending bulletin, relieving Mr. Byers, who relieved George Barfoot at Galva, on thirty days' leave.

The pump house at Mondamin burned January 4th; origin of fire unknown. Two days later two hoboes started a fire in a boiler, which had been set up outside to pump water, and burned out all the flues.

L. T. Fuller has returned to first Onawa, Iowa, from thirty days' vacation in New York visiting relatives.

Bro. I. B. Haymond called to Chicago for committee work, relieved by Bro. H. V. Fagan, who had been relieving Bro. B. I. Fenn, agent Holstein, Iowa, selling check-writers for a change.

The regular meeting held at Sioux City, Iowa, January 18, was a great deal better attended than the former one. Hope we can make our meetings a large affair each time hereafter. Superintendent McClure gave us a little talk, requesting our co-operation in the work of the division, and also explained the working of the inspectorship. We have nearly as many inspectors as agents now.

Chief Dispatcher St. Clair also gave us a short talk on how to keep the old ship sailing as smoothly as possible.

Superintendent's Chief Clerk Brink, who said he wished to meet as many of the men as possible, so he would know who he was doing business with when writing to them out on the line, told us how to help ourselves along at our office. A vote of thanks was extended to Bro. W. I. Grush, agent Blencoe, Iowa, for past favors and endeavors while working with us as a brother, who was always up to date and always willing to do anything at any time for the good of the Order, and wishing him the best of success in conducting his farm, near Webster, Iowa.

T. M. NOE.

Iowa and Minnesota Division—

The Southern Pacific recently granted its telegraphers an increase of 10 per cent over their former wage schedule, because the men were 90 per cent organized on the entire system. The Northern Pacific also recently granted its telegraphers an increase of \$47,000 a year. The men on that system are also well organized and back their committee to the limit.

We can have just such conditions here if we will get in the nons. Some of them have the best jobs on this division and can well afford an up-to-date card, and we should see that they get it before the committee goes before the management next time.

Do not be simply a dues-paying member, but help us make this division 100 per cent strong by getting the nons, so they may help us bear the burden. There is no valid excuse why they should not join.

To have a real live membership is for everyone to have an up-to-date card and take pride in its possession.

We are going to have a write-up from this division every month, and inaugurate a campaign to secure the membership of every man on the division by keeping everlastingly at it. To do this we need the co-operation of every "live wire" on the division.

A few items of interest sent to our correspondent and a little missionary work will work wonders in this proposed reformation.

If you have an idea that you think will help the cause, send it along and it will receive prompt attention.

Considering the odds we have had to fight against here, we have done remarkably well, but there is still considerable room for improvement.

Remember our motto: "No card, no favors," and practice it.

Are you with me?

L. C.

Iowa & Minnesota Division Notes—

In the December, 1913, issue of THE TELEGRAPHER we referred to Bro. C. J. Beard as a non. This is an error. Bro. Beard was a member of Division 4 at that time, in good standing.

If you have a grievance, don't hesitate to write your local chairman.

Brothers, please hand this copy of the journal to the non within reach of you; tell him to read it; then ask him what he thinks about it. Tell him our golden rule is "No card, no favors," and don't forget that rule yourself.

The parcel post is making big cuts in agents' salaries, some of the local express offices showing as much as 50 per cent decrease, putting the remuneration back to where it was ten years ago. Now is the time to hang closer together than ever before.

How many of you brothers would make an effort to attend a meeting at some point on this division and lend a hand? Talk it over; it might be arranged if you are interested. Would be pleased to have suggestions.

Bro. G. B. Small, third Fairmont, is now a benedict. Do not know the young lady's name.

Bro. Dan Gutnecht is laying off, relieved by P. D. Shreve.

Bro. R. E. Thomas bid in Lakonta, and Bro. L. E. Arnold Kelsey. Div. Cor.

Minnesota Division—

Recent assignments: Telegraphers—First Tracy, Bro. W. H. Wilder; second, Sanborn, Bro. R. E. Graham; Lamberton, Bro. M. D. Larwarka; third, Waseca, Bro. J. F. Pierce; Mankato Jct., A. M. Thompson; Sanborn, Bro. M. S. Daly; New Ulm, Bro. A. Sawyer; Winona dispatcher's office, W. E. Skeels. It is a pleasure to note that all but two of these are brothers. Their applications are

in the local chairman's office, and the funds will be forthcoming next payday. This will make this division nearly 100 per cent. Keep up the good work.

The meeting at Mankato, Saturday evening, Jan. 17, 1914, was one of the best we have ever held on this division. There were nearly thirty brothers present.

After the usual business had been transacted, including the election of local secretary and treasurer, and division correspondent for the ensuing year, the present incumbents, Bros. J. G. Johnson and D. J. Mahoney, were re-elected.

After a general talk it was decided to hold an open meeting at Mankato the third Sunday in February, and invite the officials of the Minnesota Division, and every telegrapher and agent to attend, and give all a chance to meet our officials within our own assembly room for a few pleasant hours.

After a few expressions of views by several of the brothers, Bro. Thomas requested Bro. D. O. Tenney, general secretary and treasurer of Division No. 4, to favor us with a few remarks. My pen fails in doing justice to words that flowed from the lips of this most worthy brother; only those who have had the pleasure of being within the sound of Bro. Tenney's voice on such an occasion, can appreciate and understand my inability to describe the inspiring thoughts that were voiced by him at this meeting. His words of advice and encouragement were eagerly listened to, and everyone wended his way homeward glad that he was a member of our grand organization, and that he had had the opportunity to listen to the words of this worthy brother, which inspired us to greater efforts for the upbuilding of the O. R. T.

Bro. E. J. Thomas, our local chairman, responded, reviewing the work accomplished on this division for the past few months, which included the glad news that during his recent trip over the division he added the names of twenty-one telegraphers to the list of brothers, with a promise from nearly all the remaining nons to come in soon. This is a great showing, and Bro. Thomas feels that it now only remains for the brothers to bend greater effort on those few remaining out, to get all the desirables into line. The year 1913 closed with our ranks on this division in far better shape than it has been for some time.

After Bro. Thomas closed his remarks the meeting adjourned, all the brothers feeling that vast amount of good had been accomplished, and several expressed the hope that we would have more of these rousing meetings from now on. The next one will be the third Sunday in February, and it only needs the hearty co-operation of all the brothers on this division to make every meeting a grand success, and that is the way to further the upbuilding of the Order.

Bro. Thomas handed in a little write-up this month which should be read closely by all, and we have secured a promise from him to turn in a few lines from time to time to help us make a

better write-up, and show his views of different matters.

W. F. Segur, from Winona, worked extra at Tracy, while first there was on bulletin, after Skeels went to Winona and until Bro. Wilder took charge.

Bro. F. W. Mosher, first Mankato, has taken a two months' leave of absence, trying out a position as bookkeeper for the Standard Oil Co., at that point. We wish him success. Bro. R. E. Graham, from Winona, relieved him.

Bro. G. W. Ware resumed work at St. Peter Jct. first after a two weeks' vacation.

Woodruff relieved Bro. Vandarwarka, at Walnut Grove, who took his regular assigned position, Lamberton second, relieving Tel. Knudson, who went on extra list.

I want to thank the many boys this month for their assistance. Keep up the good work from month to month.

Mankato Jct. third again opened by Mr. Lusk, from Dodge Center, later relieved by Bro. Hunter, and he later by Mr. Thomason, from Lamberton. Tel. Lusk relieved Bro. J. Westrom, agent Meriden, while he attended court at Waseca.

Bro. W. F. Swanson spent the holidays with relatives in North Dakota; relieved by Bro. Vandarwarka.

Bro. E. W. Judson, second Judson, was relieved while on his honeymoon by Tel. Knudson. Congratulations.

Dispatcher Kelly, of the Huron force, was in Mankato recently between trains exchanging greeting with the boys on this division.

Joe Daly, Springfield third, was laid up at his home in Sanborn for several days with boils on his face.

Bro. De Long, second Rochester, enjoyed a few days' vacation; relieved by Bro. J. C. Hunter, from Mankato Jct.

Bro. W. O. Tuberg, first Rochester, also on the lay-off list for a few days, relieved by A. E. Thompson.

Bro. G. W. Cotton, first Janesville, called to Winona for a couple of days the fore part of the month to write up the telegraphers' examination book; relieved by Bro. J. C. Hunter.

Bro. I. M. Doskoskie, second Minnesota City, was relieved a few days account of death in family, by W. A. Winters, a new man off the Milwaukee. We extend our sympathy to Bro. Doskoskie.

Telegraphers McKinstrey, on Sanborn second until position is taken by regular man, Bro. R. E. Graham.

Bro. Dingle, second Lewiston, on ten days' vacation, relieved by W. F. Segur, from Winona, later by Bro. Hunter.

State inspector of safety appliances recently looked over the interlocking plant at St. Peter Jct., and suggested some changes. We hope he recommends it being made an electric plant, so that the brothers there would have only to push a button to throw the switches, instead of using the Armstrong motor now in use there.

Bro. H. J. Yackel is back at Lewiston after a few days' vacation.

The addition of Bro. S. D. Warren, Zumbrota, Minn., to our membership, makes three members of the Minnesota Division unemployed or out of the service, who still retain membership in the organization. Bro. Warren held membership in Division 76 while employed on the C., St. P., M. & O., and when he left the service, transferred to the Grand Division.

This division is now second among all other divisions on the system in point of new members secured, the actual number being 21. The Wisconsin Division leads with 24. This speaks volumes for Bro. Thomas, and he has our hearty congratulations for his good work. We have started this new year off with a rush, and the members should assist in every possible way. First pay your dues for the ensuing period, then make certain your neighbor does the same. The most necessary thing in any organization is keeping the finances in good shape.

Be sure and attend every meeting and induce all other brothers to do the same. Then keep after the nons with untiring energy. You can secure a list from your local or assistant local chairman any time.

Also perform your duties for your employer to the best of your ability. This will create a friendly feeling, and make the work of your local officers much easier and more pleasant, and be the means of making this the banner division on the entire system. Let the good work go on.

D. J. M.

Eastern Division

Bro. Richardson was married on Christmas Day. Congratulations.

A new man at Platte River, who threw the switch in front of No. 139, derailed two engines and smashed a couple of cars, was relieved.

Mr. Casey, third Bennington, was off a few nights early in January to get married. We hope Mrs. Casey will make him get a card.

Dispatcher Hall, at Fremont, on vacation; Bro. Richardson, first "FY," going to second car man's job. Bro. Hall, from "RA" first "FY," relieved by Bro. Yount, from "QP."

Bro. Eustis was off a few days on account of his mother's death. We extend him our sympathy.

Mr. French, first Blair, off a few days with a sore throat, was relieved by Bro. O'Leath. Bro. Coburn, also off with a sore throat. I understand the conductors received instructions to take their own orders on the phone at North Yard, during Bro. Coburn's absence. This would be a nice thing for the Interstate Commerce Commission to find out about. Such things as conductors taking their own orders ought to be stopped. They have enough of their own work to attend to without looking after the operator's side of it, though it isn't their fault that they do this. If the members of the O. R. T. would report such cases to the Interstate Commerce Commission and push it through to the end, the practice would soon stop.

Bro. Brewsaugh, after waiting almost a month, was finally relieved by Bro. O'Leath.

Bro. Anderson, back after a month of illness on account of the extremely cold weather, was compelled to lay off again indefinitely.

We should try to get in the few nons on this division. There is no good reason why they shouldn't come in, now that we have secured them an increase in pay. A card costs very little compared to the good it does. Other roads with 75 per cent to 95 per cent membership have a \$75.00 minimum. The C. & N. W. boys can have the same if they will get together and do something. One man can't do it all.

We hope Bro. Gold can get the two nons at his station to come in, or teach them the proper way to do business.

Bro. Cranor bid in Creighton first. Bro. Nott is on Wisner third, and Bro. Babcock, Plainview first, pending bids.

Please send all your items to Irvington, Nebr., or call for them on the different wires from here, if you have any. "F.O."

Black Hills Division—

Mr. Pease resigned at Lusk, relieved by C. T. U. Bro. W. H. Ashbury. It is now Bros. Hamblin, at Lusk; Poggephol, at Gordon; Taylor, at Valentine; Behrens, at Rapid City; Nelson, at Lost Springs; Schmitz, at Wood Lake; Sheldt, at Hot Springs; Coffey, at Merriman; Logan, at Cody; Coburn, at Chadron, and Case, at Crawford. If we can keep that pace awhile the nons would be about "as scarce as hen's teeth."

Your local chairman made a trip over the line from Long Pine west and north, and called on nearly every member and non, giving the latter a chance to join the only substantial organization of telegraphers in existence, and encouraging those who have been bearing the brunt of the battle. The few delinquents realize that the O. R. T. on the C. & N. W. has helped the craft wonderfully, and will no doubt line up again, as we feel that \$90.00 minimum is forthcoming, and that they will want to help secure it.

Bro. G. R. Dollard, from the Can. Pac., is relieving Mr. Carr at Rushville, who is in Wisconsin, either buying a farm or looking for a wife. Bro. Hite will see that he is again properly lined up when he returns in the old band wagon. Bro. Hite is on vacation now, relieved by Bro. McDonald, of Rushville, who relieved Bro. Ness while out over the line, and again while meetings were being held at Long Pine and Chadron.

W. S. McCoy, from the Frisco, relieving at Lusk.

Bro. J. A. Ross, at Long Pine, has returned from Chicago where he underwent an operation, so that now he can speak with his old-time musical clearness. Mr. Selden recently had an operation performed on his nose. Mr. Cook, who has been in Duluth and St. Paul several months, has returned to his assigned trick at Long Pine.

Mr. Jorgensen, at Newell, and Mr. Goff, at Hay Springs, told Bro. Ness that they expect to go to farming in the spring.

Mr. Pailing, at Sturgis, doesn't think much of the organization, and Mr. Roley will join

when we get ninety per cent of the working force into the Order. Don't forget our motto, "No card, no-favors."

We are especially pleased to see Valentine solid again now, with Bro. Howe in good shape along with Taylor.

Mr. St. John is looking for another raise like he got last year without the expenditure of a single cent. You boys on the north line don't forget that.

Ex-Bro. Doud, at Deadwood, can not afford to get an up-to-date, as he is going back to his homestead at Van Tassel in the spring.

Van Tassel station is advertised, and Fruitdale, on the Newell line, in that nice irrigated country, will soon be opened for bids. The station is new and has electric lights.

Eastern Division Chairman J. R. Hood brought some of his boys up from west of Norfolk to the meeting held in Long Pine on the night of the 21st, and there were 16 of the boys at the Chadron meeting the forenoon, afternoon and evening of the 22nd. We had a good session. Bro. Troy explained what was necessary in order to prepare the way for the committee to convene in March, the principal thing being organization, for without that the committee has no support, and without support their argument has no force on the management in Chicago.

Bro. Troy had been present at meetings on nearly every division on the system, and as a result of that campaign on his part, as well as the membership campaign on the part of the local chairmen, assisted by the loyal membership, the system is getting financially in good shape again. All the boys at the meetings went away with a better idea of the working conditions in general and with more enthusiasm for the Order.

Mr. Leppla and Mr. Sly were invited to one of the Chadron sessions, and they gave us some very good, fatherly advice, which was appreciated by the members; Bro. Troy responding kindly to their suggestions, which created a very kindly feeling towards the management. One delinquent, who complained that he had not seen Bro. Troy on this division but once or twice in several years, was given a special invitation to come to Chadron and get better acquainted with our genial general chairman, but he failed to show up.

Bro. Ness was royally treated by all the men on his last trip over the line. On account of the long division and the train service, it is almost impossible to hold frequent meetings, and the boys get lonesome for some information of how the work is progressing.

Bro. M. D. Smith, of Wayside, recently returned from an extended trip to New York.

Bro. Penkoski and Bro. Nye have traded Oelrichs and Fairburn. Nye got nearer his homestead at the former place, and Penkoski nearer a certain young lady who resides in Fairburn.

Don't fail to send your local chairman a copy of your bid when you ask for anything on bulletin.

Saxton, at Merriman, and Veatch, at Hay Springs, have promised that they will soon be with us.

Div. Cor.

Dakota Division—

A rousing meeting was held recently at Iroquois, Bro. Troy giving the boys a good "spiel" on what was expected of each and every one. After the meeting a smoker party was held. The following brothers were present: Wheeler, Robinson, Troy, Anderson, Long, Harrison, Carpenter, Harrington, Hauskey, Rohelffe and Pfefferle.

If you lay off, notify who is relieving you, why you are laying off, whether you are going away, where and how long you expect to stay. The members on the east and south ends never find out what is going on on the horn and west end. In the three months I have been at this station I have failed to receive any assistance outside of this office.

Bro. H. Helwik, now at Mapleton, Iowa, on the "Milwaukee," is married and sends his "73" to the brothers.

Mr. Galles, formerly on this division, is now substitute clerk in Minneapolis post office.

Positions bulletined: Agencies—Garvin, Turton and Cavour. Agent-telegrapher—Canistota, assigned to B. Leity; Mission Hill, assigned to J. W. Brown; Turton, assigned to A. H. Brodeur; Nortonville, assigned to R. H. Walker. Second telegrapher—Cavour, Balaton and Brookings. Third telegrapher—Balaton and Desmet. Night telegrapher—Highmore.

I appealed to you to give Local Chairman P. E. Long your assistance, in order that we may be able, by working together, to bring this division to the front. The trips made over different parts of the division show that all are willing to give their assistance in our movement for the betterment of the division. So let us work together and gather in the non-members, and soon we will reap as we have sown. Local Chairman Long, while out organizing, received quite a few applications, with the promise of several more for next pay day. Present conditions are favorable for the upbuilding of Dakota Division, so that we can demand better working conditions and a higher standard of wages. Show your fellow-workman his mistake in holding back his application, and invite him to help us make this a banner division. Let's all try to secure at least one application and see how soon the desired results will be obtained.

A. H. Larson, agent Arco; Harry Griffith, agent Gettysburg; E. M. Bluffat, agent Hetland; C. A. Champ, operator Sioux Valley Jct., and E. P. Menefee, agent Ludden, are now the proud possessors of the little button and can now be called brothers. We welcome them into our ranks.

H. D. Hatfield, acting agent Mission Hill, is now relieving H. L. Paul, agent Seneca.

Bro. J. T. Lane, second Highmore, relieved P. Estee at Canistota, who relieved J. Stenniger at Parker. C. Swartz, former agent Canistota, was a recent Sioux City and Iroquois visitor.

W. L. Boughner, agent Salem, spent Christmas with his folks at Watertown.

Bro. P. E. Long, second Iroquois, off three weeks organizing, was relieved by ex-Bro. Andy Titus, relieved at Pierre by Jack Welsh. On the return of Bro. Long he relieved the scribe three

days while doing Christmas shopping at New Ulm, Minn., and then relieved Jack Welsh at Pierre, who relieved the chief there.

Bro. J. T. Lane, agent Canistota, spent Christmas with his father, Bro. J. D. Lane, agent Mansfield.

Bro. E. W. Carpenter, agent Cavour, was a recent Huron visitor.

Centerville seems a hard place for floaters. There were two there during Mr. Palmer's vacation.

Mr. Autes, agent Bruce, is on a trip to the coast. Bro. F. L. Porter, second Brookings, was relieved by J. H. Chapman, W. U. Chicago, later resigned.

A. P. Coyer, second Cavour, resigned, relieved by W. W. Dier, Clover Leaf, who worked about three weeks, but was unable to stand prosperity, and Bro. Carpenter is now without an operator.

A. P. Wichmer, W. U. Chicago, relieved Mrs. H. L. Mertens, second Balaton, resigned. J. B. Fletcher, third DeSmet, is now at Brookings. The depot at Balaton burned to the ground Christmas Day, Bro. and Mrs. Mertens losing all their household goods. We extend our heartfelt sympathy.

The scribe has been making hurried trips to Cavour.

F. F. McCauley, assistant superintendent Winona, relieved by W. F. Carroll, traveling engineer on Minnesota Division. Lend him all assistance possible.

Bro. Kendall, at Brookings, is trying hard to get relief so he can go to the coast.

Bro. H. R. Hauskey, second Salem, was a recent Huron and Lake Preston visitor. W. Seaton and Dispatcher Kelly were recent Iroquois visitors.

General Chairman Troy was recently at Huron and Iroquois on business pertaining to the Order.

Bro. Raschke bid in Arlington.

Don't wonder why a black hen lays a white egg; get the egg. This is an old proverb. Don't sit and ponder why the non working with or near you does not carry an up-to-date. Get the non.

Bro. E. H. Rolffs, first Salem, spent Sunday at Hurley.

J. E. Bemis is now at Mission Hill.

Dispatcher C. H. Kelley, taking trips to Rochester owing to the illness of his wife, was relieved by J. R. Holmes, with Harry Jones on south and west end.

W. L. Boughner, agent Salem, back from a week's visit at his home in Watertown, says he will be with us soon.

Former Bro. H. A. W. Graham, agent Carthage, off two weeks visiting relatives in Michigan, relieved by C. F. Schwartz, who later went to Wolsey, relieving Bro. William Wilson, taking a much-needed rest in California.

Former Bro. B. Laity, of Arlington, at Canistota, relieved by Bro. Raschke, relieving Bro. J. T. Lane at Canistota, who went to Cavour as relief agent, relieving Bro. E. W. Carpenter, out of the service for a short time. Bro. Carpenter is now visiting with relatives at Buffalo Gap.

R. E. Stengle, of the Pennsylvania, doing relief work on second Cavour nights, Highmore and Balaton third, says he will be with us soon. Sec-

and Cavour closed nights on account of shortage of operators, later opened by W. P. Bross, who promises to be with us soon.

Bro. R. A. Pfefferle is making hurried steps to Cavour weekly.

O. A. Titus went to Brookings second, relieving Bro. F. L. Porter, who went to Wisconsin for his health. Later Titus, who was relieved by J. C. Jackson, second "DX" (abolished), relieved Bro. L. J. Kendall, going to the coast for a few months.

Bro. W. A. Mikesell, agent St. Lawrence, off thirty days to Ohio and points in Florida, relieved by J. C. Murphy.

Bro. A. H. Brodeur, agent Agar, and T. M. Kvidera, agent Lebanon, traded jobs.

H. L. Paul, agent Seneca, visiting relatives in New York and other points East, relieved by H. D. Hatfield.

Mr. Wichmer, second Balaton, has returned to the W. U. at Chicago.

A. G. Spiess, relieving Bro. E. M. Taylor, agent Garvin, promises to be with us pay day.

Bro. H. L. Mertens, second Balaton, resigned, relieved by J. E. Fletcher, who promises to be with us soon.

Bro. L. W. Smith, agent Henry, while visiting his folks at St. Lawrence, relieved by W. F. Koehler.

Bro. H. R. Hauskey, second Salem, was a recent visitor at Lake Preston.

Thanks to Bros. Anderson, McDearmon, Hauskey and Rohlfis for items sent in.

The meeting held at Huron, S. D., January 18th, in the Knights of Columbus Hall, was very well attended by the P. R. C. & N. W. boys.

Superintendent Dickinson, Dakota Division, and C. E. Sainesbury, C. T. D., addressed the meeting, which was greatly appreciated. Bro. R. A. Pfefferle was appointed secretary for this meeting. Several cases of overtime, etc., were discussed.

A \$5 collection was taken up and forwarded to ex-Bro. Hunter, of Nevada.

Votes of thanks were extended to Mr. Dickinson, Mr. Sainesbury and the Commercial Club of Huron in their efforts to make our meeting a success. The most important work of each member is to keep up his dues, pay them promptly, keep after the nons so that the number will grow less each month and send in the news. It pays to advertise, and that is what we on the Dakota Division are trying hard to do. I trust that the four who responded this month will be joined by twelve next month, and so on until we get a line from everyone on the entire division.

The winter is nearly gone and nothing in severity compared with the last two or three years, and no occasion to get out the rotary snow plow or the usual mix-up of trains. When your local chairman calls a meeting, come to it. We need your help and encouragement. Meetings will be held in a short time at different points on the division. As many brothers as possible should attend these meetings and put their shoul-

ders to the wheel, so that the Dakota Division will rapidly approach the 100 per cent mark.

R. A. PFEFFERLE, Local Scribe.

P. R. C. & N. W. Division—

Bro. Vick, of Quinn, has returned from his vacation.

Bros. Schleckau, of Philip; Higbee, of Powell; Hunter, of Wasta; Noe, of Wall, and Noe, of Owanka, attended the meeting at Huron, January 18th. Was sorry there were not more of the Dakota and Minnesota Division boys there, for we had a very good meeting.

Supt. Dickinson, of the Dakota Division, gave us a good talk that all the boys should have heard. Mr. Sainesbury, chief of Dakota Division, also gave a good talk and Bro. Thomas, of the Minnesota Division, also addressed us. The Commercial Club sent us several boxes of good cigars.

We took up a collection of \$5.00 for Bro. Hunter, who was reported in dire straits out in California.

Bro. Young was relieved while sick with yellow jaundice by Bro. Curran, who has a claim north of Wasta.

It will soon be Bro. Mower, at Cottonwood, Bro. Mower at Nowlin and Bro. Casselman at Underwood. We will soon be 100 per cent. Our local chairman is doing some good work.

Bro. Edwards, of Capa, has been to Minnesota recently to see his father, who is very sick. We all hope for his speedy recovery.

Bro. Zoller, Edwards, Ark., writes that the roses are all in bloom and the weather very fine there, but we don't have to go outside of Dakota to find the latter.

CERT. 609.

New Orleans, Mobile & Chicago R. R.

Louisville Division—

I have been appointed correspondent for this division and with the assistance of the brothers will try and send in a write-up every month.

Bro. Jim White, agent Mossville, who was recently married there, was relieved on his honeymoon by Bro. J. W. Murry, relief agent. Congratulations.

Bro. D. A. Davis relieved Mr. Ferrell, cashier Philadelphia, resigned, and gone to Laurel. Bro. Calhoun also went to Philadelphia pending bulletin.

Bro. H. C. Wilson, chief clerk Murton, was sick several weeks, relieved by Bro. W. W. Watts, relieved on third there by Bro. C. B. Hottler. Bro. G. R. Smith, second Murton, was off several days hunting large game, relieved by Bro. A. L. Rayborn, who also relieved Bro. W. W. Roberts, of Stratton, while he spent several days at home.

There are only a few nons on this division, brothers; let's get them in and make it solid. Pay up your dues, get your new card and keep the work going on.

We have the best set of dispatchers in the South. All of you get in right and make wire working easy.

Let's try and have a write-up each month.

W. W. WATTS, Div. Cor.

Colorado Midland Ry.*First District—*

Bro. Taylor, nights Cascade, off a few days, was relieved by Bro. Davis.

Bro. Spangler, second "Z" Colorado City, on a vacation through the Southeast, relieved by Mr. Brawner, from Divide, and he by Bro. Nash.

Bro. Bruton, second Arkansas Junction, bid in agency Hartsel. Bro. Collier is back at Arkansas Junction.

Bro. Devine, second Divide, spent several days in Denver taking in the stock show, relieved by Bro. Wright. Bro. Daley, first Divide, was in Colorado Springs recently.

It is now Bro. Webb, at Woodland Park.

Bro. Benner, Florissant, spent a day in Colorado Springs recently.

Bro. Crispell, third "DS," took in the stock show at Denver, relieved by Bro. Crutchfield.

Granite nights closed, Bro. Check going to Wild Horse nights.

No notes received this month from any of the boys. Please drop me a line if you know of any changes. "KN."

Western Maryland Ry.

The meeting at Cumberland December 13th was well attended, about twenty members being present. Business that had been hanging fire for some time was brought before the meeting and disposed of. The oratory was not the most eloquent, but good common-sense talks were heard from different ones, and the writer enjoyed being present, only did not appreciate holding an all-night session, but it was good to be there.

Bro. H. W. McCubbin, agent Roslyn, was off a few days, relieved by W. A. Lindsay. Bro. Tritch, operator and agent "OW," on fifteen days' vacation, relieved by Bro. Line, who also relieved Bro. Renner, agent Emmetsburg Junction, for fifteen days' vacation.

Bro. Arnsperger, the gay old bird from "G," has been making frequent trips to Frederick for some time.

Bro. Munsen, second "MC," bid in second "YD," and Bro. Long, from Pearre, landed third "SA."

Bro. Lawrence, first "MC," was on a ten days' vacation sightseeing in Washington, D. C., and Bro. Valentine, agent Keymar, on a fifteen days' outing, relieved by Mr. Otto.

Brothers, let us start the new year right by all endeavoring to do right one unto another, with good-will toward men; let brotherly love be more manifest, and live as one large, happy family. The good old year just past may not have been to us as fruitful as desired from an organization viewpoint, but as a whole we should be truly thankful for the many blessings enjoyed from the Giver of all good and should appreciate the fact that we are privileged to be united through bonds of fraternalism and should be mindful of the fact that it is to our mutual interest and individual advantage to remain united and do our utmost to enlarge our organization, and reach out for the desirable ones. "Boost" instead of "knock"; praise your wars

instead of denouncing, for there are plenty of "knockers" on the outside, and who, if handled in the right manner, will likely become our greatest advocates of the cause we cherish. Let all hands join together in one staunch, solid body and when difficulties arise that are truly worthy of adjustment we have the consolation of knowing we are not alone fighting for right, but have a medium wherewith to be represented and our desires and troubles brought to the attention of our employers collectively, and not be compelled to go it single-handed. It is not in good form nor a wise policy to be continually nagging and trying to have some (ofttimes trivial feature) brought up for adjustment, when upon investigation it is really no case. If we do this, it surely will have a tendency to belittle our estimation and hinder our success in dealing with a just and true grievance. Brothers, let us be conservative in every sense, be sure we have been unjustly dealt with through improper action of some official before complaining, and then if a just case be sure to present it in its true light and chances are good for a satisfactory settlement.

You well know under what conditions we would be working today were it not for the fact that we are organized, not only on our system, but throughout the country. It is because of our great influence collectively being brought to bear upon our representatives in our legislative bodies that we are privileged to enjoy the present vastly improved conditions. Because a committee is not always successful in adjusting grievances to the entire satisfaction of all interested, is not sufficient cause for a few to cry out that we are making no effort in their behalf. Committeemen on boards of adjustment are only human and can not be victorious in every particular.

Let us build in place of tearing down and uphold instead of denounce. Anyone can criticize; encouragement is helpful. Help to make 1914 the banner year. Be optimistic and tender praise where deservable. Lend your hearty, loyal support in every way, and especially by paying dues promptly and urging those around and about to do likewise. Pursue such a course and success will crown our efforts.

I appreciate the items from those brothers tendering same and heartily thank you.

CERT. 2.

Eastern and Middle Divisions—

There has been some retrenchment here and there on the line. Boys, let's do our best so that every lick counts as gain for the company's property and continue our fairly high standard of efficiency. Our hearty interest in the service and good judgment in the performance of our duties will mean for us a higher rate of pay and better chances for earlier negotiations.

Am very sorry to note that Bro. J. M. Kraut is confined in the hospital with an ulcerated limb, but trust he may soon recover. "Fatty" Myers is relieving him.

Bro. C. M. Flickinger contemplates a trip up York State and the great metropolis.

Bro. P. M. Sterner, third Oldtown, is visiting relatives and friends in and around Hanover, Pa.

Bro. Kalkman was off for about ten days, relieved by C. C. Hamm.

Bro. Harry Ruch has purchased a building lot on Oakland avenue, expects to build a dwelling thereon and is considering the purchase of an Overland machine, then the girl of his ideal he will make happy.

Bro. Munson bid in second "YD." The signing up of Mr. Williard the first of the new year makes "SA," a new position just created, already solid.

Let's all bear in our minds our motto, "No card, no favors." Bro. Kibler should be able to convert our old friend "KN." He is a good fellow whom we would like to have with us, and hope Bro. Renner will see that the young man signing "GC" gets an up-to-date card.

Positions landed on bid: Bros. E. M. Loose to second "K"; H. E. Danner, to second "MC"; R. E. Tritch to agency "RN" and C. R. Arnsparger to second "FD," displacing Mr. Ruth temporarily, and there are also a few other changes. Bros. Young and Arnsparger, so suddenly displaced by extra dispatchers in "G" office, the committee were successful in having them returned to their former position.

I hope the few who have not paid dues for the current term will do so at once. Brothers, by putting off this important matter you may sometimes be led to spend foolishly the money you should pay your dues with and retain your membership. Pay them promptly and urge others to do likewise and assist us to gain members. Thus you cause the organization to become that much stronger and much more effective and our efforts to obtain more improved conditions and have agreements sooner and more quickly established. This seeming indifference in not paying dues more promptly and inactiveness in securing new recruits is a great drawback. It is utterly impossible for a committee to accomplish much, if anything, under such adverse conditions with a handful of followers; and it's absolutely necessary that we become more solidly united if we hope to be effective and successful. Brothers, it's as much your obligation to get others to join as it is obligatory on the part of the officers on a division to do so, and I am satisfied if the boys will display greater activity, become more zealous, more willing and determined that we will soon notice a great change and a pleasing condition vastly different in so far as we are numerically concerned. As we grow in number we likewise grow in strength and effectiveness, therefore be solicitous. When you joined, your willingness was signified to help all in your power; now do not violate your solemn promise, but go after the nons, and consider it as needful to do so as you consider it necessary to partake of your daily food, for we must eat to live and we must also strive to gain additions to our number if we wish to live effectively and successfully as an organization.

There is no particular argument to advance to induce a non to join, simply get him to thinking, after which comes conviction, when conversion happily follows. Tell him we have a scheduled road and that our schedule is lived up to as near as any of the other organizations' rules are lived up to, and that since becoming effectively organized we obtained three different schedules and two nice increases in pay inside of three years; that the committee has adjusted differences with the company's officials for our members to the satisfaction of all concerned, and will continue on these lines and secure more increases in pay by joining and helping us to present a solid front when we go up to obtain such conditions.

There are a lot more good things within the realms of the grand old O. R. T. that are beyond question, convincing to such as are not blind to their own convictions and interests. Get the spirit, renew your zeal and inspiration, for we first need become reconverted ourselves before we can expect to gain converts. Go get them.

I thank Bro. Lawrence for his help in this write-up, and suggest that others exemplify his good example and don't forget your dues. Come again, brother.

CERT. 2.

Western Division--

Bro. Coffman, second "S" W. Va. Jct., off few days Christmas, was relieved by Bro. Determan, second Green, relieved by Bro. Freeman, from the C. R. R. of N. J., who is an old hand and always finds it good business to carry an up to date.

Bro. Dubbs, third Rawlings, off several days to visit home folks in Pennsylvania, was relieved by Mr. Moore, from the Cumberland Division of the B. & O., too capable a man to be on the outside. Later Mr. Moore relieved Bro. Determan, second Green, a few days, who was so unfortunate as to cut his right hand.

R. E. Fortney, soon to be "brother," second Colman, bid in third Ohio Pyle.

Bro. Rafferty, second Ohio Pyle, was greeting and renewing friends at Confluence recently, and Blair, agent Ohio Pyle, did likewise at Cumberland.

Many thanks to Bro. Adams for assisting with this write-up. Other brothers having any notes, send them over not later than the 18th of the month, and I'll do the rest.

Mr. Sweitzer, second Deal, can soon be called "brother."

We are pleased to note business is picking up on this end. Line 'em up, brothers; now is our chance to go after that promised increase, etc.

Bro. Herman, third Greenwood, visited points in Ohio Pyle recently.

Pay your dues promptly, as better things are expected in the near future.

Bro. Hore relieved Bro. Lynch, second Meyersdale, who was acting agent there during Bro. Gill's absence.

CERT. 213.

Texas & Pacific Ry.*Joint Track Division—*

Everything is lovely on this division; the boys are all well pleased with the new schedule and doing their best to live up to it, and improve the service as much as possible.

Every man should make it a duty to save every cent he can for the company, and increase the revenue as much as possible and show his appreciation for the favors extended us by the management and the way they are living up to the contract. The dispatchers say calls are answered more promptly and a general change for the better in the telegraph service on this division has taken place since November 1st, so we hope the management can see the good of a contract between it and the employees, and that they will be ready to revise our contract when the committee goes up again.

Bro. Pearce, agent at Roanoke, has returned after a month's vacation, during which time he crossed the "matrimonial seas." We all wish for Bro. Pearce and his better half all the prosperity that goes with a married life.

D. L. Whisenhunt sent his application in this month, making W. O. solid.

There are still a few boys on the division reaping the benefit of our contract, are not lined up yet, who are gladly taking the overtime and other good features we got for them. We should now see that they line up and help us to get the protection every man should have in the railway business.

Bro. J. H. Vittitow has returned to "FD," Mr. Weems going back to "BN."

Bro. J. M. Robbins bid in second S. W. Crossing, Bro. Burford resigning to go to farming. We hope he will still carry an up to date.

Bro. F. A. Kruger, Autrey, spent a few days at Roanoke recently mixing with the fair sex and having a general good time.

Our general secretary and treasurer is receiving new applications almost daily, his report for January 21st showing eight new members. This looks like the boys are taking an interest in the matter, and we hope that the good work will continue.

Let us all do everything possible to show the management the good of organization, by handling business promptly, making prompt settlement of all claims, being polite to the patrons, looking after every little detail about the station that will save and cut down expenses, and when we meet the officials again for a revision they will not have to be told what has happened, but can tell the committee what a great improvement among our class of employees has been made, and that they are willing to help us out with a general revision of contract. Div. Cor., Cert. 21.

Eastern Division—

It is gratifying to note the spirit of co-operation that exists on this division and elsewhere on the system. It wins; it pays.

We are surely making progress, and the prospects are bright for effective organization this year. Everybody is on the job, eager to "deliver

the goods," not only for the O. R. T., but for the company also.

Remember this is the last month for dues. Do not fail to pay them in time.

In filing applications for vacancies be sure to make them out in duplicate and forward a copy to me for record, thus avoiding confusion.

I am going to ask the membership on this division, as a favor, to please save your back numbers of THE TELEGRAPHER, and send them to your neighbor non. There is many an "eye-opener" in the fraternal columns from all parts of the country. I would also appreciate a few volunteers for division correspondent. You understand Bro. Montague, assistant local chairman, is only acting as division correspondent pro tem.

H. H. HOEFF, L. C.

We are starting 1914 with renewed energy, and a resolve to give good service, as we are looking forward to an improved schedule. Each member on his respective division must realize that it is his duty to secure every non possible, bearing in mind that you, as a member, help to constitute the backbone of the organization. Your committee, without your assistance, can accomplish nothing, but with your support, strength and membership, it will be encouraged to go before the management for a revision of our schedule, and secure results by which all will be benefited.

To be a good member you must assume your part of the burden, as strength is the success of all organizations; we must therefore endeavor to get in the nons.

Good results have been realized during the short duration of our contract. We are now starting on the third month, and the past excuses of the nons and reasons given for not joining have been exhausted; so boys, try them again, and never let up until you get them or they quite the road. Even then we can have their records follow them.

Bro. Finley, "FC" Ft. Worth, off 15 days visiting relatives in Naples, Tex., was relieved by Ex-Bro. C. V. Rhodes, from Panama, who later relieved Bro. J. A. Butler, third Wills Point, and will soon be with us. He states that the completion of the canal caused quite a number of telegraphers to be laid off.

Bro. J. F. Bales, from the Indiana Division of the I. C., who went to the freight wreck west of Cobbs, later relieved A. C. Fitzgerald, second Torney, and C. P. Cole, agent Hawkins, for Christmas holidays, relieved by B. F. Van Demark, who later relieved Bro. J. A. McJimsay, at Grand Saline, on account of sickness. We are glad to have Bro. Bales in our midst, as his heart is in the right place.

Bro. B. B. Campbell, third Hallville, was relieved by Bro. Carnick, from the S. A. & A. P.

E. Grienfield, agent Forney, off several months on account of poor health, was relieved by Mr. Buchanan, cashier, from Longview, relieved owing to the serious illness of his father in Mississippi, by E. O. Bonner, from Longview.

Mr. Downs, third Forney, is expecting soon to be with us.

L. G. Scott, from the Mo. Pac., succeeded R. E. Williams, auditor, assigned to other duties. Other changes are rumored, which arouses a feeling of speculation.

Our write-up in the January journal was a very good start. Let's keep it up. Little occurrences which may seem of no interest to us will look good to the other fellows, and it all depends on you whether we are to have a good write-up each month or not. It is our only method of getting closer together, and learning of the happenings on other divisions of the system. Send me your items as promptly as they occur each month, and should they not appear in the current month's issue they will be in the next one.

The seniority list of this division is out, which excludes the agents. Likely another one covering the agents will be out in the near future.

Bro. S. R. Walton, agent and operator, Bivins, while visiting relatives in Wellspring, was relieved by Bro. W. F. Roberts.

Eagle Ford is solid. Bro. Cherry, from the C. M. & St. P., relieving P. Gavin on third, who is visiting relatives in Alabama. The latter will be up to date again in the near future.

Percy Smith was off ten days recently on account of sickness; relief unknown.

G. B. MONTAGUE,
Acting Div. Cor.

Rio Grande Division—

Bro. L. P. Trimble, first Strawn, was relieved a few days by Bro. Morgan, extra.

Bro. R. Butler, Mingus, was relieved for a few days by Bro. J. R. McMurry.

Bro. W. M. Tucker, agent Barstow, transferred to Mingus, relieving Former Agent Peck; Tucker relieved by R. M. Barkley, third at Cisco, who was relieved by Extra Morgan. Div. Cor.

B. R. & P. Ry.

Buffalo Division—

Recently the changes on this division have come so rapidly that it is almost impossible to keep track of them. On account of slack business offices closed in December were: Second and third Ellicottville, and West Falls; third Glenwood, and Kellogg days, and the operator taken off at Orchard Park, leaving the agent there to do his own telegraphing. This close-up has caused such a liberal amount of bumping that none of us feel quite secure, regardless of seniority.

Bro. Dehl, from "RK" Orchard Park, took East Hamburg second, bumping Geo. Smith, who took second Beaver. Bro. O. R. Reynolds, third Glenwood, going to first Yates, vice Bro. Button, who took third "BC" Buffalo Creek, sending Bro. Raych to East Hamburg third. E. G. Reynolds, third West Falls, went to Yates third, bumping Mr. Nye, who bumped Mr. Daley, second there, to Hoyts third.

Sister R. M. Button, formerly second West Falls, is awaiting some opening of offices, which it is reported will be done at an early date, as business has picked up and is rather above normal for this time of the year.

A night clerk has been put on at Ellicottville; Mr. Fenton doing the twelve-hour day stunt. Bro. Potter, formerly at that point, going to the message wire, third "DI" East Salamanca.

J. W. Oconer, formerly second Ellicottville, will be at Great Valley until the completion of the new bridge just south of that point, when it is understood second and third there will be closed. Great Valley agency is bid for. Hope we are not losing Bro. Richards, as Lee is a live one whom we all would like to have stay with us.

Bro. Keiser is now agent at Ashford, and we are glad he likes it there. The new interlocking plant at Ashford has been completed, with Bros. Wooden, Helt and McGurn on first, second and third respectively, keeping trains moving through the yards.

Brothers, don't forget that this is the month to get a nice, clean, bright, new union card of the proper color. Don't put it off and get delinquent at this time of the year. You know the spring is the time the committee generally goes before the management. Let's all stay in line, and try to get one new member apiece, or as near that as there are nons on our division, so that the committee will feel that it has the proper backing. Even if you have to dig up the old pipe and cut out a few Havanas, be sure that you have the new card. The satisfaction of having one is worth twice the price. If you are a beginner, get one and see for yourself; you will always feel like an outcast without one when you go out with the boys. Many times it will get you little favors, among not only members of our own organization, but among others.

CERT. 267.

Illinois Central R. R.

Louisiana Division—

Our last meeting at Hammond, January 10th, was a hummer; a large crowd was present, and plenty of enthusiasm. The way the boys turn out at our meetings is gratifying, and the interest manifested is more than gratifying. After all business had been transacted Local Chairman Miller announced that under the head of "for the good of the Order" speeches were in order, and admonished the orators to "go to it." Bro. Jawn Youngblood took the floor and announced that there was only one real orator at the meeting, and forthwith introduced Bro. Jack Mashburn, who began his speech by saying: "It is my painful duty, etc. etc.," as if some dear friend had suddenly died, and to the surprise of the local chairman, presented him a fine leather hand bag. Bro. Miller was visibly affected by this manifestation of esteem, and as a reward for faithful service promised to continue the good work to the best of his ability. After adjournment all repaired to a restaurant, where a nice repast was awaiting the inner man.

On Sunday night, January 11th, a meeting was held at Jackson, Miss., and was well attended. We were treated to a pleasant surprise by having General Chairman Mulhall with us, who gave us one of his interesting talks along the line of what has been accomplished and what would be accomplished in the future, if everybody would keep their shoulder to the wheel and push. One of the most important features of the meeting was that of creating a legislative board to present bills and look after their passage through the present legislature in the State of Mississippi. The board is composed of Bros. Miller, Head and McGowen; Bro. Miller was elected chairman, and instructed to have a bonding bill and a bill to prohibit corporations from intimidating and discharging employees from joining or belonging to labor unions. State Senator Norwood has introduced these bills for us in the Senate, and both bills have passed the Senate and are now before the committee on railroads and corporations in the House. This committee will report the bills favorably on January 27th, and will no doubt become laws long before this is read by the membership. Nothing succeeds like success; let us take courage and go forward like true American citizens.

We regret to report that Bro. Edward I. Bordages, "BO," who has worked the Chicago wire in "FD" office so long, has been obliged to request an extended leave of absence on account of ill health, which has been granted, and he has left for El Paso, Tex. Our best wishes go with him.

Senor Martin and Grandma Poley have formed a partnership at Nogan, Miss., and gone into the poultry business, with ample capital for all purposes, but not one cent for the O. R. T. We feel sorry for the poor chickens.

Our genial general secretary and treasurer, Bro. Shannon, paid a flying visit to Canton, Miss., recently, but both Gant and Holliday reported sick when they heard "Bob" was in town, and Sister Furlow had to double.

The new position created at Canton was assigned to Sister M. R. Addison, who was glad to get away from second Yazoo City to nice hours at "XN."

Second at Harahan Jct., La., was assigned to Mr. E. F. Drunning, who belongs to the "Hard Luck Club."

Second at Yazoo City assigned to Bro. O. L. Brumfield, which leaves the Natalbany, La., agency on bulletin with no takers.

Bro. G. A. Bierley, alias "Safety always first," has resigned, and fourth Jackson, Miss., is on bulletin.

A. J. Drane, agent Wesson, has joined the "Hard Luck Club," also Jno. Boudousquie, agent Flora. They lay it on the parcel post. The sure way of having more and continued hard luck is to join the "down and out" crowd. A word to the wise is sufficient. Div. Cor.

Mississippi Division--

Had to depend entirely on our local chairman this month for items and changes in line-up.

We are sorry to learn that Bro. White, of Ackerman, is now in the hospital at Chicago, undergoing treatment and possibly another operation on account of stomach trouble, but hope he will return at the expiration of his ninety-day leave of absence, and that his cure will be permanent. He is being relieved by Bro. C. Y. Goolsby, a new man from the Frisco.

Bro. Duke, of Scohey, relieved by Bro. Steadman; Bro. Gulo, of Grenada, and Bro. Knight, of Abbeville, by Bro. L. D. Goolsby (also from the Frisco) for a few days on account of sickness.

Bro. Rowe, Winona; Bro. Rehberg, Pickens; Bro. Huff, "NE" Water Valley; Bro. Buford, Hernando; Bro. Williams, "CF" Water Valley, and Bro. Fred Allen, Torrance, all off a few days. Mr. Alcorn relieved at Winona, Bro. Holley at Pickens, Bro. Edwards at Hernando, Bro. Calhoun at "NE," Bro. Callahan at "CF" and Bro. Steele at Torrance.

Bro. J. N. Rhew, Coldwater, just returned from a fifteen-day vacation, being relieved by Bro. Edwards. Bro. Kirkwood, Oxford, is on thirty days' leave, relieved by Mr. Ennis. Bro. H. B. Caldwell, agent Vaiden, is being relieved for a few days by the night "owl," his brother, also our Bro. W. S. Caldwell.

Bro. Crow, of Durant, who bid in Goodman, took a few days' recreation before being checked in. All "Crows" are wise.

Mr. Talbert, agent Winona, was called to New York for a few days on account of the illness of his brother, Bro. Edwards, our efficient relief agent, relieving.

Bro. Prigmore, of Pope, Miss., on ninety-days' leave; agency bid in by Bro. Graves, who later bid in first Aberdeen Jct., putting Pope on bulletin again.

Bro. Buford, after being at Hernando for several months, bid in Sallis agency, a much smaller station and work much lighter. Bro. May gave up Sallis for second Ackerman. Bro. Holley also gave up Brilliant recently, and is now on extra board, not liking the surroundings there. Bro. Gruner, another Frisco man, has been assigned that place regularly.

Bro. Kelly, a young man in the service, for several months at the junction, bid in Hernando agency, and will handle "DO" all right when he catches on.

Bro. J. L. Calhoun bid in third Winona for ninety days. Bro. J. F. Hearne to third Sardis permanent.

Bro. Jarnagin, for the past eight years agent at Goodman, has bid in Starkville agency, a much heavier and better-paying position.

Oakland agency on bulletin thirty days, no applicants, and Bro. Calloway is unable to get away. This is a nice little town and pays above the average.

Bolivar nights and Durant third on bulletin.

Come on, boys, and give us a "tip" from your district next month and have a good write-up.

Our regular monthly meeting will be held at Holly Springs on Sunday night, the 8th.

CERT. 326.

Tennessee Division—

Business has been good on this division for many months, and prospects are that it will be good for the coming spring and summer. Consequently, all who have any seniority are working, and prospects are bright for continuous employment. The seniority list just received from our general secretary and treasurer shows that we are about 90 per cent strong on this division; still we should try to improve on it. There are still a few who are eligible for membership, and the members are urged to make an individual effort to get all the new ones possible, either by transfer or otherwise, and see if we can not beat the year just closed, which was a record breaker in good things generally for our Order. There are a few who allow themselves to become delinquent from time to time, thereby causing a great deal of corresponding both by the general secretary and treasurer and by the local chairman. Dues are a just debt we owe the organization, and should be paid promptly, like any other obligation. Some members are entirely too unconcerned about our Order and consequently the welfare of themselves and families. Little frivolous matters, an oversight or carelessness sometimes cause us to become delinquent. This is a wrong spirit, and we should all try to remedy it by keeping in good standing at all times.

The agents and operators are not receiving the compensation they should for the duties they perform, and the only way to remedy this is to keep organized, back your committee in its undertakings to a man, do less kicking, get together on everything for the betterment of our organization, and good results will surely follow.

CERT. 332.

Iowa Division—

Bro. Livingston, first LeMars; Bro. Sudmeyer, second, and Bro. Lindbloom bid in third there. Bro. L. E. Paulson bid in Parkersburg first, and Bro. Weaver bid in Wilke.

Bro. King, Cleghorn, visited at Sioux City; Bro. Johnson visited at Ft. Dodge; Bro. and Mrs. Kelley, Storm Lake, visited at Holstein, Iowa; Bro. Tierney, "K" office, and Bro. Olsen, "CK" office Cherokee, visited at Manson and Webster City, and Bro. Hatz, "FE," visited Sioux Falls recently.

Bro. A. H. Stivers, at Alta, who requested six months' leave, and with Bro. Sherill purchased a music store at Boise, Idaho, sold their music stock, and Bro. Stivers has withdrawn his request for leave until a later date.

Bro. Robinson bid in Storm Lake nights. Bro. Crawford has gone to Florida on a thirty-day leave.

Bro. Ross Stivers, Correctionville, has requested six months' leave, and will go on his farm near Washta in March. His station is bulletined.

Instructions were issued recently wherein we are now compelled to remain on duty Sunday to

send the a. m. car report. It has not been the practice to send this report on Sunday heretofore. Every member should take this matter up with the local chairman, as our schedule provides we will be excused from as much Sunday work as possible.

Bro. Mongen, Ackley nights, is on sick leave, Bro. Love relieving.

Bro. Foster, Williams, spent ten days in Florida looking over his land in those parts, Bro. Weaver relieving.

Bro. Olsen, Hills, unfortunately cut his right hand on a rusty nail and has been laid up for ten days, Mr. Meyers, clerk from Rock Rapids, relieving. Bro. Olsen checked in at Sioux Falls as operator and ticket clerk temporarily, Bro. Eller out of service.

Meeting called for the 24th by Bro. Hill, at Ft. Dodge, and we hope to report a large attendance. There will be much business to transact, and we are sure all who can will attend.

Notes were slow in reaching the division correspondent this month. We hope to give a better write-up next time. Unless we receive the items it will be slim.

CERT. 998.

Minnesota Division—

We are going to try to have a write-up each month hereafter. If the brothers will send a few notes to Bro. Wells, he will turn them over to me to send in to Bro. Quick.

Bro. H. F. Weimer, first "CW" Waterloo, bid in "KB" second Dubuque, vice Bro. M. B. Norman, who received first "AR" at Waterloo. H. J. Baker, relief, bid in third "CW" Waterloo, vice Bro. Vollenweider, third Manchester.

Bro. L. A. Hintz, first Manchester, on holiday vacation, was relieved by Bro. Esler, of second, relieved by an extra from the Pennsylvania.

Bro. A. V. Hillery, second "AR" Waterloo, on first there pending bulletin, relieved by Bro. W. L. Smith, from the C. G. W.

Bro. C. F. Guyer, from the Iowa Division, was in Waterloo recently, disposing of some of his real estate.

Bro. A. G. Donahue is on first "SY" Dubuque again, after relieving on second "KB" Dubuque for several weeks.

Bro. A. P. Glenn, who bid in first "CW" Waterloo, took a short vacation and surprised us all by returning with a wife. Congratulations. He was relieved by Bro. W. R. McKelvie, of second "CW" Waterloo.

Bro. Bill Fitz has returned to "KB" from his annual visit to the land of flowers and sunshine.

Bro. F. W. Slagenweit, third "AR" Waterloo, recently married, is spending his honeymoon with his parents in Pennsylvania.

H. A. Kelly is relieving Bro. Slagenweit at "AR." Welcome back, "Hank."

Bro. H. C. Lynch bid in Osage agency temporarily, relieved at Earlville by Bro. B. A. Patrick.

Mr. Truett, second Independence, off a few days visiting his home in Southern Illinois, relieved by O. Woodyard.

Bro. Jeffries, first Portage, off a few days on account of sickness, was relieved by Bro. Ed. Gallagher, relieved by Bro. W. G. Orsterndorf.

Bro. John Orstendorf, on a sixty-day leave, relieved by Bro. C. T. Coffey, third "SY" Dubuque, relieved by Bro. C. E. Dodge.

Bro. Jimmy Hansberry returned from three months' leave, is on "SY" second pending bulletin, his position, second Dubuque Jct., being filled by Bro. M. E. Stoffel, who bid in third there, now filled by Bro. C. H. Smith. He and Bro. J. L. Grabow, East Dubuque, are becoming very proficient at the new dances taught by Mrs. Lehman in Dubuque.

Bro. T. J. Russell promoted to trick dispatcher, vice Dispatcher C. H. Harris, who passed away very suddenly.

Brothers, the new seniority lists are now out. Any brother failing to get one, write Bro. J. H. Wells.

Brothers, let us secure at least one non, get him lined up soon as possible, and not leave all the work for the local chairman, Bro. Wells.

I wish to thank Bros. Glenn and McKelvie, Waterloo, for their notes, and hope they will keep up the good work.

"SCRIBE."

Wisconsin Division—

Our monthly meetings which are held on the third Friday of each month have been poorly attended for some time. It is hoped the members will from now on make an effort to attend. Entirely too many are troubled with "stay-at-home-itis" when they could just as well come as not. Each month finds the same old ten or twelve present, with now and then a strange face or two. The January meeting had present a grand total of twelve. This is very discouraging to such brothers as Yoder, of Madison, or Chandler, of Parkway, who make a trip of 175 to 200 miles to attend a meeting and when they get there find plenty of members living within a very few miles, in fact, some living right in Freeport, who make no effort to turn out. February is election of officers; let all come that possibly can do so.

Bro. Frank, who bid in El Paso nights, later bid in Seward agency.

Bro. Savage, of Blanchardville, has resigned to accept a better position in other lines.

Bro. Bross, of Seward, bid in Blanchardville.

Mr. Blum bid in Burlington agency, and the vacancy at Munger caused by this move was awarded to Bro. French, from Parkway, which was bid in by Bro. Hamwitz; second Parkway was bid in by Bro. Shipper and Heyworth nights by Bro. Helbig.

Sister Mead, of Dixon, on vacation, was relieved by Bro. Devaney, of Bloomington, and he on extra list by Bro. Johnson.

We are sorry to hear that Bro. Wheelless, of Rockford, was compelled to undergo an operation at Mercy Hospital. Latest reports say he is improving nicely; relieved by Bro. Lisle, and he by Bro. Eiser.

Mr. Harrington, second Rockford, was discharged for being continually late, thus causing several violations of the hours of service law for which the company is facing suit. According to newspaper reports there has been suit entered against the

company on seven different counts for violating the federal law. Bro. Glaser, a newcomer here, has Mr. Harrington's former position, pending bulletin.

An additional position created at East Junction is now pending bulletin. This will again make East Junction a three-man, eight-hour office. Bro. Kiester is on first, second under bulletin and Bro. Huisinga on third.

Bro. Graham, of Wapella, has resigned, relieved by Bro. Miller, pending bulletin.

Bro. Cox, of "K" office, is dispatching on the south end and Bro. Sweeney, also of "K," on the east end, both doing it like old heads. We wish them success. The chief dispatcher will not be compelled to leave this division to find all the material necessary to make all the dispatchers he will require. Bro. Youngblood is in "K" office while the above-named brothers are breaking in on their new duties.

Bro. Maske has resumed work at Rutland after an illness of several weeks and Bro. Neidigh, who relieved him, has gone to Oglesby to relieve Bro. Ewing, who will engage in the insurance business and we lose another good man.

It is with much regret we learn that Bro. Weidner, of Tonica, lost several hundred dollars in the failure of the local bank there. Just to show you that he is made of the right stuff and, like other telegraphers, has the confidence of the people in the community in which he is known, Bro. Weidner has been placed in the newly-organized bank as bookkeeper, something which was decidedly needed in the defunct bank.

Mr. Delano, confirmed non, is still trying to figure out why he as agent is drawing about \$20.00 less per month than his night operator. It's dead easy if you get the right formula. Here it is: One up-to-date card, plus moral and financial aid to our organization, equals a fair and just compensation; try it once.

Bro. Fokule, at Bloomington, was taken suddenly ill and the men are doubling until an extra man can be gotten there. We trust his illness is slight and that we will soon hear him again on the wire.

Bro. Cudd, of Kappa, was off a few days, relieved by Bro. Hines, from Hudson, where he relieved Bro. Carrithers, who has again resumed work.

Bro. Oleson, of La Salle, has resumed work after an extended visit in the West, previous to which he was breaking in at dispatching, thence to the hospital for a minor operation and then on a trip to the west coast. Bro. Eiser relieved Bro. Gilman, who was relieving Bro. Oleson.

"SHORTY," OF OLD.

Illinois Division, Chicago District—

Bro. J. O. Bartoff, on his annual vacation, November 22d to December 7th, was relieved at Thomasboro by extra agent, F. A. Heinson.

Bro. V. E. Harper, agent at Thawville, returned from his annual vacation December 16th, having been relieved by Bro. C. D. Cox.

Bro. G. E. Ricketts, the heavy thinker at Monee, on vacation November 18th to the 29th, was relieved by Bro. H. E. Walters.

On account of the extra work for our agents, incident to the holiday season, our monthly meeting for December was called off, but we expect an extra large attendance in January to even up.

Bro. R. C. Balfe, of Gilman, was called to Kankakee Junction, to relieve First Operator Davis a few days during the latter part of December on account of the death of Mr. Davis' mother. Bro. Arnold relieved Balfe.

John Todd, who resigned Otto nights about a year ago, has returned and bid in second there.

Bro. C. A. Nichols, of Irwin, on his annual vacation December 1st to the 13th, was relieved by Bro. H. E. Walters.

The general officers' "Get Acquainted Special" moved from Chicago to Bloomington during early part of the month. The party comprised our General Supt. Clift and officials of the freight traffic department. At most of the stations the special made stops to enable the officers to visit patrons and employees.

Bro. R. V. Devenoughs, extra agent, bid in Manteno nights.

Bro. J. T. Madison, agent at Ashkum, off from January 3d to 12th, was relieved by Bro. Devenoughs.

Bro. F. A. Henion relieved Bro. Gardiner at Cropsey while he attended a suit in the Federal Court at Indianapolis.

Bro. B. C. Malison, of Manteno, was off December 9th to the 25th, relieved by Bro. Henion.

A very interesting meeting was held at Kankakee January 16th, and the attendance was somewhat improved, the Champaign District especially making a much better showing than usual. On account of a misarrangement for the Odd Fellows' Hall it was necessary to meet in Claim Agent Carey's office.

Miss M. Barnard has transferred from Harpster agency to Ridgeville, succeeding Bro. Pelps, deceased. Bro. Ford bid in Harpster agency.

Bro. Hupp, of Roberts, has resigned to accept the managership of the M. R. Meents grain elevator at Cullom. Bro. Zimmerman, of Gilman, succeeds Hupp at Roberts, and Bro. Balfe, third Gilman, secured second there, vacated by Bro. Zimmerman. B. E. P.

Champaign District—

C. C. Edwards is relieving Bro. C. Sisson, agent at Mason.

Bro. J. C. Broom, of Humbolt, assigned to Edgewood agency instead of Bro. L. E. Andrews, of Hayes, as formerly reported. Mr. O. H. Schwaube is handling Humbolt pending bulletin.

W. L. Raney relieved Bro. Chas. Gammon, at Laclede, while Charley took the fifteen days he has been so patiently waiting for all summer.

It is now Bro. C. W. Furry on third Odin. We hope that it's contagious and that Mr. Tooker, at Effingham, will get it.

Bro. M. W. Lowry, who relieved Bro. R. O. Dornblaser a few nights at Edgewood, later relieved Bro. O. D. Keen, nights Kinmundy, while he relieved the agent, Bro. E. Wormley, on vacation.

Bro. H. W. Besore, agent Tonti, relieved by H. D. Allen a few days while on a trip to Champaign County.

Station Helper McFerrin, at Farina, relieved the regular agent, Bro. L. L. Hebron, agent Farina, while attending the funeral of a relative, was relieved by Station Helper McFerrin.

Third Trick Dispatcher Weatherford, off New Years, was relieved by T. F. McNeill, car distributor Champaign.

Bro. Fred Hale, second Tolono, while on a trip to Rankin, Ill., was relieved by Bro. Lowry.

Bro. O. E. Conners, of Arcola tower, landed C. C. Edwards, former night clerk at Arcola, for a card. Bro. Edwards is now relief agent at Mason and we are sure glad to welcome "Happy" to our midst.

Bro. L. E. Andrews, of Hayes, bid in Humbolt, Bro. V. E. McIntire, from Doran's, to Hayes. W. L. Raney relieving at Doran's pending assignment.

Bro. H. W. Besore has resumed at Tonti after spending the holidays with home folks near Savoy. C. E. M.

St. Louis Division—

News is very scarce, owing to my not being able to get out over the division this month.

Bro. Childers, second Cairo ticket office, off a few days, was relieved by Bro. A. J. Wilson, of third there, and he by Telegrapher Casey, who later relieved R. T. Briggs, second Centralia, off on account of the death of his sister at Logansport, Ind.

Bro. J. F. Cameron, first Illinois Jct., off a few days visiting friends and relatives, was relieved by Telegrapher Nation.

Agency Reevesville bid in by C. C. Mulkey.

Mr. Lawson went back to the L. & N., making room for some good brother at North Jct.

G. R. Smith, extra "CD" Carbondale, Ill., who was relieved by Bro. G. R. Wallace, second Belleville, who went home sick, later relieved by M. R. Coughenour, who has just rehired after resigning in September to go to Oklahoma. Smith to "MS" East St. Louis one night, then to Carbondale.

Boys, keep away from the B. & O. Plenty of men there.

Bro. J. M. Widimer, third Belleville, is contemplating a trip to Florida.

Anyone having any news please send to me at Cairo, Ill. H. L. Dye, Cert. 966.

Chicago Great Western Ry.

Northern Division—

Bro. C. Peterson has been transferred from Elkton agency to Waterville agency, relieved by Otto Smith from New Hampton, relieved by C. R. Peterson.

R. R. Kirby, mentioned in last month's items as not a member, is up to date. He has left the service.

Bro. F. W. Beatty, third Randolph, visiting two weeks at his home in Ohio, was relieved by Bro. A. Legerwall. Bro. Joe Lennon took a few weeks

off, relieved by Bro. Beatty, on his return, Bro. Logerwall remaining on third. Thos. McBride, formerly helper at Randolph, now agent at Rich Valley, will soon be a member.

In the January write-up we mentioned Mr. Scmock, third Elma, as brother. This was an error; he is not a member.

Bro. Geo. Sullie, second Taopi, on two weeks' leave to Kansas City, was relieved by J. D. Everett. If the last increase of \$7.50, at Taopi, is not sufficient for him to be a union man, let's all hope that his dray business will prosper so that he can afford to join us.

It is now Bro. Fred Johnson, at Renova, and Bro. H. E. Rannestad, Northfield agency.

Bro. Frank Briggs, third Coates, on leave for several weeks, was relieved by M. M. Sigoloff.

Bro. C. E. Norris slipped on ice near his office recently and sprained his knee, causing him to remain off duty three or four days. He was relieved by M. M. Sigoloff, who went to third Elma, on Bro. Norris' return.

Bro. J. L. Moser, cashier Red Wing, was recently married and went to Chicago on his honeymoon. Congratulations.

Mr. Bassett, second Red Wing, promises to be in line with us shortly.

I wish to thank Bros. Morrill, Lennon and Beatty for the items they mailed me. I would appreciate it very much if some of the members on the W. M. & P. branch would send me a few each month. C. E. N.

Southern Division—

Your division correspondent was on a short vacation last month when the write-up should have been sent in, but as no news was sent me it would have been "blank" anyway.

Bro. E. D. Spicer, who recently resigned to help his brother-in-law on the farm, has re-entered the service and is now on third Conception. Bro. J. H. Calkins is now assistant agent there. Bro. H. F. King, first Conception, was relieved by J. W. Dobbins, from the C. & N. W., who is now on vacation, relieved by Bro. Trunnell, from the Rock Island. We can now say Bro. Nelson, agent at Conception, making that office solid.

We are glad to see Bro. E. D. Lusk back at Rea "MO" nights again.

We are glad to note the interest that some of the brothers are taking in building up the membership. If we continue to get in the nons, as we have in the last two months, we will be making wonderful progress. It is hoped that every member will put his shoulder to the wheel, and not expect the local chairman to get all the applications, as the members can do as much toward increasing the membership and sometimes more than the local chairman. Just speak a kind word to the non that you know or should be working with and we will soon have the division 99 per cent strong.

You can now say Bro. Walters, at "RO" Kansas City.

Ex-Bro. C. A. Stickleman, second Blockton, will soon be with us again. We will be glad to have him back with us.

It is pleasing to note how promptly the brothers answer up for a "31." Keep it up brothers, and show the company who the valuable men are.

We are all glad to have our old Bro. Jap Trunnell with us. Jap is an old-timer on the C. G. W. He couldn't stay away.

General Chairman A. L. Coleman, with his family, spent Christmas with his sister at Columbia, Mo.

Bro. C. S. Liggett, one of our oldest members, is on an extended vacation with his family in California. We wish for him a very pleasant vacation, and hope for their safe return. He was relieved by Ex-Bro. L. B. LaForce, from the Chicago Division, whom we expect soon to land.

It is now Bro. F. J. Rokey, agent at Shannon City, and we are glad to welcome him into our ranks.

The trainmen on the local freights are doing some fine work for us, talking to the nons, and will be the means of several of them joining with us.

Reports of increasing membership being received from the Eastern, Western and Northern Divisions, are very encouraging. We hope they will keep the good work up. Brothers, let us all hustle and not let the other divisions get ahead of us.

I wish some brother on the north end, between Des Moines and Oelwein, would take it upon himself to send me the news every month, and keep me posted on the conditions on that end. I would like to appoint an assistant on the north end if I could find a live one.

Keep after the nons, and remember our motto, "No card, no favors."

L. M. WILSON, Local Chairman.

Seaboard Air Line Ry.

North Carolina Division—

Agency Kollock assigned to Bro. G. W. Fisher, from second Lumberton. Hamlet passenger station bid in by Bro. B. J. Weathers, from first Hamlet yard, relieved by Mr. Clapp.

Bro. H. A. Swink, agent Osborne, while attending court at Rockingham, relieved by Mr. Hays, a new man.

Bro. Hollman, first Apex, was off a few days, relieved by C. T. U. Bro. Saulsbury, from the Postal.

Bro. Free, third Wadesboro, called home on account of sickness in his family, relieved by Mr. Putman, a new man.

Bro. Vick, agent Councils, off a few days, was relieved by Extra Proveaux.

Remember our motto, "No card, no favors." on this pike.

Bro. T. F. Limberick is on third Cary pending bulletin.

Bro. E. E. Maynard, second Lemon Springs, off a few days to get married, relieved by Bro. Huiert, a new man.

Bro. Huckstep on third McBee pending bulletin.

Mr. Jenks, third Method, off a few days sick, was relieved by Extra Gunter.

Bro. Powe, first Cheraw, off a few days, relieved by Bro. Fisher.

Bro. Wrenn, second Hoffman, off a few days, relieved by Mr. Teague.

Bro. H. D. Tally and wife spent the Christmas holidays in Florida.

The double track between Hamlet and Eighty-six Mile Post is now completed and the operators moved from Cognac to the new interlocking tower, where they will have the pleasure of wrestling with contrary levers.

Bro. Duke, manager "H" office Hamlet, was off a few days, relieved by Bro. Lassiter, from second.

Agency Hoffman assigned Bro. R. J. Hildreth, from second Keyser, Mr. Cox working second Keyser pending bulletin.

Bro. Cunningham, first "DS" Monroe, off a few days, relieved by Extra Roof.

Bro. Spurlin, second Rockingham, off a few days to get married, relieved by Bro. Sharpe.

New positions assigned as follows: Carey third, Bro. T. F. Limerick; Merry Oaks second, Extra Gunter; Colon second, Extra McLeod; Vass third, Bro. Huirt; Keyser third, Mr. Cox; second Laurel Hill, Bro. Hayes; third Cheraw, Bro. Fisher; third McBee, Bro. Lowman; second Blaney, Bro. Sharpe, extra; second Patrick, Bro. Huckstep; third Cassett, Extra Seagrove.

Second Cassett assigned Extra Roof.

First Hamel yard assigned Bro. Pepper, from third, Extra Clapp on third pending bulletin.

Bro. China, first Camden, off a few days sick, relieved by Bro. Browne, from second, relieved by Bro. Moor, and he on third by Extra Taylor.

Bro. Swink, Osborne, off a few days, relieved by Mr. Lampley.

Recent assignments: Columbia first, Mr. Rivers, from second; second Keyser, Mr. McDonald, from third Marshville; Tower third, Mr. Cowan, and Lumberton second, Bro. Mears, from agency Blaney.

Bro. Rowe, relief agent, has been relieving his brother at Millendorff a few days.

Brothers, there is room for some work among the extra operators. Let each man try to line up the man next to him. If every man will do what he should, it will only be a month or so until we can report 100 per cent strong. Let's get "next" to our new men and show them why it is necessary that we stand solid at all times.

Boys, look out for the limited—9 and 10—as no explanation will be accepted for delaying this highly competitive train from New York to Jax. Let's co-operate with our management, and when the season is over we will have reason to be glad that none of our men lost out on account of sleeping on duty, and the management will feel greatly encouraged because of an up-to-date set of faithful and efficient men.

R. H. CUNNINGHAM, Div. Cor.

Alabama Division—

Quite a number of vacancies have been bulletined during the past sixty days, among them being second Americus, bid in by Bro. Kinne-

brew, of Richland, and second Richland, bid in by L. H. Pruitt.

Bro. J. W. McDaniel, of Abbeville, off several days, was relieved by a non.

Bro. Morris, of Daisy is doing relief work, relieved at Daisy by Mr. Mathis, who promises to come in shortly.

The new position of union ticket agent created at Ocilla was bid in by Bro. L. Hodges, of Rochelle, Relief Agent C. A. Stewart taking clerk position at Rochelle. Relief agency position open for bids.

Bro. K. N. Mathis, of Abbeville, spent several days in Asheville, N. C., recently.

Bro. J. C. Smith, Ocilla, off several weeks on account of sickness, relieved by W. T. Mathis.

It is noted that the officials of some of the other divisions frequently meet with us, and it would seem this would be a good plan on our division occasionally. Why not have our superintendent, trainmaster, chief dispatcher, etc., meet with us and outline wherein we may improve the service and lessen their burdens?

The railroads in this territory have had a very prosperous season, and no doubt the approaching fertilizer movement will be unusually heavy.

CERT. 71.

Ulster & Delaware R. R.

Telegraph offices at Glenford and Siding 19 abolished, Bro. Cartman going to Roxbury as helper, and Bro. Palmer is keeping away the wolf by printing cards.

Telegrapher Ostrander is now helper at Shandaken. ||

Telegrapher McDermott, Grand Gorge, was off a few days visiting his parents at Ashokan. Boys, keep after McD. He's a good fellow and we want him in.

"Bunk" Brophy is working on the ice. Good job for fellows with "cold feet," like him.

Telegrapher Kingfield relieved Bro. Maxwell, first "NQ," for one week, and then laid off for the winter. Kingfield promises to join soon as he gets on steady. Boys, be sure to hold him to his word.

Bro. Halstead and "K1" Bishop took a trip to Kingston recently. Halstead reports his farm doing splendidly.

Bro. T. Ennist relieved Bro. Lafferty a week while he visited in New York, Hartford and Bridgeport.

Dispatcher Leipold is now in New Smyrna, Fla., on third. Bro. Gellner is his copier.

Bros. I. J. Joyce, Gale H. Ennist and Mr. Welsh have taken their five days' vacation with pay. Others will follow according to how much time the relief agents are not otherwise occupied. Bro. Joyce spent his time visiting in Nivenville, New York. Bro. Gale took a trip to Metropolis, and Bro. Ennist visited in Kingston. These vacations were secured through the efforts of the O. R. T. This is only the beginning, and it will not be long ere we will all ring in on vacations. It's bound to come. Have you stopped to consider that we did not even have a schedule two

years ago. We have reason to feel proud of what the Order has accomplished, and by all brothers paying their dues and sticking together we will continue to gain more rewards for our labor.

"IKE."

Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Ry.

J. Malloy has resumed as agent Iron River, Wis., after being off several months on account of an operation, relieved by Mr. Wright, formerly of Marquette ticket office, who has now taken McMillan agency.

J. W. Hancock is agent at Duluth, vice M. D. Hoff, resigned.

Bro. C. M. Garmon appointed agent at Bibou, relieving Bro. W. J. Nicholls.

Bro. W. J. Nichols bid in Newberry agency, relieving Bro. J. H. Blizel.

Bro. R. A. Tobin, agent at Shingleton, has resigned, relieved by Bro. J. H. Blizel.

Bulletins are now out showing third at Ishpeming and Trout Lake, agency Fiborn and several other vacancies.

Business is very quiet, due to the copper country strike and scarcity of snow. Log work and log trains will start at places along the line as soon as there is enough snow, when lumbering operations will begin in earnest and make business better.

Bro. Becker, at Hancock yard office, was relieved by Mr. Bistell while spending Christmas with his people at Moran. It is reported that Bro. Becker was married recently, but he has not advised me as to the truth of the rumor.

Mr. Tact, first Houghton yard office, was laid off on account of slack business. Bro. Lester is working there nights, being the only man in that office now. We hope the second trick will soon be put on there again.

The disaster at Calumet caused by someone yelling "fire" in a crowded hall, where over seven hundred people were holding a banquet on Christmas Eve, when eighty-three were killed trying to escape, cast a great gloom over the copper country, especially in Calumet.

Bro. P. C. Peterson relieved Bro. Jones at Guiney agency.

Bro. William Carlson bid in third Ishpeming, Mr. Adams relieving him on first Eagle Mills, with Mr. Hawes on second.

Mr. Chamberlain, now at Seney, promises "soon."

Mr. Franks worked a few nights at L'Anse.

Mr. Briatt, Eagle Mills, one of the oldest men in the service, had to give up his position due to age and ill health. We were sorry to have him leave.

J. W. Whalen, of Ishpeming, has resigned and gone to some southern road.

Many thanks to Bros. Brazeau and Lester for items this month. If we had a few more live workers like these two brothers, our items each month would make a much better showing.

Let's all get busy now on the nons and also give the company first-class service, be courteous to the public and as prompt as possible with our

dues before we are sixty days in arrears. It saves a lot of work for our general secretary and treasurer and gives him more time to devote to securing more members. The larger the membership the more we are in a position to accomplish results through our organization.

L. C.

"Soo Line" Ry.

Applications still continue to come in at a rapid rate, which indicates that the membership in general are getting interested in getting the few nons left into the fold. We earnestly request each member to help us in this matter, and let's get our membership up as near the hundred per cent mark as we possibly can. If we will all go to work on the remaining nons we can reduce their number materially in a short time. We must have all the desirable ones in order to strengthen our position; so far during the month of January we have taken in seventeen new members. Have you secured an application? If not, how hard have you tried to secure one? Remember we are still allowing each member a credit on his dues for each application that he turns in accompanied with the necessary amount.

There is an operator on a certain part of the system that has had his salary increased in the past three years \$15.00 per month; still he can not afford to carry a card, but he can wear better clothes than the majority of the boys, for the reason that he is enjoying benefits financially that the other fellow is paying for. We believe in treating everyone fair and square, so at this time we will not mention his name, but if he don't get right, in the near future, we will publish his name, so all of you will be wise as to who he is. A word to the wise is sufficient.

The force has recently been greatly reduced all over the entire system, three-men offices made two-men positions, two-men offices made one-man position. At some of the important points which have been exclusive agencies, the agent is now working a trick at telegraphing; in some cases the business possibly warrants such changes, but at some of the points where the force has been reduced, the earnings are showing an increase, compared with the same period a year ago; in such cases it is an injustice to the men to cut down their help.

Again we earnestly request you to get busy and help us get the remaining nons into the fold. Let's all work hard for one month and see how many new members we can add to our membership for that month.

CERT. 94.

Duluth-Superior Division—

Thirty operators have been laid off recently, approximately 33 per cent of those employed on the Duluth-Superior Division. Mr. Pennington, president of our system, gave a very forceful article on "Why the Railroads Have Struck," in the *Minneapolis Journal* a short while ago. Study up! Post yourselves on the conditions confronting us. It's well worth your while.

Bro. Firminhac, at Crosby, through the summer, expects to be located shortly at the Bemidji passenger station.

Bro. Harris, at Cass Lake, during the summer, was pulled off on account of reduction of force.

Bro. R. A. Campbell, agent Gully, is being relieved by Bro. B. A. Curel, of Borea.

Bro. J. C. Hazen is working double duty at dispatcher's side wire, second and third tricks having been pulled off.

Bro. L. F. Johnson is now working on first Boylston Jct., with Bro. J. R. Haufek on second and J. H. Knite on third.

Bro. R. A. Schanberger is now catering to the wants of the Central Ave. people, relieving Agent Poirier, resigned.

Bro. J. B. Sprague and Bro. Marcinak are now the congenial ones selected for first and second Onamia, because of the reduction of force. Jimmy thinks it's an awful thing to be so far away from home. Have a little pity, I'm a poor married man!

The agent at Moose Lake is compelled to work first trick; Bros. H. E. Duffy and F. J. Schertler have moved back on second and third.

Second and third tricks have been pulled off at Blackhoof. Walt thinks it's an awful lonesome town. For pointers on cooking and house-keeping inquire of Bro. H. W. Bruss. Do not ask him for an opinion on it, though.

Bro. L. E. Sabine bumped Bro. Shepard from third Lawler.

Bro. Newlander, recently with Esq. Fisher, of Bemidji, is now laying off.

Third trick operator and warehouse man pulled off, and Bros. Gustin and Roderick compelled to do double duty.

Bro. D. F. Swan, relief at Bemidji, is also laying off a couple of weeks.

Mr. H. E. Plummer, who bumped Bro. Clark, at 28th St. tower, was later bumped by Bro. Harris, and Bro. Laidlow, of Onamia, was bumped by Mr. Plummer.

Mr. Sommermeyer is on second at Remer; left because of the log business around there, on account of an increase in freight receipts. It is understood that the operator does the warehouse work.

The Duluth agency has been transferred from M. D. Hoff to J. W. Hancock, permanently.

C. V. Densmore bid in the new station "RO," Ironton.

It is understood we are to have interurban service on the range this coming summer. The means of transportation will be gasoline-driven coaches, manned by a conductor and motorman. "RO."

Minnesota Division—

Ex-Bro. F. L. Marshall is relieving Bro. Leo Hanson on second Camden Place.

Bro. H. W. Teich, of "NA," Minneapolis, is on a trip to Spokane and Pacific Coast cities.

Bro. E. D. Warburton is now on the side table at "RD."

Bro. Wm. Ihli, Kensal, bid in third Paynesville, and Bro. E. J. Harlin bid in his old position as agent Hoffman. Too much Cold Springs at "V" for Ed.

Ex-Bro. W. D. Cooper assigned Eden Valley agency; Bro. R. A. McBroom, Mantafor, assigned Courtenay agency, and R. J. Hall, McLeod agency.

E. G. Davis is on first Harvey, owing to reduction of force; Bro. Rodewald on second, and Bro. Haggerty on third.

Bro. J. E. Sons is agent and first trick at Kensal; Bro. L. N. Field second, and Bro. S. F. Beecham relieved Bro. Wm. Ihli on third. Bro. Munt, Bordulas, was at Kensal recently taking in the sights, between trains.

Mr. Pennison, agent Kenmore, owing to reduction of the force, is working first trick, Mr. Fisher second and Bro. H. T. Sherman third.

W. L. Hall, formerly of Drake, assigned Voltaire agency.

Bro. Watkins, who relieved Bro. Salven, at Manfred, as agent, was bumped by Bro. A. J. Bauman, of Lintonville.

Bro. Owens, second Carrington, who went to Velve, was laid off the first of the year, owing to reduction of force, will spend the winter in California.

Bro. L. A. Swanson, agent Carrington, is working first trick; E. L. Hallberg laid off, leaving Bro. A. L. Schroder on second and Bro. G. A. Watkins on third.

Bro. J. E. McCullough, first Minot, inherited the commercial manager's duties also, on account of Mr. Davis, former commercial manager, taking sudden leave to parts unknown, leaving Bro. A. G. Carlson on second and J. W. McGrady, formerly side table "RD" office, on third.

Bro. J. M. Schwartz chose third trick Portal, as the trick carries the higher salary, leaving A. C. Wegener on first and M. G. Welton on second, who promised to take out a card this pay day.

Whitetail, Mont., is the latest station on bulletin on the Ambrose extension.

Thanks to the brother for news items sent in this month, keep it up.

Soo Line Safety First buttons are being displayed on the boosters' coat lapels. The motto warrants much merit, keep platforms free of trucks, freight and any articles that may cause injury to people stumbling over them, etc.

On account of the dull season in this northern section of the State, several positions have been closed, and with the slack-up of business lends time to clear up left-over matters, such as fixing up complete files of tariffs, filing old records, arranging office files in proper manner; in general, make ready for the spring work.

CERT. 124.

Chicago Division, First and Second Districts—

Bro. F. H. Cramer, agent Coloma, off a few days, was relieved by Hoffman, and he on third Vernon by H. Schyer, from second Honey Creek, closed temporarily.

L. L. Larsen, second Nelsons, off several days, was relieved by Johnson.

C. J. Wightman bid in State Hospital agency, relieving Bro. H. S. Day, who bid in second Medina Jct., but later decided not to take it, and is now doing extra work.

Ex-Bro. C. L. Larsen, agent Vandyne, while off several days, was relieved by Bro. H. S. Day.

F. E. Buttke, first Shops Yard, died December 30th, at St. Agnes Hospital, Fond du Lac, Wis., after several weeks' illness. Mrs. Buttke, his widow, has our heartfelt sympathy. Bro. N. J. Frost bid in the vacancy at Shop Yards, relieving J. McDonald, who was there pending bulletin, which will leave Fond du Lac on bulletin.

M. R. Miller, third Fond du Lac, was off a few days, in Milwaukee, to testify against the four yeggmen that robbed the Kewaskum, Wis., post office last June, they having purchased tickets from him, Fond du Lac to Chicago, the morning following the robbery. All four were found guilty by a jury.

Bro. W. R. Thompson, first Waukesha, and Bro. Thos. Karr, second Rugby Jct., off a few days each, were relieved by Mr. Carpenter.

Bro. J. M. Philippi, agent Lake Villa, while attending the "Safety First" meeting at Fond du Lac, was relieved by P. J. Weber.

Bro. P. B. Keown, second Wheeling, off a few days, was relieved by P. J. Weber.

These are all the items I could get a line on this month, boys. Every one help, and we will always have a good write-up.

JACK FROST, Div. Cor.

Chicago Division, Northern District—

Business is rather dull and many of the younger boys are being laid off until it picks up again.

Chairman Lewis was over the line the latter part of December.

Joe Henkel bid in Abbottsford agency, vice Bro. Minshall who has taken second there, on account of his yard clerk being away. Many agents of late are bidding in on telegraph positions, and giving up their agencies. Mr. Ballow bid in first Abbottsford, Bro. Hofferma remaining on third. Mr. Lempke relieved on second, pending transfer of agency.

Bro. Wohleben drew second, and Mr. Fredrickson third Medford. Bro. Carter drew third Park Falls, vice Bro. Wohlenben, who took second Medford.

Bro. Menke, agent Colby, resigned to go into the mercantile business in Milwaukee. He has the good wishes of all the boys for success.

Bro. Mais drew agency Spencer, relieved at Westboro agency by Bro. Katas on bid.

Bro. F. C. Ludowise, agent Cadott, and L. H. Ludowise, third Spencer, received the sad news of the death of their father, at Boyd, Jan. 9, 1914. Bro. S. H. Ludowise was relieved by Bro. Anderson. Bro. F. C. Ludowise's relief unknown.

Night offices at Somerset, Cylon and Downing were closed recently, on account of decrease in business. Bro. Kavanaugh, second Cylon, took

third Cadott, displacing Mr. Lempke, who went to second Abbottsford.

It is now Bro. Welch, first; Bro. Schubert, second, and Bro. Zionly, third, at Auburndale, making it solid once more.

Bro. Etta is back on nights on side wire dispatcher's office "NI," relieved by J. J. Korb, from Junction City, and he by Bro. M. J. St. Amand, relieved later by Bro. Buchmiller, on account of no work.

N. M. Lepinski, third Junction City, will soon be a brother, and Agent Rindt has promised to come in soon.

Bro. Schubert, second Auburndale, relieved J. J. Korb, second "AX," several days while on the sick list.

Dispatcher Bryan, on leave of absence, was relieved by Bro. Cowen. Dispatcher Stemm leaves on a trip to Panama to see the canal.

Bro. S. J. Seбора, agent Junction City, resigned to take a position as cashier in a local bank, relieved by Bro. Kotas, and he later by Mr. Rindt, on bid. Bro. Wenzel relieved Bro. Kotas for a few days recently.

Bro. McPherson relieved Bro. Bishop, at Somerset, during the holidays.

The Omaha has come through Park Falls. Bro. Clausen has been given a cashier, Billing Clerk E. O. Gerhman receiving this position. We understand Medford is also to have a cashier.

CERT. 550.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Our heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom and goodness has deemed it best to call to the great beyond the beloved father of our Bros. L. H. and F. C. Ludowise, in manifestation of our fraternal sympathy be it

Resolved, that the members of the Chicago Division of the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Ry., Division No. 119, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the sorrowing brothers and family their sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved brother and a copy forwarded to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

J. E. MINSHALL,

N. M. LEPINSKI,

G. A. BUCHMILLER,

Committee.

Lehigh Valley R. R.

There has not been a write-up for several months in THE TELEGRAPHER. Has Stub forgotten us? He was our main stay on the west end.

Do not get discouraged, there is coming a time when we will be organized yet. We have got to do it if we expect to live working on the L. V.

The section men get more money per day than our agents and operators on this road, as help is scarce.

Brothers, let's get to work and start the new year right; we could have as good pay for our work as the rest of the agents and operators get

on other roads if we would only organize and get busy and get a few members each month. The O. R. T. can't do it all for us, if we don't help and stick. Your five-dollar raise per month last spring will more than pay your dues.

Remember our motto, "No card, no favors."

Last winter we had a meeting, but have had none since. We were doing fine then, but there has been nothing to it since.

Boys, I have been a member three years, and will stay one as long as I remain an operator and agent.

There has never been a write-up from the boys east of Sayre, Pa. Is there no member down in that country?

Boys, wake up and do something. I for one will do all I can to make this old Pike a solid O. R. T. road.

If you boys will send me a few notes I will try and get a write-up each month.

K. S., Cert. 69.

Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Ry.

Chicago Terminal and Illinois Division—

The special meeting held at the Harper House, Rock Island, January 15th, was not as well attended as was promised, but turned out to be very interesting, regardless. Bro. Brown gave one of his instructive talks. Bro. F. Kuhn, local chairman of the Iowa Division, gave the boys a line-up of that division. Bro. Wagoner, from the Illinois Division, was unable to attend.

The following assistant local chairmen have been appointed by the local chairman for the Illinois Division, and from the action they are taking, there won't be a non on the line by the end of the first half of 1914, with a few exceptions. We intend to hold a special meeting of the chairmen and assistants at Joliet within a few weeks, and make more thorough arrangements for handling this proposition, and with the bunch of live wires; besides, we are certainly going to clean the slate. Those appointed are: Bros. G. S. Hubbard, Rock Island; Bro. J. L. Sumner, Peoria Yards; Bro. C. R. Condit, Tiskilwa; Bro. W. F. Kay, Blue Island.

Bro. F. L. Kosowski, "GO" Chicago, laid off on account of reduction of force, bid in third Blue Island, made vacant by resignation of Bro. A. R. Nelson, resigned.

Bro. H. King, third Tiskilwa, closed, bid in third DePue, also closed, but reopened again.

Bro. J. R. Keating, first Ottawa, assigned second there, vice Bro. SeEVERS, who bid in agency Henry.

Bro. D. H. Andrews, commercial office Peoria, closed December 15th, assigned second Rockdale, vice Bro. Peterson on the sick list.

It's now Bro. G. K. Boggs, agent Lafayette. We are certainly pleased to see our old-timer on the right side.

Bro. Ira Jeffries is now agent at Milan, and Bro. F. S. Thomas is at 20th St., Rock Island.

Bro. Nolan, second, and Bro. Donahue, third Morris, on vacations, relieved by Former Dispatcher R. E. McGowan, from the Iowa Division.

The first list of nons on the Illinois Division issued to the brothers, reached the local chairman and assistants January 3d, and we took the train with extra copies, giving some to our brother conductors and engineers, who jack up the parties whose names appear on the list. Seems to be doing some good from the information that I have been receiving over the wires. Let's keep it up, boys, and we will soon have our headquarters cleared. Correct these lists each month, showing who have been taken off.

F. D. Stanley, assigned Silvis shops days, promises to get a card shortly.

Parsons, second Tiskilwa, has been on the non list long enough. Get your mill or pencil working, and give him some touching up.

It is rumored that the Western Union offices recently taken out of several stations will be located at these points again on account of saving money, letting the station operator do it for a few pennies. We surmise the boys will be glad to see the wires back (nit).

C. D. W., Cert. 309.

"GO," General Offices—

Chicago (GO)—I will endeavor to keep you well advertised for the rest of the year. We are a bunch of "home guards," and there isn't very much news around.

Now is the time to get your new cards. We will all have ours by the time this gets to press.

Our force is pretty well shattered, and a few of the boys are working afternoon and night tricks on account of the reduction of force and the installation of printer circuits to Des Moines, Topeka and El Reno, cutting off Bros. Rice, Harding, Kososki and U. V. Lewis, who have been taken care of. We expect them back as soon as business picks up a little.

Bro. Franklin Curoso Kososki bid in third Blue Island, right at home.

U. V. Lewis landed "MS" Des Moines. "Zeke," better get an up-to-date.

Bro. Rice landed Fairbury, Neb., days, and Bro. Harding is located at Goodland, Kan.

Bro. Lyons and Asper are thinking seriously of taking a "life sentence" and feathering their homes on the north side. Don't forget that sign, boys, "Let Hartman Feather Your Nest." It sure does remind you. CERT. 784.

Haileyville (HY)—Owing to the open winter, business continues good, and we have not experienced the slump some other offices have shown.

Third Trick Wire Chief Samms resigned January 10th, and is now with the T. & P., succeeded by J. G. Wyatt, promoted. One job bulletined not yet awarded.

This office is solid with the exception of the manager and wire chief. Very few nons on lines tributary to Haileyville; they are coming in fast. The new local chairman is making a good showing.

El Reno (NO)—Bro. Bernard and family spent Christmas with his parents and relatives at Francis, Okla.

Mr. Rippon, on his honeymoon, will come in soon.

Bros. Allen and Hamilton paid us a welcome visit on their way to Haileyville, where they were transferred first of the year owing to reduction in force at Topeka.

Bro. Davis has a detective system that beats Conan Doyle's. Ask him about his watch.

Bro. H. T. Snodgrass, now assistant chief, is handling the job in a most creditable manner.

Fairbury (F)—W. R. Johnson, with us all summer, bumped by Bro. Rice, from Chicago, who, after working a few days, took two weeks' vacation. Johnson then bumped Olson, first Lincoln, who relieved Cook at Phillipsburg a few days. Bro. Mason didn't like the woods; resigned and went to St. Paul, Minn.

Sister Richardson, cut off early in the fall, is now at Courtland second. Bro. Phlegar on train orders, 8 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.; Bro. Woolen, 7 a. m. to 3:30 p. m.; Bro. Graham, 12 a. m. to 8 a. m.; Bro. Stevens, 4 p. m. to 12 a. m.

There was no bumping in "DS" office, but they had their share of the cutting. F. Felden, night chief, cut off, relieved by Bishop; McFarland, dispatcher, back to car distributor, leaving McGee handling entire division Phillipsburg to Council Bluffs, and Nelson to Horton—413 miles—8 a. m. to 4 p. m.; Dickens, 4 p. m. to 12 a. m.; McCoy, 12 a. m. to 8 a. m. Pretty hard on the dispatchers until business began to let up.

We are trying to keep Local Chairman Hornbeck informed of the changes and any other news of importance.

The new station at Fairbury will be ready for occupancy in two weeks. Lower floor main waiting room is tiled, also the ladies' rest room and gents' smoking room. Ticket office, in west end of waiting room, is roomy and nicely finished. Upper floor, east end of building, superintendent's office force, entire width of building. A hall through the center from this office to west end of building splits the other rooms. Mr. Kelso's private office is next to main office, and chief dispatcher's next west on south side of hall. "DS" office will be between Mr. Cavanagh's office and the "F" relay office. West side of hall will be occupied by trainmasters, master carpenter and roadmasters. Will try with our next write-up to give a kodak view.

Trenton, Mo. (RN)—Note the Missouri Division write-up of the meeting Saturday night, January 17th. Bro. Plum acted as chairman. Following the address of Superintendent Coughlin and C. T. D. McClure, there were little talks and arguments from almost every brother there, and a tournament was staged. Prizes were awarded to Bro. Mason, from Eldon, Iowa, for hand sending, and to Bro. C. H. Price, agent Clarksdale, for bug sending. We also had visiting Bro. Carver, from Topeka, who sat in and gave a sample of his splendid arm. Most everyone there took a shot at the key in some manner, but the prizes were only for the division men.

The brothers in attendance were: Wells, Muscatine; Berry, Washington; Mason, Eldon, Iowa; Turner, Spickards; Parker, Hickory Creek; Dean, Gallatin; Strong, Winston; Hanley, Edgerton City; Plum, Edgerton Jet.; Freeman, Camden Point; Hamm, Platte City; Oliver, Dearborn; Prince, Clarksdale; General Secretary and Treasurer Meador and Carver, Topeka; Cazal, Davenport; Schrieber, Powers, Brewer and Peyton, all of Trenton, in addition to Superintendent Coughlin. Chief Dispatcher McClure and Manager Hafford of Trenton relay office.

Bro. Powers is relieving Bro. McClain, on vacation at Johnson City, Tenn. Boys, attend these meetings at Trenton. You will not regret the loss of a night's sleep. Do not wait for a special invitation; come in on the wire, and tell any of the boys in "RN" that you would like to come, and we will get you permission and passes to ride the Golden State Limited or any other train.

The regular force here for years is still here, and as long as conditions remain as they are we will be here for years to come: Bro. Davenport, 7 a. m. to 3:30 p. m.; Bro. Cazal, 8 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.; Bro. Brewer, 9:30 a. m. to 6 p. m.; Bro. Schrieber, 2 p. m. to 10:30 p. m.; Bro. Peyton, second trick wire chief, 3 p. m. to 11:30 p. m., and Bro. Powers, 1:30 a. m. to 10 a. m.; Mr. O. S. Jones, late night wire chief.

Don't forget to pay your dues for the first six months of the year 1914.

Cedar Rapids (CR)—Our force is rather small, owing to the reductions made not only in the telegraph department, but all others.

Sister Stephenson, who went to Manly, was later cut off there, and since then we have lost all trace of her.

Bro. Tucker went to the Nebraska Division at Alvo. We regret to have him go.

Bro. Billy Supply, after two weeks' rest, expects to go to Des Moines, but we hope by that time his services will be needed here again.

Bro. "Larry" Halpin, while visiting relatives in Omaha and Kansas City, recently, was relieved by Bro. Tucker.

Bro. Rice spent Christmas and New Year's week at home, calling on the boys on the line; relieved by Bro. Agner.

Bro. "Jim" Halpin and wife attended an O. R. T. meeting at Topeka recently, where some fifty brothers and their wives met at Bro. Brown's home and enjoyed themselves thoroughly. Bro. Supple relieved him.

Friday, January 16th, was the regular meeting night for our Cedar Rapids O. R. T. Club, and fifteen or twenty brothers were present. Our meetings are held the third Friday of each month. Special invitations will be sent out and a special effort made to all the brothers for our meeting February 20th. Bro. Brown, our general chairman, was with us Friday night, and made a very interesting talk, which was enjoyed by all. We wish he could be with us every month.

We were also very glad to have with us Bro. Kalb, LaPorte City. Get out and attend these

meetings, boys, and enjoy the benefits you will receive. Help your local chairman to be well represented each month with some news from your respective divisions.

You will find the regular write-up of the club among the other club notes on the last fraternal pages of THE TELEGRAPHER.

Des Moines (MS)—

One man pulled off. Bro. Bill Downey now night station master, for which he is well fitted, as he was formerly with the 69th Irish Regiment of New York.

Elder Bylander is somewhat peeved because his two years' service as messenger in this office was not considered when making out the seniority list January 1st.

The five brownies allotted to Hiram Clow on account of not detecting an error in printer message, were recalled for "previous good record."

The printer service has somewhat improved since Sargeant T. J. Baxter, who served in the Philippines, has taken upon himself to interpret all messages received in Spanish.

U. G. Lewis, who came from "GO" Chicago some nine months ago, is some whirlwind. It requires a messenger to straighten up blanks, etc., for him. He promises to take out a card "soon as he can get enough money."

Miss Hannah Fitzpatrick is a most efficient messenger. Nothing of importance escapes her vigilance. Messenger Millie Sayers says: "I should worry."

H. H. Hilfinger, bumped, has gone back to the Iowa Division, relieving the agent at Moscow.

Little Rock (RK)—

Temporary vacancy of 45 days made by Bro. Goodbar, third trick wire chief, filled by Bro. Durst, his trick being filled by Bro. Collins, from Brinkley yard office, until bid in by Bro. Allen, of "KI," Collins going to Haileyville temporarily. Later Bro. Allen bid in vacancy at Haileyville. Bro. Collins returning here.

F. E. Goodbar, brother of Bro. Goodbar, was nominated for county clerk of Lonoke County. "BG" layed off to assist in stump-speech-making. Congratulations.

Bro. Riser, "MF" Frisco, Memphis, relieved Bro. E. H. Mitchell here two days, while latter was on sick list.

Topeka (KI)—

Bro. Carver, accompanied by General Secretary-Treasurer Meador, attended the Trenton meeting the night of January 17th.

See Missouri Division, Trenton news for account of the meeting.

Bro. Badsy and wife visited a few days in Lincoln, Neb., recently.

Bro. Harding, wife and daughter Glenola, en route from Chicago to Goodland, where Harding is now working, stopped over a day and visited with Bro. Stover.

The meeting of the Topeka Club at Bro. Brown's residence, January 11th, was a hummer. See account of it on another page.

Reggie Herbert, of Kansas City, worked extra during Badsy's lay-off.

Sister Brown made a short visit in Kansas City the last week in January.

The retrenchment policy of the company hit "KI" recently. Bro. Graham, the last victim, however, was fortunate in drawing Fairbury, where he worked for several years, and will be right at home, and also have the pleasure of working in the new "shop" up there, which Bro. Walt Graham says will have 'em all skinned when completed.

The Morkrums are still on the job with but little improvement.

Everybody has a card in "KI" except the manager-wire chief, Whitney "W;" second trick wire chief, Harper, "VO;" third trick wire chief, Weld, "X," and assistant chief, Ekel, "AR." It's about time they "got in the game."

Some of the managers and wire chiefs in the relay offices will not join because they are afraid it would injure their standing with the officials. This stand, in face of the letter we have signed by the general managers of the road and the superintendent of telegraph, wherein they positively state there will be no discrimination against any one affiliated with the Order, is not very complimentary to their superiors.

The managers and wire chiefs, and assistant chiefs have been benefited more by the increase in salaries and other concessions secured by the O. R. T., than any other class, yet some of them refuse to join us, and do their part like men, and some of them, especially the managers, not only will not help us, but do everything in their power against us. CENT. 1927.

St. Louis Division—

That prince of good fellows, Bro. John J. Gunn, agent Union, Mo., pulled one over on his numerous friends and was married last month while on a short leave of absence "to visit the home folks," at Pleasant Hill. We all join in wishing Bro. and Mrs. Gunn the choicest of God's blessings, and nothing but happiness. While on his honeymoon, Bro. Gunn was relieved by Bro. Bishop, relieved by F. E. Kirkland.

Bro. Shankland bid in third at Carrie Ave.; Bro. Monegan, Henley nights; Bro. Allen, third Pleasant Hill, and Bro. McCrary, Mile Post 39.

We are very sorry to lose the Misses Carrolls, at Raytown; Mrs. Johnson, Lackland, and Mrs. Loyd, Vale. They being out of the service, on account of the Missouri State 54-hour law for women. All but the latter having up-to-date cards, and are live members of the Order. We sincerely hope that some change will be made soon, and that we will have them back with us.

Two of the boys, Bro. Schofield, Pleasant Hill, and Bro. Stephens, Union, sent us a few items this month. We certainly appreciate this, and hope that everyone on the division will send in something next month, so we can have a good write-up. Let's hear from you all.

It's now Loyd and Bransum, Belle; Morgan, Bland; Russler, Meta; Stubblefield, Medford; Prince, Pleasant Hill (we have Mr. Prince's prom-

ise, next pay day); Schroedder, Lec's Summit, has also sent his application in, and Mrs. Loyd, at Vale. Let's all try and line them up.

It's very hard to get a good write-up, considering the hours I have, so let's hear from all of you next month. P. M. A., Cert. 1773.

Missouri Division—

A fine meeting was held at Trenton on Saturday night, January 17th, on the arrival of No. 12 at 9:30 p. m., at Roh hall. These meetings have been changed from the second Saturday night in each month to the third Saturday night. This coming meeting in February it has been arranged for us to bring our wives, mothers, sisters or sweethearts. We want the ladies there. Other meeting nights will also carry these arrangements, as you will be notified. Let's everyone get out and make them a success. At the last meeting Superintendent Coughlin and our new chief dispatcher, L. E. McClure, were in attendance. Good talks were made by both. I feel that the company is going to expect you boys to get out to these meetings as well as your organization. A great deal of good will come from them, and the ones that get out and hear the talks get new ideas, etc., are the only who are going to be able to do things.

Our superintendent advised me that in the near future he expected to have a car body set off at Trenton and that the meetings could be held in the car. We should each one appreciate that, as it will save us a little in the way of hall rental.

Mercer agency transferred from C. G. Belding to P. V. Cox on January 8th, Bro. J. J. Mason relieving Eldon third, and Bro. C. H. Friend relieving third Allerton pending bulletin. Bro. D. E. Cox, second Udell, bid in the new night trick put on at Mercer. That makes a good solid house at Mercer. Bro. R. J. Underwood is extra night at Udell. S. O. Carr bid in third Seymour. Wish some of you brothers would show this man the right path. Bro. J. R. Krusor, Jr., Belknap third, bid in Culver second.

Dispatcher H. S. Smith passed over the line recently, shaking hands with the boys. Smith is sure a good fellow.

Bro. C. G. Belding goes from Mercer agency to Fairfield third, and Bro. J. B. Waggoner from Fairfield third to Jamesport third.

Wish you good brothers would talk O. R. T. to the lady working third trick at Donovan.

Lots of changes being made and new men coming to that line that I do not hear of for weeks. It would certainly be appreciated if you would drop me a line on all changes and new men showing up. There are several non-members and three or four delinquents on the division that we should get after and clean up. This can be done only by each one doing his part. Are you willing to do your share in this work?

W. H. PLUM.

Kansas Division—

Bro. C. S. Forbes, extra McFarland, returned January 2d from Oklahoma, where he spent the holidays with friends and relatives.

Bro. E. L. King, first Horton, has returned, after a short vacation, relieved by Myron S. Resor.

Bro. H. A. Ford, Herington relay, was called to St. Louis January 9th by the illness and death of his brother.

Bro. and Mrs. W. T. Brown entertained the brothers of this division and their wives, January 11th, at their home in Topeka. A short business session was held, and the rest of the evening was spent with music and conversation. A delightful two-course luncheon was served. About forty were present, and all kept thanking Bro. and Mrs. Brown for a most enjoyable evening.

Bro. Gillispie, third Marion, returned January 8th from vacation, relieved by Bro. McGovern.

Bro. E. T. Blanton, Valencia, is being relieved by E. H. Logan.

Bro. Frank Nelson, first McFarland, was called home by the serious illness of his brother-in-law.

Bro. F. H. Shanklin bid in Herington yard third. Bro. Smith, at Marion, was recently married. First trick Marion pulled off and Agent Bebie is working first, Bro. Smith, second, and Bro. Gillispie, third.

Bro. Benham, Wichita, is being relieved by Bro. Groves, recently transferred from Division 130.

Superintendent A. B. Ramsdell has ordered the practice discontinued of conductors and yardmasters getting their orders on the phone at Wichita, and the operator is now allowed the call which is due him.

A number of the boys have already remitted for the first half of 1914, but there are still some who have not done so, and they should remit at once.

While the Kansas Division is in good shape, we still have a few nons. It is each member's duty to keep after them and help get them in line.

In order to have a good write-up in the journal every month, each brother, when he knows anything of interest, should drop a few lines to the local chairman, who will send them to the division correspondent.

I have been appointed local chairman to fill the unexpired term of Bro. E. Pringle, and will try to fill the place to the best of my ability. I want the boys of the Kansas Division to give me their hearty co-operation, so that we may all work for the betterment of the good old Order.

J. R. Fix, grandfather of Mrs. F. H. Munzer, wife of Bro. F. H. Munzer, while visiting relatives and friends at La Crosse, Kan., was suddenly stricken with paralysis of the right side, and brought home Monday, January 12th, in a serious condition. M. W. SHAW, L. C.

Kansas Division Notes—

Closed on account reduction in force: First White City, causing Bro. J. Ussary to work a trick and Bro. M. L. Emery to bump Bro. J. A. McGovern on third, who went to Marion and worked

a few days, later going to Wellington. Marion first cut off. F. C. Bebee now on first in addition to being agent, Bro. Smith bumping in on second and Bro. Gillispie bumping McGovern off third.

W. H. Woolsey relieved Bro. Emrich on second and Dwight during the holidays.

Herington yard third, Willard second and Latiemer nights on bulletin.

I wish some of the boys would let me know what's doing at their respective stations. Address Box 24, Volland, Kan. CENT. 1016.

Nebraska Division—

Bro. J. F. Cook, 1st Phillipsburg, on a trip to Kansas City, relieved by Extra Dispatcher Oliver Olsen, relieved at Lincoln by W. R. Johnson. Bro. Moore, first Lincoln, bid in agency Alvo.

Boys, give the man at Meadow a chance to know how you feel toward him.

Business has been rushing lately, due to the shipment of grain south, making the night tricks more interesting and less on the order of hay parties.

I have been appointed correspondent, and while my abilities in that direction are very limited, will do my best to give the division a write-up every month, with the able assistance of Sister D. B. Richardson and the rest of you. Don't forget to let us know of any changes in your office or any other news.

A. W. Koontz is now agent at Havelock, with Bro. C. H. Zook on second and Bro. O. C. Kaatz on third.

Agent Davis, at South Bend, recently pulled a 15-pound cat out of the old Platte.

It is now Bro. Gill at Montrose.

Bro. H. M. Patton relieving on third Greta. Bro. Riffey, agent Greta, and wife, returned recently from a two months' visit in Illinois. We are all very sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Riffey's father.

Bro. Corbett is now on third Mankato, and Mr. McNamara is back on second, vice Bro. Ensor gone to third Rokeby.

Bro. Doering, relieving at Fairview, was relieved at Athol by Mr. Baldwin, who later went to Thompson.

O. B. Olsen, of "DS," is relieving Bro. Cook, at Phillipsburg. Bro. Rollins has returned to Belleville, relieved by J. R. Tucker, Des Moines relay, now on third Alvo.

We are all very glad to have Mrs. Eaton back again on second Montrose.

Fred Felden is now acting night chief at El Reno, relieved as night chief at Fairbury by A. S. Bishop.

Bro. Cash, of Beatrice, relieving at Mahaska, is now at Hallam.

Sister Sawyer, second Rydal, spent a day in Courtland recently. Div. Cor.

Colorado Division—

The working conditions and the new rules incorporated in our new schedule, the concessions to the men, together with the increases in salaries should meet with the approval of everyone

on the division. There was a failure here and there to secure a raise, but "there was a reason, across the table." A change in conditions, increased or added compensation, or more express commissions, etc. What was wanted in way of rules and percentage of increase your committee failed to get, simply because it was impossible at this time, but note the concluding article of the agreement which provides that the rules contained therein shall remain in effect for a period of one year, at the end of which time your committee will, working under instructions from the membership, convene again, and it is hoped that the remedy so seriously needed during the past few months will at that time be amply provided—"that of a solid membership." You are the union, now why not get together and demonstrate that fact?

There is absolutely no reason on the Colorado Division for a non-member; there is not a position that does not pay a union salary and if a non-member is occupying the position, there is no reason for him not lining up to date, paying his portion of the expenses incident to the securing of the increases in salaries.

All of the block operators' positions were included in the wage scale and as a result every one of them has joined and remitted for their O. R. T. card. This is a record that has not as yet been established by the telegraphers. Why not? I was in hopes that I could wipe off the list of nons slick and clean by January 1st. The applications are coming in slowly on account of that lack of "individual organizing" that I harped on so much last summer. My latest list of nons shows only twelve, and six of these are joining this pay day at the \$11.00 rate. The rate for new members during the month of January will be \$16.00, which pays for a card to July 1, 1914. Have you a non in your office who isn't coming across with his application? If you have, get his excuses and send them to me, and I'll give him several reasons why he should join, and good ones, too, to protect and benefit his own welfare, increase his pay day revenues and protect his family by making them his beneficiary in case of sickness and death.

We have only about three or four non-members among the agents on the division, so let us bend all our forces to line them up. Figure the initiation fees at \$10.00 any time of the year and add \$1.00 per month for the remaining months of the current term. Keep application blanks on hand all the time so that you will be prepared for any prospective new members. I realize the importance of road work going over the line to meet and to get acquainted with the newcomers, but I have been unable to do this on account of having to be away from the division considerable during the past few months and other important matters that have taken my attention. I am open to suggestions on this point and hope necessary arrangements can be made soon for some one to spend three or four days out on the line regularly that it will take to make this division solid.

Business is very dull, but we are very happy to know that the reduction of the forces has not yet reached the agents and telegraphers, but the falling off of business cuts quite a figure in our station earnings and express receipts, and we should solicit the public's patronage so as to hold our earnings up to the standard as near as we can. Working conditions and the wage scale over the entire Rock Island System are far better than the average, creating a much stronger feeling of loyalty among the men to the interests of the company and paving the way for future valuable concessions from the management, so we should boost the business of our employer while advancing our own interests and protecting our individual welfare and demonstrate our worthiness for advances of salaries and better and more up-to-date working rules.

On account of the recent reduction of the relay office forces Bro. Tracy, at "GD" Goodland, was bumped by Bro. Harding, from "GO" Chicago, and bid in second Dresden.

Bro. G. C. Bennett, second Brewster, out of service; Bro. R. H. McAdams gets vacancy on bid; Bro. Ed L. and Sister Kerns bid in first and second Bethune Block; Bro. J. H. Barrett bid in second, and Bro. T. J. Murphy first Limon.

Roswell and Falcon third up for bids.

Bro. Art Neville, first Norton, on sixty days' leave, relieved by Bro. Snyder, relieved by Bro. Girvin.

Bro. Shepherd, agent Dresden, recently returned from a two months' vacation in Iowa and Chicago, relieved by Bro. E. R. Judd, now in Hot Springs, Ark., recuperating from an illness and injury that has been troubling him for the past few years. It has never been admitted that a man could live with a broken neck, but Bro. Judd does it, and works most of his time.

Bro. L. M. McGee, second Rexford, recently resigned. "XD" second up on current bulletin for bids. "MC" now has a job on the El Paso Division.

Bro. G. G. May relieved on third Roswell ten days while Bro. Murphy was at "WJ."

Sister Martha M. Holtz, relieving on second Rexford, bid in Selden third.

Sister Marie C. Grabach, extra third Selden, now on short L. of A., relieved by F. J. Cassidy, who promises to line up first pay day.

Bro. Martin, agent Gem, has returned from a trip to Monte Vista, Colo., his former home, relieved by Bro. Sarvis, who recently bid in second Colby. Bro. C. A. Moore, agent Ruleton, bid in Brewster agency, and Bro. C. C. Harper, second Kanorado, gets Ruleton agency. Kanorado and Rexford second, first and second Bethune block office, and third Mustang block, are up for bids.

Bro. Lee Akers and Sister Edith Johnson, of Edison block office on their honeymoon, paid us a very pleasant call passing through to Denver on No. 39. Miss Ruth Moore, from Simla, and Mr. Brandon, from Kanorado, relieved them.

W. C. Mosher, relieving on second Kanorado, pending bulletin, has promised his application.

'Twill be Bro. Valley Dodge, third Burlington, by the time this is in print.

Bro. Geo. Garehime, third Bethune, was off recently attending to a little outside business, and the boss got short and had to call George in to go to work.

E. A. Folsom, agent Vona, is on 60 days' leave, relieved by Frank Blakeman, Jr. Hope he will soon get an up to date.

Bro. Reynolds, second Flagler, done the Christmas relief work in "GD" Goodland; relieved by V. H. Wolfe, a new-comer.

Bro. Tommie Murphy, third Roswell, relieved ten days at "WJ" Colorado Springs, while A. D. Williams relieved Dispatcher E. D. Sheehan on second "DI" Goodland.

The blizzards and snow blockades made business good. It was necessary to have a couple of rotary snow plows and a wedge plow or two to open up the line between Limon and the springs.

Our chief dispatcher was able to supply all the Christmas reliefs, and took an interest in arranging to let us off promptly.

Bro. Osborne, agent Limon, spent a day recently shopping in Denver, and spent Christmas in Colorado Springs with relatives.

Arriba agency on bulletin for 30 to 90 days; Bro. O'Brien off on account of sickness.

All 30-day vacancies, or longer, are now being advertised for bids. Regular men should not hesitate to bid them in, as they retain their former assignment at the expiration of the specified time for which the position is bulletined.

E. B. Moshier, from "old Mizzou," is on third Roswell, pending bulletin.

Bros. Pringle, of Limon, and George and Chauncey Harmonson, of Mustang block office, were visitors at the stock show.

Miss Ruth Moore relieved Sister Harmonson, at Mustang, while visiting relatives at Almena.

Harry Jones, third Genoa, promised to get an up to date. Keep reminding him of his promise until he gets it.

Bro. C. D. Simpson was married New Year's evening in Denver. Congratulations.

Bro. O'Brien, agent Arriba, is on 90 days' leave of absence. We hope he will return from Los Angeles much improved in health.

Sister Turnage, second Ruleton, on leave of absence, relieved by Bro. McCall, from Limon.

Bro. G. G. May, from the Colorado Midland, on third Kanorado until bid in by Bro. W. G. Garvin.

Everyone take an interest in transferring to our own division promptly all new men who go to work on the division.

It is now Bro. G. M. Robb, Stuttgart third. Former Bro. E. E. Reeves, third Stratton, has also lined up.

Bro. F. H. Joels bid in Clayton third, vice Bro. G. J. Brown, who bid in second Rexford.

Block Operator Bro. W. W. Walkey very unexpectedly died at Dresden, Kan., Christmas Day. Bro. A. S. Hutchins purchased a beautiful floral

wreath at Colorado Springs as a token of respect and esteem for our worthy brother.

Div. Cor.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Our heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom and universal kindness, has deemed it wisest to call unto Himself and from our midst to the great beyond, our beloved Bro. W. W. Walkey, in manifestation of our grief at this time and fraternal sympathies; be it

Resolved, That the members of C. R. I. & P. Ry. System, Division No. 126, Colorado Division, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the sorrowing family and relatives their sincerest and deepest heartfelt sympathies in the sad hour of their bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved wife and family, a copy be made a matter of record in the minutes of this division, and a copy be forwarded to Grand Secretary and Treasurer Bro. L. W. Quick, at St. Louis, Mo., for publication in THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER.

L. GILLASPY,
O. E. SHEPHERD,
J. E. MCCALL,
Committee.

East Iowa Division—

Bro. R. H. Gould, second main line, bid in Burlington St. Station, Iowa City days; Bro. E. W. Stewart, who bid in second, is on his regular trick, and Bro. A. D. Martin formerly at the Burlington St. Depot, bid in third there.

Bro. C. H. Meador, general secretary and treasurer, recently made a trip over the division, and attended the meeting December 21st, at Des Moines.

The following brothers and their families took Christmas dinner with relatives: Mr. and Mrs. W. L. White, of West Liberty, at Kellogg, with the latter's parents; Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Doyle, and son Clarendon, of Wilton, at the parental Doyle home in Atalissa; Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Kuhns, of Iowa City, at Wilton Jct.; Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Dewey, West Liberty, at Wapello, and Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Martin entertained Bro. C. K. Leimbach, of Iowa City.

It is now Bro. W. P. Masters, at Newton; Bro. J. D. Crumwide and Bro. R. E. Clarkson, at Valley Jct., and Bro. E. R. Buntin, at Oxford.

Bro. J. E. Bach, former operator at Victor, is acting agent there now.

Special meeting Rock Island, January 15th, was attended with a fair sized crowd. Bro. F. R. Kuhns, local chairman, Iowa City, and Bro. Geo. Robertson, agent Atalissa, were the only members from Iowa Division. These meetings concern all, and the boys should make a special point to attend as many of them as possible.

We are glad to note that it is Bro. J. T. Monning, at Victor. Welcome to our ranks.

Bro. E. W. Stuart, second Iowa City, and wife, spent a few days in the "Goldenrod" State.

Bro. W. A. Taylor, agent Moscow, and family, on 30 days' vacation; Bro. H. H. Hilfinger, from the "MS" office, relieving.

Make it a personal matter to see that the non or delinquent has an up-to-date card.

If anyone has news send to local chairman or Bro. Hubbell, Anita, before the 20th of each month. This will be greatly appreciated.

The new interlocking tower at Short Line Jct., Des Moines, is nearly completed. Bro. Wm. Tallman, Bro. R. E. Clarkson and Mr. Longwell will have charge.

Bro. O. M. Latta, Chariton, has resigned, to enter the First National Bank, as assistant cashier, at Brooklyn, where he was formerly agent. We all wish him success.

Bro. R. H. Gould, Burl St., Iowa City, recently made an over Sunday trip to St. Louis.

Bro. Geo. Meier, Colfax, expects to commence harvesting ice soon.

Bro. C. K. Leimbach, first Iowa City, is mastering the "tango."

Please remember that it is a good thing to pay dues early in the year.

Backsliding should be a remembrance of the past, but am sorry to find a few in the old rut. Our new schedule has been effective two months, and fail to find anyone refusing their share of the benefits—yet a few refuse to do their duty, making this possible.

Boys, if you expect to read news items, each one must do his share in supplying them; send either to Bro. Lee Hubbell, Anita, or to local chairman.

CERT. 241.

Minnesota Division—

J. L. Greene, third "MA" Manly, will be with us next month. Forces at Manly recently reduced, taking off one side wire operator, Sister E. H. Stevenson, relieved on third, who visited at her home in Iowa City. Bro. Greene relieved a few days by Bro. E. J. Dunn, who later went to Albert Lea second, and thence to Owatonna third, vice F. K. Thompson. Sister Pearl McRight, "AO" Iowa Falls, on thirty days' vacation, is visiting relatives and friends in Louisiana, relieved by E. P. Henry, from the Milwaukee at Comus, who promises his application in a few days. Manly dispatchers' force reduced, one dispatcher main line working with five and "MA" office with three men. Night operator Sherman taken off, also Mt. Auburn and Shell Rock.

Mr. Grover, Waterloo first, is being relieved a few days by R. O. Staley.

Bro. Blackwell, second Rockford, returned from vacation, and J. V. Lang went to Albert Lea second.

H. J. Mosier from third to second Faribault, E. J. Fent going on third.

Bro. E. J. Dunn, who relieved B. H. Van Heel, Albert Lea, on vacation Christmas, was taken sick and Agent Reese had to work part of the tricks.

Operators at "SF" back on regular nine-hour shifts again, after a siege of overtime for the extra hour when held up for meals.

A meeting was held at Manly on December 20th. Bro. Brown was there, and we expect to

line up things for the next meeting, so as to get the C. G. W. and M. & St. L. boys interested and have them come along with the Short Line boys, so as to make it a go.

If some brother has been called "Mr." I will be glad to correct the error, as the line-up is somewhat mixed up.

Get that card, whatever else is accomplished. With that last raise we got we certainly should enforce our motto, "No card, no favors."

CERT. 2806.

Iowa Falls Line—

As our division is arranged, it is hard for one correspondent to get all the news of the division, and another member and myself have decided to try to furnish the news from the Iowa Falls Line in hopes that someone will get busy on the main, and also on the Short Line.

We have but three nons on the Iowa Falls Line. Let us show them the right course and give them the facts in cold figures. That will show them what the O. R. T. has been doing for them and what it will do for them in the future if they come in and help. We obtained a 5 per cent increase for them recently, together with the other better conditions, when all the roads were reducing forces and cutting down expenses.

Brothers, our positions are what we make them and what our organization has made them.

If you have grievances, take them to our monthly meetings. The O. R. T. Club of Cedar Rapids has kindly invited us to become members of that club. No one can go there and come away feeling that he has not been benefited.

Wake up, old-timers; let us see a little more enthusiasm. Merely carrying an up-to-date is not fulfilling your duty entirely; that is only the first step; the next one is to help get these nons lined up. They have no excuses to offer since the recent raise in wages, for their increase will pay their dues many times over.

Remember the monthly meeting at Cedar Rapids, as that is the most accessible point for the boys on the Iowa Falls Line. They should make that club their home.

Let each of us write these nons a letter. We have all the force of argument and they have none. Do not put it off, but take a few minutes' time right now. You could not use your spare minutes to better advantage.

Robinson will soon leave. We hope "GY" will be solid when this vacancy is filled.

CERT. 1884.

Dakota Division—

On January 19th we held another meeting at Estherville. About twenty-five of the brothers got there, some of them bringing their wives. We had a good meeting, several of the division officials attending, and they gave us interesting talks regarding our work. General Chairman Bro. Brown was also with us, and gave us an interesting talk in regard to the O. R. T. Everybody had a good time, and after the meeting refreshments were served.

No. 923 was held two hours for the brothers from the west end, for which we thank the division officials.

You brothers who don't get out to the meetings are missing a good time and a chance to see the other brothers and meet the division officials. We hope to be able to hold meetings at Estherville right along, and want everyone who possibly can to go there. Mr. Rosser will furnish the transportations any time you ask for it, and will let you go if at all possible, so you won't have any excuse for not attending these meetings.

Bro. Finch, agent Forest City, off on ninety-days' leave taking a trip through California, was relieved by Extra Agent Creighton.

Agent Ballou, Rowen, off on sixty days' leave, relieved by Bro. Patterson.

Bro. Anderson, relieved Bro. Griswold a few days for Christmas, relieved by Mr. Wingrave.

Bro. Peterson, Emmetsburg, off a few days, was relieved by his son, helper there.

Dispatcher Turner, off a few days, relieved by Mr. Stagg, and he by Mr. Wingrave.

It is now Bro. Peterson at Ottoson and Bro. McMahon at Popejoy.

Bro. Kregar, agent Clear Lake, recently visited a week at Minneapolis.

Bro. Griswold, second Estherville, relieved by Mr. Wingrave while on his honeymoon to Oklahoma. Congratulations.

Mr. Knapp furnished the smokes for the crowd, for which we thank him very much.

"Ye Scribe" relieved on second Dows by Mr. Bellman while attending the meeting at Estherville.
Div. Cor.

El Paso Division—

Interest must not be allowed to slumber because we were successful in obtaining our revised contract, but, on the contrary, every one of us should be on the watch to see that it is observed by both the contracting parties, as "Eternal vigilance is the price of safety." We should bring any infringements of the schedule to the notice of the local chairman, who will take it higher up, in case he is unable to secure satisfactory adjustment.

Ex-Bro. O. J. Dettle has been promoted to Liberal agency, vice R. L. Brown, who goes to Nebraska as division agent, which position he formerly held on this division.

Hooker (a good station) and third Liberal yard are on bulletin.

John Lawrence, on third Liberal a few days, is now on third Nara Visa, relieving R. S. Hardy, who is on third Liberal pending bids. Hardy has promised to send in his application soon. Let us see if Lawrence can not also be gathered into the fold.

There are still a few here who are receiving the last increase with every pay check. If persuasion doesn't avail, remember the remedy: "No card, no favors." S. R. McCamant is at Meade agency. His wife has been sick for the past six months.

Bro. Irvine, from Goodwell, bid in Hooker agency, and Goodwell is now open for bids.

Agents are anxiously awaiting the result of the effect the lower express rates which went into effect February 1st will have on commissions. It looks as if there might have to be considerable readjustment of agents' salaries before long, unless the lower express rates recompense the agents for the loss of commissions entailed by the parcel post, but it will take an enormous amount of express business to keep the commission.

Bro. Thos. Edwards, third Hutchinson, spent New Year's day at Tampa with his wife, a bride of a few weeks.

C. M. PIERCE,
Liberal, Kan.

We are all very much pleased to learn that H. E. York, first Hutchinson, has joined the Order, and will soon be glad of his assistance in lining up the few remaining nons, who should be working for their own as well as their fellow-workers' advancement.

Div. Cor., Cert. 2434.

Southern Division—

I appointed myself a committee of one to see that we had a write-up this time and wish to thank the brothers who sent me a few items.

Bro. Young, of Bowie, has been on the sick list for some time, but is now back on duty.

Bro. J. E. Nelson was discharged for over-looking a 31 order. We will all miss him very much.

Bro. H. A. Rice, former agent at Paradise, who bid in Graham, was recently married to a Paradise girl.

Perkins telegraph office closed January 8th.

Ryan second and third and Bridgeport and Bowie third are on bulletin.

Bro. Harris is now on Ryan days relieved nights there by G. B. Fitzgerald, who promises to line up right away.

All the material is on the ground at Newark for the new pump station and pipe line which will be built to the river two miles west of town. Agent and pumper will be connected by telephone. The mill at Newark burned down the night of January 4th.

Bro. O. S. Daniel presented our local chairman, Bro. Terhune, with a nice fat turkey for Christmas.

Bro. R. O. Neal is thinking very seriously of starting up his hennery again.

Our motto, "No card, no favors."

Let's all attend the meetings at Bridgeport each month, keep after the nons and try to line them up solid.

A member working with a delinquent or non should keep after him until he pays up his dues. This is a business proposition which brings in large returns for the money invested.

I wish to thank Bros. Bennett and Beeson for items they sent me. If some more of the boys would do likewise, we could have a fairly good write-up each month.

O. S. D., Cert. 2013.

Amarillo Division—

There is not a non on this division and just one delinquent, which is just one too many, as

we do not believe there is any reasonable excuse for there being one delinquent even on the division and we hope before this is in print there will be none. We want every man on the division to help keep it cleaned up.

Bro. McLean, of Lela, on ninety days' leave, relieved by Bro. Burk pending bids. Unfortunately he got in too much of a hurry the other day and fell downstairs head foremost, dislocated his left elbow and had to go to Shamrock and have it set. But with the help of some of the boys at Lela he is still able to hold the fort there, of which we are glad.

Bro. Sansing, of Jericho, made a couple of flying trips to Wichita, Kan., during December on company business, relieved in each case by Bro. Burk.

We are looking for the greatest crop ever this year.

E. W. Fitch, chief clerk to Supt. Walker, died suddenly January 17th while his wife was absent from home for a short time. He was promoted from the ranks of clerks in the office to chief clerk about a year ago, and was held in very high esteem by all with whom he came in contact. His relatives have our profound sympathy. The agents and operators purchased a nice wreath for his funeral which was held January 19th at Amarillo, Tex.

M. H. KEASLER, L. C.

L. S. & M. S. Ry.

Toledo Division—

The December meeting was very well attended, there being about thirty present. The new proposed schedule was read. It is now up to all of us to stand behind our committee. Two new members were given a ride on the much-used goat. Pay up your dues promptly and organize.

The meeting held January 20th was also very well attended, there being about forty present. Five candidates were initiated after which we proceeded to the dining hall where a sumptuous lunch was served, the boys doing justice to same. Bro. Kipp gave us a very interesting talk.

Up for bids: Third and yard office (day and night trick as telephone clerk Adams Ave.), Collinwood. Second Short Line Jct., and Parma, and B. & O. tower nights. Mr. Burrer, third Collinwood, on ninety days' leave, having purchased a restaurant on south side, Cleveland. Bro. Rumbarger on second Short Line Jct. pending bid.

Mr. Jones, third Elyria Jct., off a few days, relieved by Mr. Durand, third "UN."

The Ramsey road is now laying the crossing over the Lake Shore west of "OB," which will mean a three-trick tower position when completed. Handy to Lovers' Lane.

Agent at Wakeman has had his station man taken off and is now thinking of what the O. R. T. could have done if he had come across.

Bro. Kinsey, third Clyde, and Mr. Deer, third Fremont, hunting at Wakeman recently, bagged nineteen fine rabbits.

Bro. H. J. Furlong, second Clyde, says that after February 24th it will not be necessary for

him to take any more trips to Bellevue. Congratulations will soon be in order. Mr. Bowersox relieved him recently.

Bro. Kruhm, second Fremont, relieved by "Bugs" Hurst, of Lindsey recently.

Mr. Hartford, days Genoa, off several days, relieved by Mr. West, and Bro. Gallup, days Genoa tower, off a few days, relieved by Mr. Mutchler.

Bro. Bowland, days Fremont tower, off a few days, relieved by Mr. Mutchler, extra towerman.

Station man Genoa, has been taken off, and Bro. Frye is a busy man; relief operator also pulled off recently.

Ben Hartford, days at Genoa, oldest man in the service, having worked about forty-seven years, died there January 26th. His family has our sincere sympathy.

Mr. Brown relieving Mr. Durand, days Monroeville, went to Genoa.

Bro. Peitz bid in second Elyria Coal Docks.

Ex-Bro. Munce, third Grayton, had the sad misfortune of losing his mother, she being struck by No. 31. Fred has our heartfelt sympathy.

Ex-Bro. Keane, first Oak Harbor, off a few days, was relieved by Mr. Reynolds.

Bro. Crimm, third Bay Bridge, has gone to West Virginia, relieved by Mr. Swearington, former relief agent and operator; position abolished.

I am indebted to Bros. Haley and Stagner for most of these notes. If the rest of you don't come across I will have to discontinue the write-ups.

Every brother get busy and line up the nons and back your committee as we are after better conditions.

Everybody take out that new card at once.

"OAK," Cert. 459.

Western Division—

Will give you the details in March TELEGRAPHER of the meeting at Chesterton.

Our committee is in Cleveland now negotiating with the officials. We must have the loyal support of all the men on the road, so get after that non next to you. When all are on the right side we will no longer be working for smaller salaries than men on other roads of the same class.

The G. T. has received a fine raise through the efforts of the O. R. T., due to the fact that they believe that in union there is strength. Keep the nons reminded of their promises to join about the time they get their blue checks.

Bro. Caloway, third 101st St., has resigned and gone back to his home in North Carolina. Sorry to lose him.

Mr. Brockman has returned from the South to Whiting tower.

Mr. Smith bid in third "BR"; expect to have him with us shortly. Mr. Nicely, second "CW," also promises to come in soon. Some brother up there remind him of it.

Mr. Kessler is the new man on third "RW," a good man; get him, boys.

Bro. Vaughn off a few days recently, relieved by Bro. Brando, just returned from northern Michigan.

Mr. Fulton and several others will soon be with us.

Bro. Whitehead, third "CA," goes to Chicago every day to see his mother who is in a hospital there. We hope she will have a speedy recovery.

Bro. Messic is back at "HM" again after another compulsory vacation.

Bro. Norton is back on third "FS" again after being off two weeks with his sick wife.

Bro. Shafer, first L. E. & W., off ten days recently undergoing an operation, relieved by Bro. Burwell, and he by Bro. Zimmer, a new man from the N. Y. C. and St. L.

Bro. Reading, third "CK," had the misfortune to rupture himself throwing levers recently.

Bro. Miller, third "NX," recently entertained us with a few violin selections on the message phone. Louie is some musician.

The Air Line boys also recently entertained us with selections from Victor Victrola on the message phone, which was highly applauded, nearly all N. Y. C. phones being connected together.

Bro. Graham, our local chairman, while in Cleveland on committee work, is being relieved by Mr. Cliner.

If some of you brothers will send in a few notes we will have a write-up each month. I am unable to keep track of all changes, especially on first and second tricks.

All pull together and don't get discouraged. Rome wasn't built in a day.

"BILL," Cert. 610.

Eastern Division—

Bro. Chas. Sweitzer bid in Erie yard days.

Bro. Joseph Caldwell journeyed to Rochester, N. Y., on a business trip recently.

Bro. Del Beideck, Dunkirk third, off a few days down on the farm, relieved by Bro. P. L. Seivert, extra.

J. R. Dighton, Erie yard nights, off sick, relieved by Bro. L. H. Graney, extra, who later relieved L. J. Fay at Seneca yard.

Bro. George Kipp, our general chairman, is at Cleveland with our general committee on schedule work, relieved by Bro. Jake Greisinger, of second, and he by Bro. Glen D. Miller, extra.

Bro. Jim Timmons, Buffalo Creek, was off sick a few days.

Ralph Creedon, third B. & O. tower Painesville, off a few days, was relieved by C. H. Plummer, extra.

Bro. C. W. Turner, Dock Jct., was on a hunting trip to Springfield, Pa., recently.

Bro. Frank Broche, third Dock Jct., off a few days, relieved by Clifford Robinson, extra, an old-timer back again.

Bro. Henry Sheyer, Silver Creek, off a few days, was relieved by Mr. T. H. Miles. "Paddy" is back with us again and the boys certainly welcome his return.

Bros. Joe Schroeder, Sidney Shepherd, Del Beideck and Lawrence Grancy visited Buffalo recently and took in the Garden Theater.

Bro. S. H. Barchus, Canadaway first, is on a few weeks' leave.

Bro. Hillbruber, relief man, is relieving Bro. A. C. Davis, third Angola.

The semi-annual dues period is here and our secretary and treasurer requests an early payment, so as to help to defray the expenses of our committee while negotiating with the company. Time expires February 28th. Pay up and remember "No card, no favors." CERT. 287.

Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R. R.

Chicago Division—

Bro. M. R. Peters, first trick towerman Clyde tower, was off a week between Christmas and New Year's, while on a trip to Manchester, Iowa, with his family visiting relatives and enjoying the jack rabbit hunting there. He was relieved by J. H. Mumm, repair man.

E. W. Montgomery, second towerman Clyde tower, was off two weeks last month working on power job at Aurora, relieved by Bro. T. M. Beardsley, third trick operator from Montgomery.

Bro. W. Siebert, first trick towerman Hawthorne tower, was off again for over a month having an operation on his knees that were hurt in an accident some time ago. We trust he will be back with us soon, and hope for a speedy recovery. He was relieved by H. E. Ensworth, extra towerman.

G. C. Rowe, second trick towerman Hawthorne tower, off on sick list between Christmas and New Year's, relieved by A. L. Janscowski, repairman.

Bro. Geo. Gannon, first trick towerman Kedzie Ave., off a few days this month on sick list, relieved by Otto Wegener, repairman.

Bro. M. T. Dwyer, second trick towerman Ashland Ave. tower, off a few days before Christmas, went down to see Santa Claus, and do some Christmas shopping; relieved by Otto Wegener.

Bro. J. R. Tobin, second trick towerman at Canal St. tower, off Christmas Day, relieved by Jas. Hoyer, our new extra towerman.

Bro. H. E. Penny, third trick man Canal St., off New Year's celebrating, relieved by Bro. Jas. Hoyer, extra towerman. M. R. PETERS.

Aurora Division—

Meeting of Aurora Division held at Hotel Arthur, Aurora, Ill., Jan. 24, 1914. Not as many were out as should have been, there were only 28 present, when we should have 128, considering the number of members that are on the Aurora Division. Those who were not present certainly missed the good speeches given by Bro. J. F. Carder, general chairman; Bro. J. H. Rogers, Jr., secretary and treasurer, and our good brother G. Dal Jones, of Division No. 91. Bro. Jones said when he started to talk that he would only take 30 minutes, but when he finished he had the floor one hour and forty minutes. It was certainly

regretted by all present that the brother could not stay another hour longer.

We hope Bro. Jones will be with us next time, and the members that were unable to be with us last meeting will turn out next time, and hear this able labor leader.

Bro. Frank Coffman, first Plano, laying off for a few days on account of sickness; Bro. McNamara working the trick.

Bro. Cope, Earlville depot, attended the meeting held at Hotel Arthur, Aurora, January 24th.

Bro. Skelly, of Bristol tower, expects to be very busy the next month or two. He will begin the latter part of the week to ride the Masonic goat. Bro. Todd, local chairman, expects to be on the side line and give him some main line practice. We will hear later on from the brother.

Result of bulletin No. 97: Bro. W. Lieber, second Sugar Grove; H. W. Kibler, first "MS" tower Mendota; Bro. D. H. Miller, third "MS" tower Mendota; Bro. J. Rambo, second "MS" tower, Mendota; Bro. C. D. Cook, second Flag Center; C. W. Thurow, second Plano, Ills.; W. E. Lee, second Zearing, Ills.

Result of Bulletin No. 98: R. A. Battershall, second Rochelle, Ills.; Bro. F. M. Landon, second Downer's Grove; Bro. J. O. Pahaly, first Eola tower; Bro. C. L. Brusate, second Chadwick, Ills.; E. Ritenour, third Big Cut, Ills.; H. W. Lewton, second Zearing, Ills.; Bro. F. S. Metzler, third Naperville, Ills.; Miss Thorpe, third "X" block.

Result for agencies: H. L. McLaughlin, Oneida, Ills.; C. H. Zahn, Amboy, Ills.; Mr. Angelo, Berwyn, Ills. (this agency was bid in by Bro. Rambo, who later withdrew).

W. E. Brown bid in Spring Valley agency, and Bro. R. A. Richards won Neponset agency. Glad to have the brother back on the west end. We hope he will help us out and accept assistant local chairman's job on that end.

Arthur Thomas, extra Flag Center, called on Bro. Todd, of Sandwich, one day last week; he is a full-fledged brother.

By the time this reaches the printer Yorkville will be solid for the first time.

It is now Bros. Kaut and Jackson, of Yorkville, Ill. Glad to have you with us. The old Fox River Branch is almost solid now.

Now, brothers, let us all get busy and line up the C. & I.; don't stop because we got our old banner back, but get busy and keep it. Don't let the LaCrosse Division take it again to Savanna; don't let them get a look at it. Get busy, everyone of you. CERT. 14.

Galesburg Division—

Our notes for the January TELEGRAPHER were not received in time for publication in last issue of the TELEGRAPHER. I hope you will pardon the omission and furnish material for the fraternal columns from this time on a little earlier.

I was unable to visit all the brothers while going over the division in December, as I had to cut my trip short by reason of my taking sick

before I could complete the rounds. I however hope to visit each office in the course of the year.

I am very much pleased with the growing interest displayed among the men in the station service, and wish to thank the brothers, whom I had the pleasure of visiting, for their cordial reception. I wish to say, however, that I am sorry to have to report that I found many student's outfits in offices. I am not prepared to say that any brother is guilty of violating his obligation by running a "ham factory," but I do admonish you to discourage it in your own office. If allowed to continue there can be but one result, which is apparent.

A checking-up of our membership list shows the past year's work to have borne fruit, and adds another mark of progress to our stride. We have still sufficient numbers on this division "riding free" to enable some one to secure one of the grand prizes. Do you ever ask the non in your office to join? Do you ask him why he does not? Do you ever ask the man on the next block? Do you find out if the new extra man is a member? Do you get his Cert. number and send it to me so we may have him transferred? Do you always endeavor conscientiously to be a member in deeds and interest as well as by wearing your button and carrying a card? Do you report promptly to your local chairman any irregularity not conducive to the welfare of the O. R. T., which, without your assistance, he might never be any the wiser? Do you attend any and all meetings which your hours of service will permit? Do you believe that without the assistance of the individual membership we shall ever reach that standard of solid organization? I wish to say to those who may read the above questions, that it will not hurt you to give them heed, and ask yourself honestly, what have I done in 1913, and what can I do in 1914 to help myself and the organization to reach the position desired?

Our delinquent list for last term is down to the minimum, and account 30 more days' grace being granted before dropping them from the rolls, their names will not appear in this issue, but a complete list of backsliders will appear in next month's TELEGRAPHER.

I hope we shall not have a single member in bad standing by February 28th, and I see no reason why that dues money should not be forthcoming above all other obligations, for to whom do we owe our present benefits if not to the organization through which they were received? Turn to, brothers, with a will and let 1914 be the banner year. I thank you for the support rendered me in endeavoring to serve you in the capacity with which you have honored me, and trust that I may receive your undivided assistance this new year.

F. J. GRAVES, Local Chairman.

Since last issue very successful meetings were held at Quincy and Galesburg. Owing to lateness of K. Line train, Bro. Carder could not reach Quincy, but was present at Galesburg. Both

meetings were largely attended, and it is hoped that the attendance will be doubled the next time.

The next meeting of Galesburg Division telegraphers will be held at Quincy, Sunday, March 22d, between No. 7 and No. 6.

New members: Marks, Avon; Earls, New Canton; McAfee, Farmington; Philhower, Bradford; Chambers, Maquon; Mullen, Colmar.

Recent assignments on bulletin: Bro. Duffy to Barstow, vice Bro. C. A. Smith to Peoria Freight House; Denrock third on bulletin, have not learned where Bro. Whitehead went.

The recent reduction in force in relay department has caused some of our relay brothers to sit upon the anxious seat, and many of the younger ones have been forced to go "bumping." We hope that the business will soon warrant placing them all back on their regular positions. I wish to ask all the road men to assist the brothers in "GT" in every way possible, by answering calls promptly, also the dispatchers. Let it be found that offices hard to raise are not organized. Prompt obedience to and faithful discharge of your duties will win both respect and admiration. When your next schedule is negotiated you must not be found wanting in any requirements. Faithfulness and honesty are the standards of all legitimate business, and do not lose sight of the fact that your organization is a very large business of which you are both stockholder and director, and are responsible in a way for its successful progress. F. J. G.

Galesburg Division Notes—

Glad to see so many brothers paying dues. Keep it up.

It is now Bros. Mark Avon, Fleisher, Elmwood, and Earls, New Canton.

Don't forget that non working right in your office. CERT. 492.

Galesburg Division, North End—

Bro. B. L. Lindquist, extra at Barstow for the past few months, is enjoying a vacation.

We are glad to note that the drones are getting to be a scarce article, and sincerely hope we can freeze them all out by the time flowers are in bloom again.

Bro. Carl Young, Galesburg relay office, handling the north end message wire, is now a married man. Congratulations. Bro. Young is always on the job, and is certainly everybody's friend.

Now is the time to put your paddle in and help push. With a little help from each brother we can make this the banner division.

Do not delay sending your dues. We are glad to note the large number that already have their new cards.

Bro. B. S. Waite, formerly second Denrock, is now on second Prairie City. We are glad to announce that it is now Bro. Whitehead, third Denrock.

Bro. Norcross, Galesburg relay office, is back on second at Rock Island passenger station again account reduction in force.

Bro. George Larson, agent Henderson, is spending his honeymoon at Thermopolis, Wyo., and Denver, Colo. We agree with Bro. Larson that he needed a cook after such a long siege of baching.

We are sorry to note Bro. Rixey's old position on bulletin, and hope we will not lose him from our ranks for some time at least. We are pleased to hear of his promotion, and wish him success. Hand your TELEGRAPHER to that non after you are through with it.

Bro. Eighn, second Henderson, is relieving the agent at that point for a few days.

E. L. Moneysmith, extra Denrock, bid in second St. Augustine.

F. H. Pierce, extra, on second Denrock a few days.

Mr. Sweet, agent Garden Plains, off a few days, relieved by Mr. Shepherd, of Henderson.

F. W. Greenwood, first Moline, bid in second Barstow, but canceled his application, and it was awarded to Bro. J. Q. Duffy, third Yates City, next in line.

Bro. C. A. Smith, second Barstow, landed the Peoria freight house job.

Bro. Eighn, second Henderson, was off a few days on account of his father's illness.

Bro. Carroll, agent Hillsdale, off one day, was relieved by Mr. Connor.

Bro. John Westbay, second Lynn, on a few days' vacation, was noticed sitting in the park at Rock Island a short time ago. Evidently he had gone to town to celebrate, as he had a sack of popcorn.

Seems like summer by the amount of business handled during the last few weeks. Plenty of extra men on this end on account of some of the third trick positions not being opened all this winter.

Be sure you want that job before you bid on it. If you are in doubt as to your age in the service, ask the local chairman for a copy of the seniority list. **CERT. 1851.**

Another big meeting was held in the Wood Hotel, Quincy, in December, 1913, with a good crowd in attendance. All of the long-winded talkers were there, and it was mighty pleasant to hear Bro. Graves tell of the good luck he had among the nons on our division. Looks like a clean sweep. Let the good work continue.

Bro. J. H. Frain, local chairman Burlington Division, favored us with his pleasing smile, and we all enjoyed his pleasant and well-delivered forty-minute talk in regard to the success he had experienced on his division and the enthusiasm displayed by all the brothers along the line.

Brothers, existing circumstances are brought about by your interest or lack of interest; the matter lies entirely in your hands. If you want to grow and secure what we deserve, attend the meetings on your division whenever you can. Do not let a man come to your station without questioning him if he has an up-to-date or not; and if he hasn't, see that he gets one as soon as possible.

Personal activity is necessary in order to secure a solid organization. Don't wait until tomorrow. Start right now.

The members present were: F. J. Graves, local chairman Galesburg Division, Abingdon, Ill.; J. H. Frain, local chairman Burlington Division, Wyman, Iowa; Guy Ventres and G. A. Willis, Golden, Ill.; H. P. Bredette, Augusta, Ill.; Bro. Straub (Bridge Jct.) and M. K. Jester, Quincy, Ill.; E. G. Armstrong, Macomb, Ill.; H. A. Bal-
lew, Yarmouth, Ill.; Bro. Hendricks, Fall Creek (Wabash); D. G. Rixey, Peoria, Ill., and Bro. Belding, Avon, Ill. **D. G. R., Cert. 928.**

Peoria Branch Notes—

Bro. J. L. Dollison was a Peoria visitor Saturday and Sunday, December 20th and 21st, attending the meeting of the club. He is sure some "live one" in the member-getting department.

Bro. Duffy, third Yates City, was off a few days attending court in Galesburg at the Buck trial.

Bro. Z. C. Keck is relieving on first Knoxville. Mr. Grimm, from the East, worked a few days at Knoxville, later resigning to go West on account of his health.

Bro. Rixey, Peoria local freight office, transferred to rate department same office, relieved by Mr. Wood, from the Northwestern, who resigned to go West, relieved by Mr. Ried, later transferred to second Knoxville, relieved by Bro. Cochran, recently from the Iron Mountain.

Mr. Kynion is now agent at Norris.

It is now Bro. Sam Fleisher at Elmwood.

Bro. H. L. Majors, Bloomington, Ill., now in C. & A. relay office, was a Peoria visitor Sunday, January 25th.

Bro. C. A. Smith is now regular at the Burlington local office.

Bro. W. O. Blackman, "PRT" Western avenue, is on the job all the time. He enjoys the pleasure of securing the application of the first lady member in Peoria—Sister Myrtle Hemmele.

Bro. Edw. Whalen, general chairman, and I. E. Schlosser, local chairman "Big Four," Terre Haute and Waynestown, Ind., respectively; J. F. Carder, general chairman; J. H. Rogers, general secretary and treasurer, and F. J. Graves, local chairman Galesburg Division, Burlington Route, were visitors at our regular meeting on Sunday, January 11th, representing some of the best speakers in this territory. Brothers, you owe it to yourselves and the organization to attend all our meetings, if circumstances will permit. **D. G. R., Cert. 928.**

Beardstown Division—

The following positions are on bulletin: First Waverly, second and third Keysport, two tricks at Centralia, night job at Ayers and first Girard.

Bro. Renfro, who has been relay operator in the Beardstown office, has been promoted to train dispatcher on south end on account of increase in business, Mr. Weeks relieving him.

Will Beekman secured second Litchfield on bulletin, and Mr. Mumbower gets Pisgah agency.

Mr. Yetter, day operator Waverly, who has been in the service of the C. B. & Q. on this division for four years, has resigned to accept a position with Uncle Sam as postmaster of Waverly. This is a decided promotion over his former job, and we wish him good luck in the same.

Business has been very quiet the last few weeks, but has picked up exceedingly fast in the last few days, which accounts for the many jobs on bulletin. There are plenty of men available; so if you want a vacation, now is the time to take it, as it will help some other brother who has no job, even though they are only \$52.50 positions.

I am unable to have a very large write-up this month on account of the boys having sent me no notes, all but Bro. Urham, on telephone circuit in "B" Beardstown office. Thanks to you, "E."

We have several promises from boys down the line that they are coming in. "DK."

La Crosse Division—

Business picking up somewhat and it is hoped that some of the offices closed will be opened soon.

Bro. J. M. Harville received Cassville agency, Bro. J. P. Groff agency Bay City, and Bro. H. H. Dornfeldt agency East Winona.

Dues are coming in nicely and it is earnestly hoped that all will pay up early and avoid the rush; also help your local chairman and general secretary out, thereby saving them lots of correspondence, which time could be used to a good advantage in organizing.

Bro. E. W. Dyer, Grand Crossing first, off on vacation, relieved by Bro. Flannagan, from "CX."

Bro. Gilbertson relieving Bro. Yuill, Galena Jct., second, and later protected night job at Galena, which requires some skill in different departments, his duty being baggage agent, ticket agent, janitor, brakeman, train baggageman, telegrapher and numerous others.

Bro. Slaght transacted business in Galena recently, coming home with a pocket full of greenbacks.

Bro. J. R. Garber and wife spent Christmas at La Crosse with relatives.

Bro. E. B. Sperry called back East on account of death in family. He has our sympathy.

Bro. J. C. Gallagher, third Desoto, off a few days, relieved by Bro. Monti, and Bro. Tartt, first "CD," off, relieved by Bro. G. T. Lynch.

Bro. A. W. Koch, third Wyalusing, on short vacation. We heard wedding bells ringing and presume he got lonesome, and two can live as cheap as one since "the high cost of board."

Bro. S. R. Kimball, first Charme, spent a short vacation in the northern woods of Wisconsin, where the smallest game they say is "deer."

Bro. E. A. Stouvenel, second Savanna tower, spent holidays visiting folks at Ft. Madison, relieved by Bro. Slaght, and he in turn by Bro. G. T. Lynch.

Five men laid off at La Crosse office on account of no business.

Bro. Lindner and wife spent a lengthy vacation in California and other points of interest, relieved by Mr. Irwin.

Did you notice that nice increase the Frisco boys got just because the men stood back of their committee. This is a good example. Back up your committee in whatever it thinks best.

Bro. P. N. Smith, "RY," visited Pra Du Chiene recently. The dentist relieved him of the pain in his teeth; also some surplus cash.

We sympathize with Bro. A. W. Bielefeldt, whose baby boy, born December 23d, passed away December 30th.

Bro. Gilliland, off on account of sickness, relieved by Bro. R. M. Shultz, from the relay department.

Some news from the brothers on the north end would be appreciated.

The Milwaukee held a nice meeting at La Crosse the 15th, yours truly being present. If I can be assured of a good attendance would like very much to hold a meeting; don't all speak at once.

W. B. SCHRUNK, L. C.

La Crosse Division Notes—

Bro. Koch, third at Glen Haven, on a month's vacation, getting married, was relieved by Bro. Florio.

Agent Hornby, of Bagley, and wife spent a few days with relatives at Hazel Hurst, Ill., relieved by E. H. Peterson.

Bro. I. J. Willard and wife enjoyed a week's vacation with relatives over New Year's, relieved by Bro. Sands.

Positions on bulletin: Lytle first, Nelson third and East Winona third.

Bro. Falkenstein has resumed work after a month's vacation, relieved by Bro. Sands.

I. J. WILLARD.

Hannibal Division—

Your local chairman just received a fine report from Bro. Rogers, secretary and treasurer, for the week ending January 21, also stating if we keep up the work this way it would not be long before we will have a clean slate. We hope by the time THE TELEGRAPHER reaches you in February that such will be the case. You who have not remitted please do so promptly. It helps Bro. Rogers and myself to clear our records and saves much correspondence to keep up this good work; also adds to your wealth as much as any one; you can not afford to allow yourself to become delinquent.

Since the new time card January 4th, the blocks are quite long on the high line, Bellflower being the only regular night man between Old Monroe and Francis.

Bro. Hackammack spent Christmas with his relatives at La Crosse, relieved by Bro. Roberts, extra from Hannibal.

Sorry to report Bro. Meriwether, agent Buell, laid up with rheumatism, Bro. Laudell, from Hannibal, extra, filling vacancy.

Bro. Ottinger and wife spent the holidays in Tennessee with his parents, Bro. Chrisman, of Martinsburg, doing night duty at Bellflower in his absence.

Bro. Blinco bid in Sandusky on the night office, Wellsville being closed.

Hannibal Division Items—

Bro. G. E. Beck, second Machens, who was injured by falling downstairs, is on the job again, was relieved by Bro. Jarman, regular agent, he being relieved by Mr. Anderson, relief agent.

Bro. J. M. Porter, extra operator, has been working nights at West Alton until Mr. Lowrie could find a man for the position, was relieved by Mr. F. Mennemeyer. Mr. Lowrie made the boys at Machens a pleasant call January 9th; also giving them instructions on giving hand signals to trains working in yards which are controlled by interlocking signals. He also made the boys at Old Monroe a call for the same purpose a few nights previous.

Bulletin on La Grange agency very popular, as there are a great many bids for it.

Fine weather for January.

Don't seem to be many vacations taken this time of year, several of the extra men complaining they are not getting enough work.

The writer wonders if the boys know what a saving it would be to the company if each man on the entire system would follow up each train he gives orders to and get the hoops thrown off, instead of letting them lay around and get run over and broken up. Try it once and see how few times you have to order hoops this year. You will be surprised.

The vacation proposition should be agitated without let up until we get it. If a man who has been in the service ten, fifteen or twenty years should tell a man who does not know the station agents' and operators' working condition, he had worked for the number of years stated without a Sunday or holiday except a deduction from his pay check, the gentleman would certainly doubt your statement, although absolutely true. The laws of God and our country says one day in seven for rest. While they run trains on Sunday, offices must be open; we are working fifty-two days each year rightfully our own, and without pay. Two weeks or fourteen days of the fifty-two we should have on full pay, and we believe any disinterested man or body of men will say such a request would be most reasonable. Make the request and make it strong.

Are we giving our local chairman the help he rightfully should expect. We have a good one, and he needs the members' assistance, a word of encouragement, help him land the non he may be working on, send him a few items each month. Bro. Mays is a good, safe man, conservative and the kind of a man to retain the respect of our officials. We have the right man in the right place for our local chairman, let us make his position so pleasant by our help that he will not object to stay on the job. We refer to the next election.

The merit system is a fine business and the fellow who finds a brakebeam down, informs his dispatcher, and receives a nice letter from the superintendent, feels good over it. Some dispatchers take pleasure in making it known to the superintendent and makes it a point to see the operator gets due credit. Show your dispatcher

your appreciation by giving him more than good service; he is the man who got you your letters, and to him is due the thanks. Div. Cor.

Q. O. & K. C. Division—

The members of this division are very desirous of seeing the eight or ten nons who have promised to "come over with us," do so without further delay. Our schedule depends entirely on these, which will put our per cent up to the point where we can claim our rights. CERT. 2705.

Ottumwa Division—

Dear Brothers: I wish to thank you for showing your confidence and loyalty to me in the recent election, by which I was placed at the head of the Order on this division, and I sincerely hope you will never have cause to repent your action in so doing.

I intend to fill this position to the best of my ability in every way; safeguard your interests and promote your welfare in every way possible. You must realize, though, that I must have your co-operation as far as it is possible to give. You must know that, as a rule, nons do not flock in and beg for the necessary blanks to put them up to date; persuasion is usually necessary. Help me along this line, boys; at least, keep me posted when a new man shows up at your station. I have decided to act as correspondent for awhile, until I get better acquainted with the workers among you boys. A little help in the shape of some items will cheer me up. Try it.

I have asked two brothers to assist me on their respective ends. As I have not yet received their acceptance, will announce them in the next journal.

The division is in good condition now. I wish to see it stay that way. Don't forget, brothers, when you draw your pay check this month to save the necessary \$5 for Bro. Rogers, if you have not already attended to this.

T. R. CRANDALL, Local Chairman,
Albia, Iowa.

Bro. J. W. Curry gets first Afton on bid.

Bro. O. A. French, second "UK" Ottumwa, has taken first Fairfield, vice Bro. P. C. Benthuy-sen, with the Western Union at Des Moines.

Bro. J. M. Stevenson, "FS" West Burlington, while taking his fortnightly vacation was relieved by Bro. Richards, a new man on this division.

Bro. J. H. Atchison, who was with us last summer on second Lockridge, is now located at Evanston, Wyo., with the U. P.

Bro. J. W. Yount, who spent some time among us not long ago, is now working a trick in the Fremont relay, C. & N. W. Ry.

Bro. E. P. Browne, who recently moved to town by bidding in third Mt. Pleasant, has also taken himself a helpmate. Congratulations, Ed. The cigars were fine; that is, I heard they were.

It is now Bro. C. F. Fisher. Push him the glad hand, brothers.

Bro. G. A. Lager, second Woodburn, off on the sick list; Bro. H. L. Heasley, extra, relieving.

Bro. C. F. Reams, second Albia passenger, has resigned to accept a position with another company, Bro. J. V. Menzie, regular third trick man, relieving him until filled by bulletin; A. R. Heasley, extra, handling the third trick.

Bro. W. A. Stroup, agent Dudley, was the lucky man to draw second "FS" cabin, West Burlington. Sister B. B. Stroup, second Dudley, has resigned. Bro. and Sister Stroup can use that new "Ford" pretty nicely now.

Bro. A. R. Littleton, first Maxon, bid in the agency at Dudley, and Bro. T. O. Jones, former agent Frederick, took second there on bid.

Bro. F. A. DeArmond is now regular first trick man at Maxon. This is the heaviest lever job on the division, but Bro. DeArmond is there with the goods all the time.

Stafford prospecting in Florida for awhile, Bro. Kiley on first. Bro. Kenton, regular second Russell, was called on to help out in Bro. Kiley's place. These two brothers and Bro. Gibbs on third make Chariton look as it should—a first-class bunch.

Bro. C. A. Johnson, the genial Swede on second Whitebreast, took a short vacation during the holidays, relieved by Bro. J. C. Richards, a new man on this division.

Bro. A. W. Mangle, third Murray, was called on to help out on third Maxon recently during the scarcity of towermen at that point.

Bro. W. A. Littleton, second Albia passenger station, bid in Bro. E. A. Brand's old job at Lockridge, a good station, and we are glad to see a brother in charge of it.

L. Palmer, an extra man, relieved Bro. Kenton, second Russell, while he was on second Chariton. Mr. Palmer has called for application blanks and will be one of us after pay day.

Mr. C. W. Messenger, our chief dispatcher for many years past, has been compelled to take an indefinite leave of absence on account of his health. We regret this very much, as Mr. Messenger has won a place in every operator's heart on the Ottumwa Division. He was noted for his square deals and personal interest in his men. I am satisfied the division joins me in wishing him a speedy recovery and return to duty. In Mr. Messenger's absence Night Chief F. B. Leonard is acting chief. "Frank," as most of the men know him, is an old-timer on the division and well liked by the boys. T. R. CRANDALL, L. C.

It is my sad duty, brothers to inform you of the death of our good brother, J. L. Stafford, who for a number of years has been a faithful worker on this division at Cameron. He died January 22d, at the Galesburg hospital, after suffering for some time with Bright's disease. The funeral was held from the home in Cameron, January 23d. The good brothers from Cameron to Gladstone sent some beautiful flowers. This action on your part, brothers, is much appreciated by the whole division, as I was not notified in time to help handle the case and get a paper over the division, so we could all participate in this last token of regard.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our heavenly Father: and all-wise Ruler of the universe to call to his reward our beloved brother, J. L. Stafford; in manifestation of our grief and fraternal sympathy, be it

Resolved, That the members of the Ottumwa Division, System Division No. 130, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the sorrowing family their sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved family, a copy spread on the minutes of the division, and a copy forwarded to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

J. B. McKENNA,

T. R. CRANDALL,

J. M. WALDEN,

Committee.

St. Joe Division—

Bro. Frank Bunten bid in third at Parkville.

Bro. Olson, third Napier, off a few days on account of cutting his hand on a broken window pane, relieved by Bro. P. L. Young, later taken sick and relieved by Mr. Strode, who also relieved Bro. V. A. Solliker at Bigelow, on a few days' vacation. Strode was relieved at Napier by Mr. Whiting, who also relieved me, off one day on account of sickness.

Bro. J. F. Jefferies, third Corning, and Bro. V. A. Solliker, third Bigelow, were in St. Joe recently.

Bro. P. H. Gibbons, first Florence yards, off a few days, relieved by O. G. Depudy, from relay office.

On account of business falling off, the forces in "C" office were reduced and overtime cut off, which makes some of the boys feel that winter has come.

Bro. H. E. Millen, second Tecumseh, Neb., is on vacation visiting relatives at Coin and Westboro.

We have been blessed with two good snows, which look like winter had set in, and will probably make business better on account of the coal hauling.

C. M. Privett, agent Tarkio, resigned to go into the insurance business, relieved on bid by Bro. F. R. Elton, relieved at Hamburg agency by Extra Agent Ledgerwood, who promises to come in. F. A. Yarbrough, operator Tarkio, will soon be in line.

It does no good to sit around and talk about what the committee ought to do and what we should have received last time, but get in line, get after everyone that isn't in line, and the next time the committee goes up it will do better. The committee is made up of men just like we are, and they can't do anything with the management if we don't stand behind them.

Bro. A. C. Conine, agent Hepburn, while off a few days getting married, was relieved by Extra Agent Whiting, who was also married at Clarinda on Conine's return.

Thanks to Bro. Rosling and Bro. Ockerman for items this month.

Some of you brothers on the south end get after Joe Gardner, at Rushville, and get him in line. I know it doesn't take all his money for tobacco.

Agent Russell, at Braddyville, promises to become a brother shortly. Don't let him forget it. It is now Bro. E. C. Smith at Davis City.

Bro. J. E. Scott, Napier, bid in agency Hamburg, but couldn't get a house to suit, and decided to remain at Napier; Bro. J. S. Clanton, agent Parkville, getting Hamburg, leaving Parkville on bulletin.

C. O. Whalen, formerly at Water Works, relieved at Curzons several weeks.

Bro. V. H. Conard, third Block 36, worked second tower 46 during Bro. C. G. Conard's vacation.

Bro. V. A. Sollider, from Bigelow, relieved Mr. Canfield at Block 36 second, on vacation.

The new depot at Winthrop, Mo., is nearly completed. This will probably make some new positions for our division.

J. S. Gardener, third Armour, off a few days, was relieved by Bro. Sollider. If Gardener don't soon get a card we will have some of the natives mob him.

G. Weigman, a new man from Weston, relieved Bro. R. R. Johnson at Halls a few days recently.

Some of you fellows get busy down on the south end and get some of those nons in line. Have you asked them if they have a card?

Brothers, please keep sending in the news, so we can be well represented in the journal every month. Thanks to Bro. Ockerman and Bro. O. E. Whalen for news this month.

L. J. MILLER, L. C., Coin, Iowa.

Burlington Division--

It is now Bro. Osborn at Lomax, and Bro. Halterman at Ford. Bro. M. J. Cummings, operator Oskaloosa, was off sick several weeks, relieved by Bro. Smiddy, agent Cedar. Mrs. I. S. Casto, taken sick, was relieved at Cedar by W. W. Stout, who also relieved Bro. Frain while going over the division.

Bro. Frain reports dues being paid rapidly. He secured several applications and a number of promises to line up soon. He also attended the meeting at Peoria on December 14th, and, with Bro. Bellew, attended the meeting at Quincy, December 21st. The boys who can attend don't know what they are missing or they would be at more of these meetings.

Mr. Rich relieved Roy Alston, agent Noble, and Mr. Smith relieved Bro. Bellew at Yarmouth several days Christmas week.

Brothers, be "live wires" for a month or two now and line up the few nons left. Find out who is up to date; then talk O. R. T. to every non on your branch. Do it yourself; don't leave it for someone else to do. Almost every one of them promised Bro. Frain faithfully to come in. Don't let them forget that you are interested in your organization. Read the journal from cover

to cover when you get it, and you will have something to tell the nons. Work for your organization and it will work for you. There is more to unionism than carrying an up-to-date. That is necessary, of course, but getting a card is simply the first step. How far would a child get if it was satisfied when it had taken the first step? Get your up-to-date and then see that your neighbor has one or gets it. CERT. 8.

Alliance Division--

Bro. Kennedy transferred from Hemingford to Ellsworth, relieved by Bro. Powell. Bro. Stevens from Ellsworth to Dunning agency.

Mr. King transferred from third Broken Bow to agency at Whitman.

Bro. Davis, first Crawford, off, relieved by Bro. Hughes.

Bros. Wolf and Ragland taken out at Hemingford, account reduction in force. Wolf goes to Belmont, and Ragland to third Whitman. Operator Fisk laid off at Belmont.

Second and third trick operators laid off at Hyannis, account reduction in force.

Bros. Vant Leven and R. F. Henry gone to Kansas City for awhile, account reduction.

Bro. Jolly has just returned from a visit to his home in Massachusetts. E. S. P.

Alliance-Ravenna Subdivision--

Can't see Bro. L. C. Triggs, at Hazard, for parcel post.

Bro. O. H. Newman, from Omaha relay, bid in third Broken Bow. We are all glad to see Bro. Newman back with us.

Bro. J. L. Boyer, agent Dunning, has resigned to go into business for himself at Sheridan, Ore. We all wish him good luck. Bro. R. H. Stevens draws agency at Dunning.

Bro. King, third Broken Bow, bid in Whitman agency.

Bro. T. J. Cummins, agent Seneca, spent Christmas and a few days in Deadwood, relieved by Local Chairman Powell.

Bro. W. Vant Leven spent a few days in Grand Island, relieved by Bro. Powell.

Ashby telegraph office closed. Bro. W. M. Fitzgerald, night agent there, bid in third Hyannis, and E. M. Wallen second there. Frank Donnelly, from McCook, Neb., on third, hours, Hyannis, pending bids.

Chas. Ernstmeyer is on vacation, visiting relatives in Peoria, Ill.

Bro. Wells, second Ellsworth, off several weeks visiting parents in Oklahoma, relieved by H. C. McKnight, who later relieved Bro. S. E. Stewart, who went to Indiana to spend a few weeks with his parents. Bro. V. H. Ough, acting agent at Ellsworth, until received on bid by Bro. Kennedy, who checked in.

Thanks to Bro. W. M. Fitzgerald for helping on the write-up. Want all of you to call up any of the operators at Seneca when there are any changes, and we will show up in the journal every month. Keep after the nons. Deadwood line is

now solid. Bro. Powell is now located at Hemingford, and is going to do his best to make that end solid. We want this end to be solid. You can get application blanks by calling me up or writing Bro. Powell. Bro. J. H. Rogers, general secretary and treasurer, at LaCrosse, Wis., says applications are coming in faster than ever. Everyone do your best to get them, and we will make him say it again. G. A. HENRY, Cert. 3176.

Creston Division—

We have now started in upon a new year. Let's try and make it a banner one for the Creston Division. There is only one way in which we can do this—all work together. The backbone of our Order is the membership, so it's up to the members whether it shall go ahead or go back. They can cause it to do either, so let's do our part in trying to make it go ahead.

I do not feel as though some of our members on this division are doing their duty; last year there were but two applications received by individual members. This looks bad when there could have been a dozen or more. It's to the interest of each member to keep his eyes open, and when a new man lights, ask him if he carries an up-to-date; if so, and it's in some division other than 130, secure the division and certificate numbers, and send to me; if he be a non, talk to him in a nice way and see if you can not secure his application. Should he fail at first to give it to you, don't get angry with him, for you can't get them that way, but try and point out to him the good things there are in the Order, and in time, don't think you will have any trouble in securing his application.

Now, as I said before, I do not feel as though some are doing their duty. For an illustration, I will cite you to a case I had while covering the division a few months ago. I called on a certain non-member who had been working for some time; he was a phoner; I asked him about coming into the Order; he asked me what it was, said he had heard about it, but nobody had said anything to him about joining. I explained it to him, and he immediately gave me his application. He no doubt had worked with many a member, but none had asked him to join.

You can not rely upon one or two to keep the division up, for they can not do it. It's an impossibility to keep in touch with all the boys. Each and every member should try and do as much as he expects from the other fellow in doing this work.

There are now several new men working on the division; some are located where your local chairman can not see them personally. Writing letters in most cases does no good, for the waste basket usually finds them, so I will ask, should one of these men be working with you, or next station to you, find out if he is a member of some division other than ours; if so, send me his division and certificate numbers; if not a member, then do your best at trying to land him. If you fail in this, advise me and I will try my luck. We must all work together. The sooner this

is realized, the sooner our membership is going to increase—not saying our membership on this division is not good, for it is, but it can still be better. Another thing I wish to mention, and that is the write-ups, which mean a lot. Through these write-ups we keep interest up among the boys, but to have good write-ups we must receive items. Some time ago I received a complaint from one of our good brothers on account such short write-ups in the journal from this division. I might say to this that time after time I have sent out as many as fifteen or twenty requests for news, and in return would hear from two or three of the boys. Is it any wonder our write-ups are short? So it's up to the members again—if they want to see a big write-up each month, send in the items.

Please keep in mind that if your dues are not paid by the last day of February you will become delinquent, and there is no good excuse for this, for the dues are not so high but what we can all pay them when they are due. So I will ask that all those who have not already done so, remit to Bro. J. H. Rogers, Jr., 717 North 10th St., LaCrosse, Wis., your \$5.00 O. R. T. dues, and Bro. L. W. Quick, G. S. & T., Star Building, St. Louis, Mo., your assessment to Mutual Benefit Department. Now, boys, do not keep putting off paying these dues. It costs no more to pay them one time than another, and you save your division money by paying them when they are due.

Now, let's get down to business; do our full duty to the Order, also to the company, and at the close of the year you will see a big difference.

R. L. HALE, Local Chairman.

Bulletin No. 20 of Dec. 12, 1913, assignments:

Second Red Oak, Bro. W. N. Robbins; second Hastings, Bro. D. J. Gleason; third Emerson, A. R. Ellis; third McPherson, C. F. Farthing; second Shenandoah, P. G. Thompson; first Griswold, E. E. Hull. No application received for third Pacific Jct., and M. G. Bacon was employed and assigned to that position.

Bulletin No. 25 of Jan. 3, 1914: Second Cromwell, Bro. C. L. Trotter; second Balfour, Bro. C. K. Stoaks.

Dale Ellis and M. G. Bacon have handed in their applications and will soon be up to date.

In the January write-up I stated that Mr. Stoaks, from the Wabash, was relieving Bro. Wells on first Shenandoah. This was an error, as it is Bro. Stoaks instead of Mr. Stoaks, and he was the regular man there, and Bro. Wells from the Wabash relieved him a few days. Later Bro. Wells resigned and went with the O. G. W., at Lohrville, Iowa.

Bro. Rose, first Pacific Jct., is still off duty, but understand he is improving rapidly now.

Bulletin No. 29, Jan. 12, and assignments: Third Corning, Bro. Knight; first Shenandoah, L. O. Price; second Shenandoah, P. G. Thompson. Mr. Price was formerly agent at Anderson, Iowa.

No items received this month from anyone except Bro. Hale.

Bro. Nixon, agent Malvern, spent Sunday with his mother at Mt. Pleasant, recently, and is making numerous trips to Randolph also. "There's a reason."
E. B. WALLAHAN.

Omaha Division—

Bro. and Mrs. Holt spent Christmas in Illinois. Hays and wife, of Goodwin, are taking vacation in the South without a card; relieved by Bro. Sadler.

Mr. Parmer, another "no card man," of Laurel, is also killing time some place.

Bro. Boyd, besides carrying an up-to-date, is carrying twenty shares in the building and loan. Why can't the nons have a card?

Bro. and Mrs. Downey spent Christmas with home folks at Page.

Bros. Holt and Carder went over the division recently and landed I. C. Lyle, Cedar Creek; J. D. Fender, Ashland; D. A. Lacey, Osmond; A. O. Moore, Plattsmouth; W. K. Krecklow, Chalco; J. N. Byergo, Walthill; J. H. Enlow, Louisville; H. H. Howerter, Plattsmouth, and E. H. Hess.

A. B. Hass can not see that the Order has ever done any good.

A number of the other boys have promised to come in during January, and we should be pretty near solid by February or March.

Mr. Reynolds has been helping Mr. Fauble out on this division and checked several stations on the line.

Bro. Frey, of O'Neill, accompanied Bro. Criss to a meeting at Long Pine.

Boomer Sutton got canned at O'Neill days for not "hitting the ball," relieved by Bro. Hess on bid, who likes the work as well as the town.

Bro. Holt is back to work after a six weeks' stay in the East.

Bro. Downey took in the poultry show at Sioux City.

Bro. Boyd had his feet warmed up some when the depot at Royal burned, but he only had to "hot foot it" a few days.

Bro. Gordon gave up the idea of going to Uhling. C. A. Smith, who took the job, will be brother soon.

Bro. Lacey made a flying trip over to Plainview on a three-wheeler, but he ran out of gas coming up the Breslau hill and was all out of "puff" when he got to "PN."

Bro. Saddler is still at Waterbury; Geo. Sheely not back yet.

Bro. Marsh, at Jackson, was on the sick list a few days, but is back at the old grind again.

Bro. A. M. Smith was recently heard on the wire at Winnebago; bet he's getting lonesome to tickle the brass again.

Positions recently bid in by nons: Baum, Louisville tower; Wachal, third South Omaha; Murphy, second South Omaha; Tucker, first South Omaha; and Ward, third Gretna.

Burkett, from Sterling Division, opened Laketon while the ice rush is on.

Bulletin was issued for operator at Oakland, but no returns yet.
CERT. 1350, Div. Cor.

Lincoln Division—

It's now Bro. E. E. Thropp, second Cobb, landed by Bro. W. S. Harris at Cobb. Bro. Harris only had to pay \$3.00 dues this term, as he landed two new members and Bro. Rogers gave him credit for \$2.00 on his 1914 card. Get busy, boys, it's worth while and help make the Lincoln Division solid. Some brother help Bro. Tyner out on the high line; Bro. Tyner, at Cario, landed one and Bro. Baker, at York, one.

Bro. Chas. G. Irwin, Loup City operator, landed by his brother, Bro. Dick, of Hastings passenger station. Dick is another of the boys that cut down his term dues by landing a member. I say! This year is starting out O. K., so all of you boys get busy, including Bros. Chidester and Kaney, who meet with the nons all the time when doing the relief work.

Bro. C. M. Halstead, first "KY" Lincoln, on the sick list, relieved by Bro. Hayes, from "NI" office.

Bro. J. E. Elinor, first "HN" Hastings, made a business trip to Alma between shifts. Jim had a real estate trade on.

Bro. V. D. Chidester, a St. Paul visitor, while on his way to Denver for a few days' visit with "mother and sister."

Bro. G. C. Rhoades, third Sutton, on a vacation, relieved by Bro. L. Patrick, a newly wed. Best wishes for a happy married life.

Mr. Biggerstaff, second Ravenna, on vacation, relieved by Mr. Briggs, a new man who later relieved Geo. Echardt, first Ravenna, while the latter attended the wedding of his sister at Hastings.

Bro. B. J. Hill, third "GS" Hastings, resumed after a short vacation. His relief, Bro. Kaney, extra agent to Cushing to relieve Bro. Reneau, agent, while Bro. Reneau moved his wife, family and household goods to Cushing.

Bro. R. B. Silvers, first Sutton, one of the charter members of Division No. 130, was recently married. Congratulations.

Operator Blackeser, third Crete, on vacation, relieved by Mr. E. J. Weshinsky, from the Alliance Division.

Understand Bro. G. O. Vant, second "GS" Hastings, is getting to be a star boarder at the motion picture shows at Hastings.

Cobb is now reduced to two men, P. M. Orrell resigning. Bro. Harris now works noon to 9 p. m., Bro. E. E. Thropp, 9 p. m. to 6 a. m. The office is closed from 6 a. m. to noon.

Bro. G. O. Vant, second "GS" Hastings, was an Ingleside visitor this month. He returned O. K. so he must still be a sane operator.

Bro. Andy Kline working extra at Ulysses, Bro. Cook filling Andy's place at Cairo.

F. R. Underwood, Norman, made a business trip to Minden this month in his car. Somebody trade him an O. R. T. card for that car.

Bro. J. P. Fahey, the correspondent's chief adviser on the Pumpkin Vine line, says nothing to report, on account of nobody laying off, canned or removed by death or otherwise. Thanks just the same, "JP."

Understand Mr. G. E. Harriman, third Ravenna, was married recently. All he needs now is an up-to-date card to make happiness complete.

Bro. A. A. Canfield, Inland, is sticking around Inland close. What has stopped his monthly trips to Hastings?

Bro. J. E. Elinor, first "HN" Hastings, has traded his ten-acre fruit farm in Utah for a nice nine-room modern cottage in the city of Aurora, Neb. Here's hoping Bro. Elinor will be able to trade his Aurora home for one in Hastings, where he can use it himself.

Bro. R. V. Starks, agent Fairmont, was a Sunday Greta visitor.

Lots of honeymoons on the Lincoln Division, but Bro. D. Irwine, Hastings, says restaurant grub still tastes good to him.

Assignments: R. R. Burns, first Milford; Bro. F. P. Mueller, second Milford; Bro. W. F. Nicholas, operator and clerk Sargent. There is nothing pending bulletin just now.

Bros. A. S. Kellog, Palmer; C. M. Halstead, Lincoln; H. H. Golden, Grafton; C. R. Baker, York; C. C. Whitcomb, Hampton; W. R. Ball, York; W. G. Weaver, Exeter; E. H. Bladerson, Kenesaw; C. F. Nicholas, Sargent; R. V. Starks, Fairmont, paid up before January 1, 1914. I do hope all the boys will be paid up on or before March 1st, and then we will feel that the Lincoln Division is entitled to the prize as the most prompt division on the Burlington System.

"WA," Div. Cor.

Wymore Division—

The members are paying up fine on this division and I trust by the time this reaches your hands all will be carrying an up-to-date card, or if not, they will make it a point to remit immediately and get one.

By paying up you save the secretary, general chairman and your local chairman becoming prematurely gray-headed from worry from fear that you are going to drop out. Then it looks better for a division when all members are paid up right on the dot. Looks like we were a bunch of live wires and I know we all take more interest in the work when we take enough interest to get in line to start with.

The Relay Division has been rather hard hit by reduction of force recently, four men being taken off at "SN" Wymore, but thanks to the schedule the oldest men retained their rights and positions. Those who lost out at Wymore were Wells, Feary, Heilman and Williams.

Bro. T. M. Mann, the sage of Table Rock, has been enjoying a thirty days' leave of absence, relieved by Mr. Hawkins.

On account of reduction in force, Bro. Pekar is temporarily at Pawnee as helper, awaiting business to open up.

Bro. Sanders, agent Vesta, bid in Bruning station; Bro. Haley to Vesta temporarily.

Bro. F. A. Young, agent Dunbar, on vacation, relieved by Mr. Hargis.

Bro. M. M. Messmore, agent Shickley, resigned, relieved by Bro. F. C. Savage.

Bro. Harvey Grimes has returned from his outing in Texas, and bid in Johnson agency.

Extra men Hargis, Pekar, New and Alva Antrim laid off on account reducing force.

Bro. Miller, third Rulo, recently on leave of absence, relieved by Mr. Hawkins.

Bro. Glenn, agent Ong, recently away on account of a death in the family, relieved by Bro. Tom Antrim.

Bro. Bert Harpster is back to agency Burchard after having helped to get Mr. Ocker installed as agent at Beatrice.

Keep after the nons, and remember, "No card, no favors." Div. Cor.

Sheridan Division—

Bro. Roode, Verona agency, went to Thermopolis Springs for treatment for rheumatism, relieved by Bro. D. Gustafson. We hope for his speedy recovery.

Business has fallen off and telegraph jobs have been closed: Second at Greybull, Frannie and Dietz; third at Ranchester and Alger; second and third at Verona and Rozet and Thornton nights. Most of these were opened temporarily on account of stock and coal rush and were filled by new men, most of whom left the service as soon as the positions were closed.

Bro. Heywood, third Clearmont, off a few days, relieved by Bro. Gustafson, later bid in second Clearmont. Third Clearmont assigned to Bro. W. C. Best.

It is now Bro. Beck at Manderson. We are certainly glad to see "CB" get in line.

Bro. Rose, third New Castle, spent his holiday vacation in Illinois, relieved by Bro. Best.

Sister Young, second Wyola, on sick list a few days, relieved by Miss Cora Ketrang.

Bro. Lynch, who bid in Ionia, relieved at Corinth nights by Bro. Lowe, extra, later bid back Corinth nights, Bro. Lowe going to Ionia pending bulletin; third Gillette and second Ulm also on bulletin.

Second Alger assigned to R. G. Burt, who proved up on his homestead near Thornton. Hope Mr. Burt will get back in line.

Bro. Taylor, agent Bonneville, has moved his family there after an extended visit with Bro. Norton and family at Garland.

Bro. Bietel, Gillette third, bid in second, moving his family there from Sheridan.

K. C. Fortner, assigned Ionia nights, promises next pay day.

Bro. Young, agent Wyola, enjoyed a visit during the holidays with his two sons, Glenn and Harold, home for vacation from school.

Mr. Lewin, agent Ranchester, promises next pay day. Boys, we need your assistance to line up these nons.

It is now Bro. W. C. Elder, third Hardin.

Remember that our dues for the first half of the new year are now payable and don't wait to get your new cards until the last moment. We hope our three delinquents will not allow their names to be dropped from the list of members and trust during the few days yet remaining that they will pay up. No man should permit his name to be dropped with the benefits we are deriving from the Order. We can not expect to secure more benefits with no more interest than to permit ourselves to be dropped on account of failure to pay our dues. I earnestly hope that the first period of this new year will find every member paid up to date.

It is to be regretted that on account of poor train services we can not hold regular meetings on this division, and it is therefore necessary that every member put forth an extra effort to assist in keeping the division in proper condition. We are stronger on this division than we have been for a long time, but it is desired that we should be 100 per cent strong and will take the combined effort of all members to attain this mark. Won't you help to do it?

I wish to thank Bro. Gustafson for his assistance by furnishing several items, also Bro. Best and Bro. Young.

Remember "No card, no favors," and let's make our motto for 1914, "100 per cent strong."

J. E. WHAM, L. C.

McCook Division—

Assignments: Bro. D. C. Crane, agent Pinneo; Bro. P. M. Green, agent Ludell; E. Johnson, third Otis; Bro. C. C. Field, third Arapahoe.

Bro. Stark, third Republican, was an Orleans visitor recently. Looks like a schoolmarm will change her name if things keep going this way.

Bro. Salada is first Alma, and Bro. Hoppe on nights. Mr. Brooks gone farming. We wish a few more of the nons would do likewise or join us.

Bro. Campbell, at Roggen, off, relieved by Bro. Venneri.

Extra man at Ft. Morgan pulled off December 15th; beet season about over.

Bro. Jamison, agent Hudson, off two weeks on account of the death of his father, relieved by Bro. Pexton, who later relieved Bro. Barth. Keensburg, off on account of his mother being sick.

Bro. Buck, Bartley nights, was off several weeks. No one gave me news except Bros. Pexton and Jordan. Hope you will do better next time.

Bro. Landau, LaFayette, and Bro. Sweeney, agent Lyons, were Denver visitors between trains recently.

Bros., get your new cards on time this term, as we wish to go in soon for a revision and we must be 100 per cent, or near that at least, to do any good. If you do not get what you want and are a non or a delinquent you have no one to blame but yourselves. It takes time to write each one in regard to his delinquency that we should have to put in after the non, so please pay up promptly. There are fewer to be dropped this term on this division than at any time since I have been local

chairman and I wish to assure you I appreciate it very much, and only hope you will continue to keep up the good record.

Let's have more news for the next issue.

C. R. HUNT.

Atlantic Coast Line Ry.

Wilson, N. C., Dec. 26th, 1913.

All Members Division One Hundred Thirty-two, Greeting—

It has not been customary heretofore to publish the names of members who secured less than five new members during any one year, but I am going to give the names of all members who have secured, and sent me during the present year one or more applications, and I am going to show those who have secured prizes offered by Bro. Quick. If I should leave off any name it will not be intentional, as I call this my roll of honor, and I would hate for any member to be left off who should appear thereon.

If your name is not on this list, see that it appears on the one for the year 1914, and with a sufficient number to get one of the larger prizes of Bro. Quick.

While everybody can't be a prize-winner, everybody can make an effort, and in order that you may not lose anything by your efforts, this division will continue to give prizes to every member securing one member, and a prize for each member, no matter how many you get.

While I have not the time to confer with the committee before this letter goes to THE TELEGRAPHER, I believe I can promise a prize of at least ten dollars in value to the member securing the largest number of applications during the year, and another of the same value to the local chairman securing the largest number. Therefore the local chairmen who have an advantage will not come in competition with the membership at large.

Our Honor Roll for 1913: Thomas Sasser, 28, wins gold watch; W. A. Hollahan, 25, wins gold watch; W. W. Tedder, 16; A. W. Arrington, J. L. Bridgers, A. E. Shooter, W. J. Sigler, M. H. Martin (15), J. L. Bethea, T. R. Godbee (5), G. A. McKinney, J. F. Rice, H. V. Simson, W. F. Thames (12), J. C. Thames, P. P. Smith, C. N. Wells, J. K. McCotter (5), C. G. Davis, D. W. Grider, C. C. Dunn, W. R. Lott (6), R. H. Merchant, D. P. Spell, F. T. Murray, T. G. Wade, D. V. Montague, J. M. Clements (5), D. A. Hopkins, H. G. Harris, C. B. Kolb, Ila Smith, J. N. Craig, J. B. Edmundson, D. M. Bedenbaugh, A. L. Howard, W. C. Mason, J. G. Rice, J. L. Stewart, J. E. Petris, Mrs. Cora Williams, F. B. Elmore, N. F. Lewis, D. J. Kirtan (5), U. G. Swearingen, D. H. Parker (10), O. E. Bain, W. L. Alston, J. T. Wynne, C. D. Gandy, J. T. Bowers, A. L. Pixley (7), R. E. L. Woodell, T. W. Pridgen, L. J. Meade, B. F. Ward, C. A. Bodenhamer, Z. V. Jeffreys, H. E. Bolick (8), R. D. Jones, W. H. Hall, O. O. Fowler.

I know these sixty-two members are proud that they have been able to induce one or more

men to take a step that will mean much to them in the future. I also know there are many other members on the system who have tried to get applications, and it is not their fault that their names are not on the honor roll.

I wish to thank everyone who in any way contributed toward securing a new member, and want to ask each member on the system to try and get on the honor roll for 1914.

J. H. WILLIAMS, G. S. & T.

First Division, Fayetteville District—

A happy New Year to all, is the wish of the writer. While this will reach you some time after the new year, you will know that the wish was made at the proper time, and our only regret is that it could not be expressed to you in person.

This is being written the day after Christmas, and before we have heard how the day was spent by our members, but it is our sincere wish that everyone spent it in a manner befitting the event it is intended to commemorate, and that each had in his heart the true Christmas spirit. That each of us may feel we have contributed in a degree toward making someone happy this holiday season. We also hope there has been no mishap to or by any member of the O. R. T., and that everyone has felt his responsibility and performed his full duty in every respect.

There is no nobler desire than that of doing good, and this is the season to bring out all the good there is in our natures. May much happiness have been enjoyed as a result of this desire on the part of the men on the Fayetteville District.

On account of the Christmas rush it has been impossible to get the notes of happenings on the district, but will give what few I have gathered, with the wish that we may have something in each issue of the journal during the entire year of 1914, and that when the year is closed we may all be more proud of the district and the work accomplished than in any previous year, and that the next holiday season will not find a non-member on the entire district.

Bro. O. S. Miller, of Pee Dee, bid in second Rowland, and Bro. J. L. Doggett, formerly with the Southern Railway, bid in third there. This makes Rowland solid once more. Mr. Bradford, who worked here for a short time, would have joined if he had remained on the district, but preferred to move further south.

Bro. H. T. Prevost, first Rowland, was off few days, relieved by Bro. Wise.

Bro. W. J. Summerlin, second Latta, spent the holidays with his people at Wilson.

We were very sorry to hear Bro. Todd, of "DI" South Rocky Mount, lost his month's salary. Certainly bad time to lose anything like that. Third "YD" South Rocky Mount assigned to Bro. W. H. Parker. Not the oldest bidder, but a good man. Bro. A. J. Todd, first "DI" South Rocky Mount, off for a few days first of the month, relieved by Bro. Jones, from "YD." Bro. Whitlock, third

"DI" South Rocky Mount, relieved Bro. Clark, first Dillon, ten days, relieved by Bro. W. H. Parker.

Bro. Bill Alley assigned second Dillon. Understand he is contemplating a trip in January, accompanied by Mrs. Alley (to be). Congratulations in advance.

Understand Bro. Yelvington, of "DI" South Rocky Mount, is going back to his farm. Sorry to lose such a brother, as we can't afford to let the good ones go.

The uncertain weather has affected the phone circuits greatly within the last month. Morse being resorted to at frequent intervals.

Our chief dispatcher said early in the month that he had fifty applications for relief for four or five days at Christmas, and that some one would be disappointed. We are sorry for those who could not get away to spend the day with their loved ones.

If the members will let Bro. Bridgers or Bro. Williams have notes by the 20th of each month, they will see that the district has a write-up each month during the coming year. Div. Coa.

First Division, Richmond District—

Your correspondent has been in the Christmas rush too much to gain sufficient information to send in an interesting write-up this month, but does not want the new year to find us conspicuous by our absence.

I want every member on the district to send to Bro. McCotter by the 20th of each month such items of interest as he has been able to pick up during the month, and if this is done I will promise there shall be no absence of the Richmond District during the year 1914.

I believe it is expected that the new double track between Pleasant Hill and Collier will be put in operation early in the new year. When the interlocking plants are completed at Falling Creek Yard, and put in operation, the line will be double tracked and in operation from Richmond to Selma, a distance of 161 miles, and the forces are already putting in double track bridges between Selma and Parkton, about 65 miles further. When all this work is completed there will probably be a further reduction in the number of men employed in the telegraph and telephone service, but if it makes the number get scarce as fast as it did when the offices were closed between Rocky Mount and Pleasant Hill, it will be practically impossible for a man to get relieved. We thought there would be plenty of extra men when these offices were closed, but such was not the case. It was not two weeks before regular offices had to be closed temporarily because of scarcity of men.

We now have on the district only three or four nons. Mr. Boisseau, at Pleasant Hill, promised to get a card on January 1st.

The latest addition to our ranks is Bro. L. R. Slagle, at Huske. We welcome him and wish him a happy New Year with an up-to-date card to tide him over many storms.

We have one prize winner in Bro. Quick's contest for members securing applications during the year. Bro. McCotter, local chairman; he will not be able to get one in 1914 unless we get in some new material, however, as there are not enough eligible nons on the district at present to win anybody a prize. We hope, however, to see them all either members or gone before the end of January. Go after any non you know and see if you can't get him to join. Div. Cor.

First Division, Columbia District—

That was some grand time we had in Florence at the banquet, the account of which appeared in the November journal. The occasion would have been a credit to a much more prominent but less worthy class than railroad telegraphers. It is these fraternal gatherings that make the organization a force for good among its own members, and the more frequently they are held, the quicker we will all learn the meaning of true unionism. Every man who attended this affair will try to be present at the next one, and most of us hope it will not be far away.

Now that regular monthly meetings are being held in Charleston, we hope more of the members from the Columbia District will try to attend. They are being held on the second Sunday in each month, on arrival of train 79, and close in time to return on 78 or 82, so the schedules are convenient for us to go down and get back the same day.

We expect the Wadesboro agency case will be handled shortly and some change made at that point.

Several of the nons on this district promised to join January 1st, and we sincerely hope every one will live up to his promise and make us solid. There is not a single man on this district who would not be acceptable to us. It is therefore our duty to try to get every one of them to become members at once.

Bro. W. S. Clark, of Wadesboro, who has been doing considerable relief work, relieved Bro. Moonaghan at Elliott, S. C., who went to Florida to spend the holidays.

Bro. Charles Bolick, of Florence, recently purchased a \$5,000 home there and has gone to housekeeping. We wish him all kinds of happiness.

Here's wishing each member of the O. R. T. will have a very happy and prosperous new year. Div. Cor.

First Division, Norfolk District—

It is a pleasure to see so many good articles from the Coast Line as appeared in the November journal. I find just one district on the system failed to have something in that journal, while two or three districts had two articles. When we read these articles and learn there are so few nons on many districts, it encourages us very much and shows that we are not half as dead as some of our critics would try to make believe. It also shows that we have some pretty "live wires"

scattered over the road, for no line can be kept well organized unless there is someone behind the men to spur them up to larger things.

One new member during the present month—Bro. W. H. Hedgepeth, of Hobgood.

We sincerely trust the new year will be a happy one for every member of the O. R. T. and that every agent and telegrapher on this district will be a member, including dispatchers, and hope to call them all brothers ere long. They certainly need our assistance, and we could be mutually helpful.

D. J. Brock, who worked at various places on this district, has accepted a position as bill clerk at Greenville and moved his family back to North Carolina. Div. Cor.

First Division, Wilmington District—

Each month finds us a little nearer solid than the month previous. A few more trips by Bro. Williams over the district would make us almost solid. On his last trip to Wilmington he secured the application of Bro. C. W. Futch, of Smith's Creek yard, and the promise of two or three more on January 1st.

There is just one delinquent on the entire district. Let's find out who he is, write him a personal letter and see if we can't get him to pay up.

Bro. P. H. Barfield, of Mount Olive, has been appointed agent at Mayesville, vice Bro. J. H. Foy, resigned.

Bro. J. D. McMillan was let out at Warsaw for sleeping on duty. Sorry to learn of this, as we hoped that the sleeping had been cut out. Can't expect anything but dismissal when an eight-hour man is caught asleep on duty. Div. Cor.

Second Division, Savannah District—

I have located a number of the new men members of another division, and they will be transferred promptly when the proper time arrives. The membership do not seem to realize the importance of ascertaining, when a new man arrives, whether he is a member or not, or advising the chairman. We should be on the alert at all times, but especially at this season of the year, when the blocks are opened and so many new men are arriving. We are constantly losing members through their being transferred to another division, and it is necessary that we transfer those arriving in order to keep pace.

Glad to learn that Bro. S. L. Thompson, Allenhurst, Ga., has returned to work, after an illness.

Bro. Strickland, suffering from vaccination, is in the Waycross hospital. Hope to see him out soon.

Bro. Lewis, Patterson, Ga., confined to his bed with smallpox. We regret to hear this. "Red" is a good scout, and we hope to hear of his early return, completely recovered.

We are pleased to chronicle the following as having joined recently: M. B. Mullinax, Shea, Ga.; L. W. Strickland, Ways, Ga.; E. A. Bright, Winokur, Ga.; B. W. Roy, "YN" office Jax; C. A. Browning, "YN" Jax, Fla. and H. B. Kauffman, Baldwin, Fla.

It would be pleasing to receive the applications of Mr. and Mrs. Loux, who have been and are working tricks at McKinnon the third consecutive year, which would seem to indicate that the climatic as well as the working conditions are satisfactory to them.

The writer is indebted to someone for sending him a copy of the December issue of the *Commercial Telegraphers' Journal*, which would certainly be an "eye opener" to a great many who wonder at the seemingly slow progress of our commercial brothers to reorganize. The tactics outlined as being employed by the Western Union and their hirelings are a disgrace to a man claiming American citizenship. Imagine for yourself a company hiring two Pinkerton men and several others to follow the movements of one of our Grand officers with the express purpose of getting hold of data in his possession that would assist them in their endeavor to break up the union—a right guaranteed us under the Constitution—secure an adjoining room at each hotel, if possible; if not to bribe a hotel employe to gain access to his room during his absence, get his baggage out of the parcel room and baggage room under false pretense, etc. Some of them—one time operators—when questioned by the officials as to his excessive expense account, which ran up to \$8 per day, stated that it was necessary to be a good fellow in order to get "next," or words to that effect. Bro. Konenkamp and those who are building up the C. T. U. A. under the above conditions, are deserving of great credit, and should receive the undivided efforts and assistance of all the crafts, and anyone who believes in a square deal. Get hold of the C. T. U. A journal and read for yourselves.

Among the new men to arrive for the block season are a number who are members of other divisions: Bro. C. E. Edwards, Central of Georgia Division; Bro. G. E. Campbell, Division 7; Bro. Wise, Division 53; Bro. O. K. Fleming, Division 33; Bro. T. J. Miller, Division 96, and no doubt a number of others who have not been reported to the chairman.

The block offices were officially opened January 5th. This necessitated the putting on of about forty more men.

On account of the increased work at Jesup during the tourist season, there has been a fifth man added to the regular force of four men.

Bro. A. R. Smith bid in fifth Jesup temporarily, and Bro. T. J. Miller is on fourth Jesup pending bulletin.

Bro. Mullinax assigned first Shea; Bro. E. A. Bright, third Winokur; Bro. C. F. Edwards, agent-operator Hortense, Ga.; Bro. O. K. Fleming, second Fleming, Ga., (the man who made Fleming possible); Bro. W. G. Bennett, second Newell, Ga.

Second "DE" Savannah: on bulletin temporarily, vice Bro. Clements, working a trick as dispatcher.

Has your wife, sister, mother or daughter joined the auxiliary?

Bro. Pixley, Waycross, who managed with success the banquet in Waycross some time ago,

promises us another in June. "Lead on McDuff." I'm strong on the "cats." TIM O'SHEA.

Second Division, Waycross District

The date set for the annual banquet is Saturday night, May 23d. The same arrangements as were made last year will be made this year, namely: Members Waycross to Thomasville will come on No. 180 and return on No. 57; between Waycross and Brunswick, come on No. 90 and return on No. 91 Sunday morning; between Waycross and Albany, come on No. 97 and return on Nos. 32, 94 and 92, and 96 Sunday morning. Expect all will return on Nos. 32, 94 and 92 that night. Between Albany and Thomasville, come via Albany or Thomasville, returning on Nos. 57 or 92 that night and branch line trains Sunday morning. Between Dupont and High Springs, come on No. 42 and return on No. 43 Sunday morning. Business conditions will, of course, be considered in excusing the men, but it is expected that as many, if not more, can come than did last year—probably between fifty and sixty. The price will be \$2 per plate; if a member brings a lady it will, of course, be \$4, and it is expected that everyone will try to bring a lady with him, so as to make it as large a social affair as possible.

If the brothers co-operate and help me this year as they did last year, we can easily have between 150 and 200 present.

It is expected that the chief dispatchers, train masters and superintendents of the Waycross and Savannah Districts, the general superintendent, superintendent of transportation, your general chairman, general secretary and fourth vice-president will be present, provided business or other engagements do not prevent. A circular letter will be mailed on this later and be an advance notice for all who are to attend to remit.

It is desired to have a musical program by a first-class string band while the "cats are going down." Let's make this the social event of the system for 1914.

The seniority list has just been made up, and I have given each man on the district who entered the service prior to December 31st, 1913, a number, which will show just where he stands on the list. For instance, the oldest man is No. 1, the tenth man down the list is No. 10; thus, if a man has No. 99 he would know there were 98 men older than he is on the district.

Hereafter, on bulletin cards showing assignments, I will show, in addition to the name of the man assigned, his number also, which will show just where he stands on the seniority list, and by doing this, each man can see how far he missed getting the job if he bids on it. I am sending Bros. Moore, of Hoboken, and Hughes, of Glenmore, each a copy of the seniority list, and anyone desiring to know what his number is can find out from them or from me at the Waycross yard office. I thought at one time of having copies of the list printed and furnishing each member a copy, but have decided that the method of giving each man a number will be just as good

and cheaper, also; and then it lets me give the members on the district the position each man assigned jobs on bulletin holds on the seniority list, in addition to his name. You can also find out if he is a member or not from either myself, Bro. Hughes, Bro. Moore or Bro. Sasser, and I hope you will all endeavor to do all you can towards getting the district lined up solid. We had on this district on January 1st sixteen nons, and of these, six are not eligible to membership for one reason or another; the other ten will be in on the 8th. This will give us an even 100 members out of 106 men.

A. L. PIXLEY, Local Chairman.

Waycross District Notes—

All brothers should, when bidding on jobs, make separate bids for each job in duplicate, so the local chairman can hold one for his record and send the superintendent one.

Bro. B. R. Glover bid in agent-operator Sumner, Bro. H. M. Wroten, second Sylvester, Bro. Jas. Courson, "TAT" first Quitman, Bro. K. P. Powell, first and Bro. E. Woody, second Homerville.

Following jobs have been bulletined and bid in: Naylor, operator-clerk, by Bro. M. G. Braswell; Camilla agency by Bro. M. B. Mock; Suwannee, agent-operator, by Bro. S. C. Mosley; Bro. W. L. Freeman, agent-operator Haylow; Bro. W. J. Booth, second, and T. W. Thompson, third Quitman; R. H. Jones, third Sylvester, and Pine Mount agent-operator, which has not yet been filled.

Bro. C. C. Rudd assigned Ruskin agent-operator, which leaves Ousley agent-operator on bulletin. Bro. E. Woody, who was assigned second Homerville, leaves Cutting agent-operator for bulletin. Mr. E. J. Ray, second Valdosta, bid in third there and Mr. M. G. Cecil bid in second there. Bro. Braddock, extra man, went to second Waycross yard, while Bro. Hack is doing the extra work in "F" office Waycross. It did not seem right to have a brother at Valdosta on account of it having been a solid non office so long. Messrs. Ray and McQuaig are still there with their promises, but nothing more as yet. They are two good men and we hope they will soon see the error of their ways and line up. I understand that Mr. McQuaig told Bro. Pixley that he had the money to join, but could not right now, as he did not know when he might need the ten spot. I wish he would get it into his head that there is no better place he could put it than with Bros. Quick and Williams and be called brother instead of Mr. Non.

Good news soon; guess what?

Mr. Lary, who has been with us for so long, has gone to Savannah District as dispatcher. We wish him the best of success at his new job.

Telephones have been installed between Waycross and Thomasville and put in operation in January. They will make our Order that much stronger, as it will give us a better chance than ever to talk to the nons and to get acquainted by

voice as well as by "ticks." But it is funny how the ticks stick, isn't it? Even the cattle men have noticed it.

Watch your train orders, brothers, and see that you don't deliver any to conductors that are scratched or have anything left out. They have to turn them in to the superintendent now, and the man who delivers an improper order stands a good chance for ten days' suspension. This also applies to clearance cards as well as 31 and 19 orders.

Bro. R. C. Mansfield is at Naylor pending bulletin.

Bro. F. A. Crittenden took two more days off lately.

It is hoped that all the brothers will not put off any longer the idea of getting their new cards promptly. It is a good idea to have them at the opening of each new period. I notice that a good many of the boys had paid up by January 5th, but sorry to see that some of the best brothers did not appear on the list. I hope that by the time I get another list things will look better. Nothing like always having an up-to-date.

Bro. Hughes, of Glenmore, is running a fine race for tax receiver and if present indications are good for anything he will be elected by a large majority, for he is justly popular with every one and is a great bird hunter to boot. Bet on Hughes. It is related also that last summer he, while out fishing with Bro. Pixley, rescued a lady who had fallen in the pond. The water was over her head, but Hughes waded in and brought her out, as the water only came to his knees. (P. S.—The lady was over five feet tall, too.)

Every one go after the nons and don't take "No" for an answer, but keep right after them until they line up. If every brother will make it a point to talk to every non on the wires and those he has in his office just once a week we would soon be rid of this variety. This would mean that every brother talk to a non about four times a month, and that the non would be talked to about four hundred times a month. No trouble for the brother to do this and how long do you think the non could stand such a pressure? Not but a very little while.

Wonder if it will ever be Bro. Beatty, of Lake City? Perhaps if the brothers on the High Springs Line will each one write him a letter just once a month, telling him the many reasons why he should join, he might do the right thing.

Every one pull for the banquet on the 23d of May and let's make it the biggest and best ever held by the operators in the Southeast. We can do it by every man sending his \$2.00 to Bro. Pixley as soon as he receives Bro. Pixley's circular letter about it. If a man wants to come and remits, if he is later prevented from doing so and advises Bro. Pixley by the 21st of May that he can not attend Bro. Pixley will return his money. The price last year was \$1.50, but as Bro. Pixley ran short about \$15.00 and this year it is desired to have a string band of six dusky artists to furnish music while we eat, the Committee on Arrangements think they can pull out on \$2.00 a plate, for there are a good many extra expenses in addition

to the actual cost of the banquet such as menu's printing, hall and room rent of the ladies' parlor and also the guests of honor. It is hoped that the Savannah District officials can make the same arrangements with Bro. Hollahan, local chairman of the Savannah District, as the Waycross District in regards to letting the men come and get back on first train.

F. A. CRITTENDEN.

Second Division, Charleston District—

Now that the heaviest season of the year is on us, it behooves each and every one of us to mend our gait and keep up with the increased speed of traffic. Let's all take our right rest and be "right on the job" at all times. Give the required information as promptly and explicit as possible, and keep our department clear of any delays whatsoever. As we are all aware, the one who falls short of what is required of him always looks for some place to lay the responsibility, and as the operator is apparently responsible, it will most assuredly be laid upon his shoulders if any possible way to do it. Delayed by operator not handing up a "19" properly; not answering his call promptly; too slow in delivering the goods; wouldn't say when he was coming; unable to wake up operator; get no sense out of him; green horn on the telephone, or most any old thing to keep it from where it really belongs.

I have been very busy this month, and have had no time to drum up anything for THE TELEGRAPHER, and I think it as little as some of the boys on the line can do, to send in a few notes. You won't attend the meeting once a month; never speak a word to the non you work with every day; don't send in any notes, so what proof have you that you are an up-to-date member of the Order? Not a thing in the world but your division card. Let's all wake up and get busy. Work individually during the month and come in on the second Sunday and let's all tell what we have done "for the good of the Order." If impossible for you to make it in this month, send in your notes and try and swap off and be here next time. We have a few brothers on the line who are at one-man stations and have not missed a single meeting. Now where there are three and four at one station and not a single member attended yet; I would love to hear some of those excuses one by one (gee, but the variation that would be mixed up in them). Two or three individuals can't possibly make a live district. It is absolutely necessary for each and every member to do his part before we will reach that standard for which we are striving, at least the standard we claim to be striving for, but our works do not show it.

Bro. Williams will make a trip over our district now shortly and it is to be hoped he will meet with the success he did on a trip about this season last year. If any of us have not paid dues, have them ready for him, if you will not come in and pay them at a meeting. Keep after the nons and have them ready by the time he reaches you.

Since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER we are glad to report that Bros. R. M. Huey and B.

C. Addison have been added to our ranks, and by the time this issue reaches you we hope to have added several more, and if you will come in to the meetings, you will get to witness the initiations and get the news "right up to date" and not have to depend entirely upon THE TELEGRAPHER for everything that happens right in your reach.

No one has been reported as being on the sick list, but on inquiring of Bro. Carn, at Ashley Jct., having broken a "hunting date" was informed that he was in bed sick. Hope he will soon be able to be out again, as we all miss him.

Some of the recent assignments are: Bro. Kirton to third Lake City; Bro. Belger to second Greenpond, and Bro. Weatherford to third Effingham; also Bro. H. E. Rodgers and Bro. Addison to second and third Ravenel. With Bennetts yard and the new tower at Santee River, six more men will be cared for through the summer than in former years. Let's all try and induce the right kind of men to bid on these positions. Those we think will stick and make worthy members.

H. E. BOLICK.

Second Division, Montgomery District—

We want every member on this district to interest himself at once to help us get in all the nons. They have no valid excuse for not getting a card. We must show them the many advantages they are already enjoying, secured through our own efforts (not theirs by any means), and perhaps we can touch the right spot and get their applications. We have had some mighty fine promises, but they don't pay bills nor pay dues either, and for that reason we prefer taking cash in payment hereafter.

Bro. Williams will probably be over the district some time during January or February and he will no doubt call on all the nons and as many of the members as possible. A visit from him will do lots of good.

Bro. Quick's prize contest closed December 31st, and at least one of our members will get a prize, while others on the district have secured one or more members, and deserve credit for the work they have done toward the complete organization of the district.

I hope this good work will continue during the coming year, and that more than one prize will come to the Montgomery District, provided the supply of nons does not run short, but I hope it will become exhausted early in the year.

D. C.

Third Division, Gainesville District—

This was the only district on the system not represented in the November TELEGRAPHER, simply because no one sent any notes to Bro. Martin or to anyone else. If the members on this district will send items to Bro. Martin by the 18th or 19th of each month, he will see that they are gotten in shape for the journal. Lots of useful information can be secured in this way.

Bro. Martin is one of the prize winners this year, as he was last year; only, we understand,

he gets a larger prize this time, as he secured more new members. There are some nons left, however, and someone else can win a prize if they go to work for one. Some of the live members who have not as much work to do as I, get busy on them. You can rest assured I will do my part, also, but can't reach all of them.

It is now time for new men to be coming on the district, and you should send Bro. Martin and Bro. Williams, general secretary and treasurer, the names of all new men now on the district, and others as they land. Don't wait for someone else, but send them yourself. It would be much better to hear from a dozen that a new man had arrived than for a dozen to wait for someone else to do it and the new man's name not be sent at all.

Bro. M. E. Ardrey, of Dunedin, has gone with the Seaboard at Tampa. There are two nons at Dunedin, and Bro. Sanders will no doubt show them the error of their ways and lead them to see the light.

There are several other nons on the Fla. Sou. and S. & St. P. who have promised to send in their applications the first of the year. All the members down that way see that these promises are kept, or know the reason why.

Let's commence the new year with a determination to make it the banner year of our existence, and send the largest delegation to St. Louis in 1915 that has ever gone from the Atlantic Coast Line.

FLA. CRACKER.

Third Division, Lakes and District—

If the members on this district will send a list of the changes and any other news notes to Bro. Lot: any time before the 20th of the month, he will get them in shape for publication or send them to his regular correspondent if one has been appointed by that time.

Let's make the year 1914 memorable by the things we do in South Florida. We have the best country in the U. S., and the U. S. is the best country in the world; so we are ahead of everybody in one respect. Let's get ahead in others. There is no reason why we should not be solid, and if each member would try to get another member, we would be solid from High Springs to Fort Myers. Let's try this for one month and then note the result. Am sure it would surprise many of the oldest members down this way, and certainly surprise the nons if we all went after them at one time. They would wonder what hit them.

GATOR.

Lakeland District Notes—

It would be a great help to me in getting a nice write-up each month from our district if you will all send me the changes, etc., by the 20th of the month. It is impossible for me to learn them all without such assistance. Let us all see how much more we can do for the Order this year than we did last. There is room for you to work as much and as hard as you wish. You will never do too much, no matter how much or what you do.

We are going to soon want a revision of our schedule, and we must get busy and line up better than we are at present to get it. There are several nons on the district, and you all know where and who they are. They have been asked a number of times to join and help us carry the burden, but this remedy is of no avail. We must take some other step. Who will do it? We can not afford to let them rob us of our toil, as hard as we have worked for what we are getting. They are drawing each month enough money which the O. R. T. has gotten for them to join us any month in the year. Let's get after them with a new vim and see if we can not get them in.

Bro. W. D. Harnage, agent Croom, off a few days, was relieved by Bro. J. E. Long, third Croom, and he by Mr. Jordan, a new man. Understand Bro. Long is going to be married soon.

J. M. Huie, third Trilby, off fifteen days' visiting relatives in South Carolina, was relieved by a new man, who did not stay with us long.

Istachatta agency on bulletin not up yet. Do not know what Bro. Collins' move is.

Div. Cor., Cert. 1265.

"Big Four" Ry.

Cairo Division—North End—

We are now working under the new order of things, with the dispatcher's office at Mt. Carmel. J. J. Skinner, chief dispatcher, with former chief at Harrisburg, now night chief. In the "DG" office we have Bros. Mitchell, Rogers, Hedrick and Fry. Bellamy, for the north end, and Casey for the south end, car distributors. It seems undecided just yet as to where the trainmasters are to be located, though probably at Lyons and Mt. Carmel.

We note the following assignments: Bros. Hays and Michaels, first and third Cherry; Bro. Hesslin, second Allendale; Bro. J. L. Steele, first Bliss; V. A. Goodner, second Hobbs; Chas. Goodner, the trick at "RJ" Lyons; Bro. Anthis is working third at Marshall; Walter G. Boylan is back with us again now on third "YD."

We all owe the very best of our efforts to our employers, if we would be faithful employees. It doesn't look well to ask for the same information you have in an order just received. One instance came to the notice of the writer, that was absolutely grotesque and absurd. The dispatcher had just sent a wait order for 28. The operator finished "AAH" and turned right around and asked him about what time will 28 be here? Is it any wonder a dispatcher loses his religion with such "dummy" work? Put your mind on your business and give your employer value received.

On bulletin: Second at "DN" and "DG;" third at "WG," "DG," and "YD."

Agent Miller, of Birds, bid in agency Flat Rock, vice M. A. Miller, resigned.

Telegrapher Hobbs bid in second "RS," and Bro. Wilson second "SN," was quarantined, and consequently off several weeks.

Bro. Byers is on first "BI," Telegrapher Buckner second telegrapher.

Kerndl has resumed on third Marshall.

Bro. Steele, second "ON," on a visit to Wabash, Ind., was relieved by Telegrapher Ault.

Notices of vacancies in the agencies at West York and Birds were issued.

Extra Dispatcher Hedrick has been utilized several times lately to fill temporary vacancies.

Bro. Weaver, of Grand Chain, to first Allendale, Grand Chain having been closed.

We understand that Bro. Pat is going down into Old Mexico. A good chance for him to do some missionary work. He might also fix their currency while there.

Boys, send in your items. CERT. 871.

Indianapolis Division—

I was out of town at the time for the items to go in last month, so we had no news in the January number.

The boys are glad they have a job these hard times, and are going to keep working it while it lasts.

Business is kind of short, and the company is reducing expenses by cutting out offices. Two at Muncie, Degraff and Harrisville, and three at Elroy closed, and it is rumored other offices will be closed. The following brothers, and others, "bumped" and "got bumped:" Bro. Newfarmer, second Muncie to third Hart, Bro. Sellers to second there; Mr. Flinn to third So. Anderson; Bro. Terry to second Taft, and Bro. Weekley to third Belt Junction; Bro. Ferree quit and went west. Bro. Kautzman, third Muncie, to Hart first; Bro. Melvin to third there.

Bro. Newfarmer to first Spafford; Bro. Atkinson to third there, and Mr. Shoffner off. Mr. Barbee, second Degraff, landed first Eastwood; Bro. Dix going to third there. Mr. Thatcher to third Degraff, and Mr. Dick bid in third Quincy. Bro. Haworth, second Harrisville, to third Winchester, and Bro. Warren, third Harrisville, to second Connor. Bro. Bodenmiller, of Harrisville, sure has our sympathy, for he has to work twelve long hours each day now.

Bro. Burkett, third Elroy, has taken an agency on the "CN;" don't know where the second trick man went.

"Sunny" Miller, first Elroy, has everybody on the road worried, wondering where he is going, as he has been out to look at every job on the line that he could get, trying to rent a house in each place. "Sunny" and the rest of the nons like him, always say that the Order doesn't do them any good, but they are all very willing to claim all "their" seniority rights in cases of this kind. I suppose they think the company gives them these rights because they are faithful. If it wasn't so serious it would make us laugh.

Bro. DeBoben, third Vance, was off two weeks spending Christmas with his parents; relieved by Bro. Allison. Bro. Kirk, second Vance, was off several days Christmas to visit friends in Indianapolis; relieved by Mr. Thompson. Mr. Olvey,

first Connor, off several days Christmas, was relieved by Mr. Mills.

It is now Bros. Riffle, Myers and Branum, at Dolby.

Brothers, it is up to you to see that the nons keep these promises to "go in" next pay, even if you have to follow them to the bank with their check. Do it, even if it does seem like a hold-up, for that is what they are doing to us all the time. CERT. 318.

St. Louis Division—East—

Bro. E. E. Butler was relieved during Xmas week, and relieved Bro. G. C. Weber, third Duane, for holidays.

Bro. Edw. Whalen, general chairman, is off on schedule grievance, relieved by Bro. G. C. Weber. Operator Shult drew second Duane, pending bulletin.

Loxa is now only a day office, conductors getting block over dispatcher's force. Something should be done to stop this.

Bro. J. A. Tafinger, third "GM," was married during Christmas week.

Duane and Wann both have new towers. Now to have them both solid—little work on your part, boys.

Automatic block system has been in effect since first of year from Kurgan to Wann, closing of Sunnyside entirely, and leaving Hadey, Reno and Perth day offices.

Bro. W. J. Wright is now agent at Carbon. Mr. Wright, from west end, getting agency Vermilion.

Seniority rights have been extended to Granite City since dispatcher's office was moved to Mattoon, C. A. Bray being C. T. D. for St. Louis Division. G. C. WEBER, Cert. 981.

Chicago Division—West—

Boys, pay up and get your new card for 1914 before you become delinquent.

Bro. J. R. Hughes, first Lebanon, off Sunday, 28th, visiting home folks at Swanington.

Bro. C. S. Boyle resumed work January 1st, after about six weeks' sickness; relieved by W. L. Martin, of Crawfordsville, a new man.

Mrs. Stewart, third Zionsville, off few days, relieved by extra Mr. Iusko, and he by W. L. Martin, who got Clarks Hill on bulletin.

Bro. J. R. Hughes off from his duties at Lebanon, four days first of the month attending funeral of his brother who was killed in an automobile accident at Templeton; relieved by Sister Miller, second trick Whitistown, and she by Operator Iusko.

E. E. Taylor, third Lebanon, off January 11th, relieved by W. L. Martin.

D. M. Mercer, third Lafayette, off 30 days.

Bro. Jim Moore, suspended first of January for letting No. 31 in block on 43, was relieved by Mr. Seagle.

L. C. Jordan, third Sheldon, was off three days recently visiting the folks at home, relieved by W. L. Martin.

Roy Calvin, off ten days at Donovan, relieved by Extra W. H. Gardner, a commercial man.

Bro. G. B. Harris, St. Anne, on 60 days' vacation south.

With the increased freight rates the company should feel a bit generous toward us.

CERT. 676.

Cleveland Division—

For the first time in the history of the Big Four, Rushsylvania is now solid, made possible by Bro. Bogan bidding in third trick. Now Bros. Walker, Akins and Eberhard say death to the first non who dares to linger on the job. Now no more "would-be hams" will get as much as a look in. Let's make all offices on this division solid. How about the 15 days off per year with pay. The agents have it; why can't the operators get it also?

Bro. E. P. Golden, second Marsh, bumped Bro. Conklin, second Ridgeway, when Marsh was closed. Extra C. R. Golden working Marsh. Bros. Dutton, first Longville, and Edwards, second Harper, off few days, relieved by Extra Predmore. Bro. Rogers gave up the agency at North Eaton, Bro. Artz, from Columbia, doing the work at North Eaton until filled by bid. Bros. Rose, Shiloh, off few days, relieved by Extra Jarvis.

There was quite a smallpox scare on the road for a few weeks on account of Extra Dix contracting the disease and then working in a good many of the offices on this division; a good many of the men have been quarantined.

Bro. Keifer, agent West View, goes to Ashley as agent soon as transfer can be made. Extra Jarvis and Fautz working third Columbia. Bro. W. O. Tripplet, third Huff, off few days. B. M. Smith, second "RT," off few weeks, relieved by Extra Powers.

It is very gratifying to the local chairman to have the men send for application blanks the way they have been doing the last month, most of the men asking for them being old standouts. Keep the good work up, brothers, and we will soon be solid.

Bro. Reams, first Shelby, off one day; an extra man was told to go to Shelby, but was afraid of the job, now he is looking for another. If the C. T. D. tells you to do anything it is the best policy to do your best, and if you can't hold the job that is not your affair.

Bro. Dick, second Leonardsburg, bumped by Bro. Rollins, from third Ashley, account Ashley being closed; Bro. Griefenstine bumped Mr. Alexander out of third Leonardsburg, and then proceeded to get quarantined with Bro. Rollins.

C. E. Henry, third Vernon, off sick, relieved by Extra Bazzle. Bro. Scott, second Edison, back on the job after an extended trip through the West. Mr. Gallagher going back to third Cardington, relieving Extra Detwiler, who went to North Eaton.

Most of you have your new passes by this time, or should have unless you have been overlooked.

The gauntlet between Hiles and Boyd has been discontinued as the new bridge over Vermilion

River has been completed. No more offices have been closed on this division, the only ones closed being Ashley and Marsh.

Assignments on last bulletin: Bro. Fred Travis, third Shelby; W. G. Pinkerton, second Linndale, and P. H. Bogan, third Rush. No bids were received on North Eaton or West View agencies.

Former C. T. D. J. R. Kelly is now working first trick at "DI," putting Davis on second and Falvey on third; Shea going back to "DK" tower.

Bro. Rutledge, third Ridgeway, off a few days, was relieved by Extra Predmore; Bro. Edwards, on Christmas vacation, by Extra Bro. Crone. Mr. Cleveland, third Larue, off a few days, relieved by Extra Alexander.

Understand that Bro. Walker, agent Rush, has purchased a ranch out in Montana, and expects to leave us in the spring. We hate to see Bro. Walker leave us, but wish him success.

I wish to thank Bros. Edwards and Eberhart for helping out on these items. CERT. 1123.

Cincinnati, Sandusky & Columbus Division—

Bro. Rowland working first at Galloway, filled by Mr. Dickens for a few days.

Bro. E. L. Corwin, first at "CD," leaving first at Huntsville open, Bro. Watkins filling first, Bro. E. Ropp second pending bulletin.

Bro. Jenkins, working third at Huntsville on account of closing third at Belle Center.

Middletown station, "DN," closed, day and night ticket clerk taking place of operators.

Bro. R. Cunningham, Salt Lake City, Utah, spent his vacation with relatives near Springfield, Ohio.

T. Walsh and J. N. Lemon are ticket agents at "DN."

Bro. E. L. Corwin back on first at Huntsville, leaving "CD" open, filled by J. R. O'Brien pending bulletin.

Bro. Armstrong, third at "J," leaving third at "GM" open.

F. B. Williams, first Carlisle Jct. and W. C. Kenny, third Miamisburg, filled by G. C. Harper and J. M. Holtzman at Rox pending bulletin.

Mr. Smith, first Draw Bridge, pending bulletin; Mr. Hiemburg, third Dayton yard, pending bulletin.

Bro. Gallagher, formerly first Draw Bridge, first "GE," on bulletin.

Mr. Brown resigning second Draw Bridge, filled by C. Schnorf pending bulletin.

R. W. Sidesinger bid in West Liberty agency.

The company has closed all the night offices on the Delaware Branch except Milford Center and Silver Creek. Grants on the Sandusky Division.

The "matrimonial bee" is buzzing in the bonnets of several of our brothers along the line.

The brothers have all received their annual passes for the new year.

Bro. Weber, of "AK" tower, slipped and fell during the heavy snow, spraining his hand, keeping him from work a few days.

Bro. McMahan, second Kenton, off a few days attending his brother's wedding.

It is certainly amusing to hear some of the nons around these temporary jobs talking about "our" new schedule "we" are getting. Don't forget, "No card, no favors."

Let's all attend the meeting at Springfield and keep after the nons; have a solid line.

DAD.

Maine Central R. R.

Main Line—

Mr. Raynes now a father; all he needs now is a card and insurance to protect his family.

Bro. H. N. Russell landed agency Greene.

Bro. Flynt relieved Mr. Sullivan, agent at Burnham, while the latter was off duty on account of sickness.

Bro. S. A. Lavalie on a few days' leave of absence, was relieved by Bro. Beane.

J. E. Clark is now agent at Bowdoinham. Hope he will soon come back in the fold again and make Bowdoinham solid. Mr. Delano, who was relieving the agent at Bowdoinham, landed second Burnham Jct. and Bro. Robinson landed third.

Clerk and operator at South Gardiner has been taken off, Sister Little landing operator's position at Bowdoinham. "They miss your sweet smile, Mildred."

Bro. Bailey, third Freeport, off duty on account of sickness, was relieved by Bro. Beane, later by Mr. Earles.

Mr. Ames landed third Clinton and Bro. F. X. Lavalie was assigned agency Moores, new office just opened.

Bro. Priest was off duty a few days on account of sickness.

It looks as if "Dan Cupid" hit the mark when he shot his arrow through the open window at Harwards at the pretty agent there. We are not particular what brand of cigars your hubby passes us, Gertie, but for goodness' sake don't forget us.

It is now Bro. Haskell at Rumford Jct. Welcome to the ranks, Sammy.

Bro. Beane is now relieving at Pittsfield, Mr. Hennessy off duty on account of sickness. Cupid got "Danny" in his union, so I guess he can be roped into ours.

The tax collectors at Lewiston and Brunswick both claim Bro. Brown as a citizen of their city. Guess they will have to go halves on the coin or "Ed" will have to come across twice. Better get her a job in Brunswick, Eddie.

If the nons will glance over the Boston papers of January 20th they will see what the unions did for two union men that were discharged on the D. & H. for an unavoidable accident. "If you want protection sign the papers."

"MICKEY," Cert 400.

Mountain District—

Bro. W. E. Lutes, "W" office, resumed January 21st, after an absence of several weeks on account of poor health.

Bro. Fardy, at Iceboro, is making the nons sit up and take notice, as his applications show. We

won't ask for his recipe as long as he keeps them coming.

Waterville yard office, recently vacated by Bro. P. L. Gardner, who went to Cumberland Mills as third trick, has been filled by Bro. H. A. Dickey.

Sister M. E. Little, South Gardiner, bid in clerk and operator at Bowdoinham.

T. J. Earle assigned third Clinton temporarily, and R. E. Robinson assigned third Burnham Jct.

Bro. Irving Thombs, of Thompson's Point, has bid in first Mattawamkeag. Thompson's Point second trick is temporarily filled by Bro. C. T. Beardsley until Bro. C. H. Stevens, of Beecher Falls, who bid in the position, can be transferred.

We are pleased to welcome to our ranks Bro. A. B. Congdon, who recently assigned to Sawyers River. Bro. A. A. Bean bid in "PQ." Bro. F. C. Conway, who bid in Sawyers River, has resigned, relieved by A. B. Congdon on bid. We hope to have him with us very shortly.

The Mountain District stands well to the fore in organization, only one man out in the entire district, and we are camping on his trail. "Get in and keep in" is our watchword.

W. S. McGOUGH, L. C.

Eastern Division—

I. H. Thombs, Thompson's Point, bid in trick Mattawamkeag.

C. W. Wiggins has been appointed agent at Brewer Jct.

No bids were received for clerk and operator at Eastport and assistant superintendent was given authority to assign someone to that position.

J. L. Buckley bid in Veazie agency, relieved at Passadumkeag agency on bid by F. W. McCarthy, agent at Franklin Road; no assignments yet for the latter and Oldtown.

Seniority list for the year 1914, which is made up in the superintendent's office January 1st each year, has not yet been received.

Received no notes from the brothers along the line and am unable to give personal items.

CERT. 160.

Norfolk Southern R. R.

Since this road acquired the Raleigh, Charlotte & Southport Railways the first of the year over 250 miles of track have been added to our fast-growing system. This gives us about thirty more operators that we can get into our system division, and we must make a concerted effort to line them up. We all need warehousemen—even the smallest station—to help handle the fast-growing mail, parcel post, etc. Think of it: 50-pound packages allowed through the mails under 150 miles, and 20-pound packages from any distance.

It seems that the majority of agents and operators are content with their \$40.00 and \$45.00 jobs.

When some of the nons are approached, we hear the old, familiar remark: "I used to belong to the Order, but the boys wouldn't do anything.

so I dropped it. I will come again when they show me something is going to be done."

Wonder who "they" are referred to.

These men are the very ones, when they were members, who didn't do anything but sit still and look on.

The thing to do is for everybody to stick a "paw" in and do something, and if those fellows at Hertford, Edenton, Washington, New Berne, Raleigh and Charlotte will all drop in and say, "Here am I, send me," we will see the much-needed change.

Quite a change was recently made in our Raleigh office: W. E. Lowe resigned on account of too much work, and an entire new force was put on. There was quite a difficulty in filling the vacancies, and there was some talk of resorting to a telegraph school at Goldsboro for a "ham" to fill one trick. A few other changes have been made on the line. Bro. Z. S. Wright is now at Chocowinity days, vice Bro. Kavanaugh, who accepted Bailey agency, G. H. Jordan going to Simpson, vice Bro. H. G. Moore, resigned. Mr. Jordan will soon be with us.

Very sorry to hear of the death of our former brother, C. A. Barnhill, of Greenville, who resigned from the railroad service some time last year, letting his membership drop in the Order.

Our deepest sympathy is felt for Bro. D. F. May and his wife, at Northwest, in the loss of their child, but we feel that death was a great relief to the brave little sufferer, and we commend them to the all-wise God, who giveth and taketh.

We are in hopes that our new schedule will be effective ere this reaches the journal, as the boys are expecting Bro. J. J. Dermody, in Norfolk, Va., soon to assist them. "OLD VIRGINIA."

Delaware & Hudson Ry.

ALBANY, N. Y., January 23, 1914.

At a joint meeting of the general committee of the five railroad organizations comprising the B. of R. T., O. R. C., B. of L. E., B. of L. F. & E., and O. R. T., the following resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

Be it Resolved, That we most heartily endorse and approve of the action of Grand Lodge Officers, T. M. Pierson, of O. R. T.; G. H. Sines, of the B. of R. T.; L. G. Griffing, of the B. of L. E.; M. C. Carey, of the O. R. C.; A. J. Lovell, of the B. of L. F. & E., and their associates, the general chairmen, G. A. Johnson, of the O. R. T.; Martin Degnan, of the B. of R. T.; G. M. Parker, of the B. of L. E.; J. E. Rhoades, of the O. R. C.; F. L. Hanlon, of the B. of L. F. & E., in the settlement of the cases which were involved in the recent controversy on the Delaware & Hudson Company's system.

A. M. BANKS, B. of L. E.
G. C. PAINE, O. R. C.
R. W. BELLAMY, B. of L. F. & E.
D. P. PACE, B. of R. T.
O. C. BENJAMIN, O. R. T.

Committee.

Virginian Ry.

First and Second Divisions--

The meeting in Norfolk, January 13th, was the most successful ever held since Division 154 has been in existence. There were several officers and members present. Among them were the following: Bros. J. E. Goodwin, general secretary and treasurer; H. W. Hix, general chairman; S. H. Davis, H. L. and S. L. Gardner, J. R. Grigg, C. E. Powers, T. L. Boone, G. F. Williams, W. E. Winston, C. Z. Patterson and J. P. Strickland.

We regret very much that some of the members were kept away on account of not being able to secure passes; and especially do we regret the absence of Bro. Wooten, our local chairman, who was unable to attend on account of his wife's illness.

Boys, wake up and attend the meetings on your divisions, as we only have this great opportunity occasionally, and we want to keep enthused.

Owing to the illness of his mother, Bro. Williams, "GO" Norfolk, was off a few days, relieved by Mr. Matthews, clerk-operator from Kenbridge.

Bro. Chappell, first Goodview, has given up his position there and gone on the extra list. Understand he is waiting for something nearer home. Bro. Harmon, from Dolphin, bid in first Goodview.

Mr. Hardy, agent Victoria, resigned, vacancy filled by Bro. Dungan, cashier from Roanoke. We are glad to see the brothers getting the best jobs.

It is now Bros. Talley at "BU," Matthews at "GN," and Hunt at "WS."

Bro. Carper, third "RO," just returned from an extended Southern tour, relieved Bro. Booker, from Clark's Gap, Third Division. Bro. Carper has been where the climate suits his clothes.

Div. Cor.

Panama R. R.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father and all-wise Ruler of the universe to call to his reward the father of our brother, John H. Milstead, Jr., to manifest our sincere sympathy, be it

Resolved, That the members of Division 158, Panama Railroad, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the sorrowing brother and members of his family their heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved brother, and a copy forwarded to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

J. S. O'DONNELL,
C. S. WATSON,
A. V. LOSEA,

Committee.

Covozal, Canal Zone, Dec. 16, 1913.

C., I. & S. R. R.

January 26th a rousing meeting of the Danville Division boys was held at Kentland, Ind.; 25 members being present. Meeting presided over by General Chairman Shimanek. Among the attractions was a quartette by the brothers, and some splendid music by the O. R. T. band. Bro. Osborne, at Kent, certainly knows how to provide entertainment for the brothers coming to his town. You boys from the Danville Division who did not come certainly missed a great treat. Several applications were presented and more to follow. Bro. Turner, from the L. E. & W. Ry., told a parrot story, and Bro. Smith told a stuttering story. After the meeting we all adjourned to White's restaurant, where Bro. Shimanek came near killing himself eating pie. After lunch a smoker was enjoyed, and all went home satisfied. Among those present were: A. J. Shimanek, W. J. Alberts, J. E. Withrow, Paul McCain, Elmer Jackson, F. H. Scott, S. G. Handley, W. A. Jacobs, J. A. Jacobs, C. L. Smith, C. C. Brown, Mr. A. L. Pickering, L. V. Hunter, Mr. A. Hardesty, C. M. McVey, L. V. Osborne, Mr. H. W. Haben, Mr. Wm. Haywood, C. E. Harrison, T. A. Gott, J. M. Lowe, C. I. Turner, Mr. James Padgett, J. M. Gott, Harry Osborne and M. L. Gotts.

The nons are all promising to come in January and February pay days, and we will soon be solid. There are about three of the old heads for whom "the Order has never done any good and they can not throw their money away foolishly." I think they will be glad to come in before very long. Remember, brothers, "No card, no favors."

It is now Bro. Roney, at North Judson, and also Bro. Weigner.

C. C. Johnson, of Momence tower, can not see his way to join the O. R. T. Says he will quit and go into some other business. Probably some good brother will bid in this trick and make it solid.

Don't forget to send your chairman a copy of your bid on bulletined positions. It will save you any misunderstanding that may come up.

We are sorry to hear of Bro. S. M. Kern, of Seatonsville, being sick with the mumps, and hope for his quick recovery.

F. A. Thomas, of first Ladd, will be with us soon. He has had very bad luck for the past year; his wife being confined to bed most of the time with rheumatism. We are glad to hear that she is able to be up and around the house, even if the recovery is slow. Mr. Fletcher also promises to be with us soon. Howe will then be solid.

Bro. Vleck, of Moronts, is going to buy an automobile this spring. Louis has lots of money, and will not miss a few hundred.

Bro. Glover, of Granville, presented the general chairman with a fountain pen, which "Shim" put into service writing the nons. They are all coming in now.

Look out for the sign on the door at Granville. Bro. Snively says keep out, and he means it, too.

Old Mr. Layman is undecided whether to come into the Order or not.

Bro. Gould, of Lostant tower, is always on the job.

Mr. Settle, the new man at Lostant tower, will soon be with us. Write him up.

Bro. Arnold is on first Streator, while General Chairman Shimanek is off for about 30 days. Mr. Ritter, a new man, relieving Arnold on second. Report it to the man who wears the button. M. H. McNamara, agent Streator, is the man Bro. Jacobs, of Ladd, is the other. "Safety first."

Bro. Kibbons, Streator third, is going to be married soon. Look out for "ten-centers," boys; that boy is going to pass 'em.

The new man at Buda promised to be with us as soon as settled. Think he is going to plow up the right-of-way and plant potatoes at Buda.

Bro. Nichols, at Dwight, is to be married soon; some more cigars. Bro. Grady doing big business in the bus line.

Bro. Boyer, of Reddick, says rabbit-hunting is no good this winter, not enough snow.

Bro. Baker, of Union Hill, has resigned, and will bid in another position. No house to live in, is the cause of his leaving.

Bro. Wilson, of Goodrich, enjoys the fresh air, driving to and from work every day; only about seven or eight miles.

Bro. Moran, of "KKK" office, has recovered from the sickness which kept him away from work about a month. Has bid in Ladd second, so he can be close to his folks.

Old Jack Driscoll will be with us soon. Mandy said he could join, so it's a sure thing.

C. C. B.

Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Ry.

Nashville Division—

We are working today for identically the same thing that we were two years ago, with nothing in sight in the future, unless we get together again. Organize and stick with determination to win. That is all we have to do, and things will be coming our way.

We all regret very much the loss of our president and general manager, Mr. Thomas. If we ever get anything, it will be through organization. So let's all make a start right now, and keep on until the battle is won. If we will go to organizing between ourselves, it won't be long until the O. R. T. will send organizers to our line; so all stay together this time.

Understand the Chattanooga Division is coming to the front. Let us hear from some of you good brothers over there.

I think now is a good time to make another start. Unless we get busy, we will be working for the same old thing for years to come. Living expenses continue increasing, yet salaries remain the same. With an organization like the O. R. T. to back us, we will be able to do something. Let us all get busy, and ask the O. R. T. to help us. "Stay with it." Let that be our motto until we secure a contract, and then we can climb by degrees.

Div. Cor.

Peoria-Pekin O. R. T. Club.

A most enthusiastic and interesting meeting was enjoyed at our regular session at the Jefferson Hotel, Peoria, Ill., Sunday, Dec. 14, 1913.

Bro. Graves, local chairman Galesburg Division, and Bro. J. H. Frain, local chairman Burlington Division, representing Division 130, were with us, and their presence made the meeting one that could not have been improved upon.

Owing to the resignation of Bro. Phippens, our secretary and treasurer, an election was held to fill the vacancy. Bro. Rixey, Division 130, was elected to fill the unexpired term.

The new cards for the ensuing year were issued at this meeting. Twelve taking advantage of the opportunity to procure an up-to-date.

Bro. Graves made a very interesting talk of thirty minutes duration, and the remarks and short talks by all brothers present contributed to make this meeting one of the best held in Peoria since the organization of our club in Peoria six months ago.

Too much can not be said of our hard working and capable president, Bro. A. C. McNeff, whose earnest and successful efforts are fast bringing our club to the front. We are able to boast of forty actual members enrolled in our club, and we start the year with a clean slate, and money in the treasury. The object of our club is not only to create greater and livelier interest among the members, but to demonstrate to those who are not personally acquainted with the telegraphers' organization that we are interested in our present and future welfare, and willing to work hard so that we may ultimately, as a central representative body, contribute our part toward procuring better salaries and better working conditions, both of which we are rightfully entitled to, but which we are not now receiving.

All members of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers in our immediate vicinity who are earnestly in favor of a greater O. R. T. should not overlook the opportunity to help yourselves, and the organization and the future success of our club by taking out a membership card. By so doing you will make it possible for us to have headquarters in Peoria, which will be in keeping with our large growing organization. Fifty cents is all that is necessary. If you are in favor of better salaries, better working conditions, a larger organization, and a good live representation in our city, send a remittance immediately to the undersigned.

D. G. RIXEY, S. & T.,

Burlington Local Office, Peoria, Ill.

Those present were: A. C. McNeff, president, Big Four; D. G. Rixey, secretary and treasurer, C., B. & Q.; D. H. Andrews, past president, C. R. I. & P.; J. H. Decker, L. E. & W.; F. M. Everetts, C., B. & Q.; Wm. Sisson, C., B. & Q.; R. L. W. Sleeter, C. & A.; A. D. Thompson, C. R. I. & P.; W. O. Blackman, C., B. & Q.; and A. D. Farris, C., B. & Q., Peoria, Ill.; S. P. Hasselbacher, C., B. & Q., Yates City, Ill., and

J. L. Dollison, C., B. & Q., Elmwood, Ill.; F. J. Graves, local chairman, Abingdon, Ill., C., B. Q., and J. H. Frain, local chairman, Wyman, Iowa, C., B. & Q.

The meeting at Hotel Jefferson, Sunday, January 11th, was by far the most interesting and best attended meeting of any held before in Peoria. There were forty-five real live, enthusiastic brothers present, among them three general chairmen, one general secretary and treasurer; and three local chairmen of the various lines entering Peoria.

Bro. Edw. Whalen, general chairman of the "Big Four," gave a most pleasing and instructive talk of over forty minutes' duration, telling of the good work done by the various O. R. T. clubs in several of the larger cities, and urged the boys to look more to the social and fraternal side of their respective clubs, and not figure that the only thing to bring success to your local organization was the money which you paid for dues. Bro. Whalen also spoke of the bright prospects for a revised schedule on the "Big Four," with more money and better working conditions.

Bro. Carder, general chairman of the Burlington, in his usual straightforward and excellent manner, told the boys of the vast strides made by the O. R. T. toward success on the Burlington, and although the past had been one of complete success, the future looked doubly as bright.

Bro. Rogers, general secretary and treasurer of the Burlington, lived up to expectations, and contributed one of his best talks on the grand old organization, the Order of Railroad Telegraphers.

Bros. Graves, Schlosser and Decker made short talks, which were interesting in every detail. Everyone had something to say, and good fellowship prevailed during the entire afternoon and evening. Our club has been lucky in every department. Through the kindness and generosity of the Hotel Jefferson, we have been able to hold our meetings each month in the finest hotel in our city without any expense to ourselves whatever, and the officers of the several different roads we wish to thank for their attendance, and help to make our club meetings interesting and attractive to our members and the members of the O. R. T.

We have enjoyed a gain of ten members since January, 1914, and lost only three, account of removal from Peoria. This is a most excellent showing, and the future looks very bright for a prosperous and successful year.

Among those present were: A. C. McNeff, president; D. G. Rixey, secretary and treasurer; J. F. Carder, general chairman, Burlington, Iowa; Edw. Whalen, general chairman "Big Four," Terre Haute, Ind.; J. H. Rogers, general secretary and treasurer, LaCrosse, Wis.; F. J. Graves, local chairman, Abingdon, Ill.; I. E. Schlosser, local chairman "Big Four," Waynetown, Ind.; J. W. Woodruff, J. J. Riordan and W. A. Miller, Pekin, Ill.; J. D. Howard, LaCrosse, Wis.; J. L. Dollison, Elmwood, Ill., and F. A. Dratt, W. O. Blackman, F. M. Everetts, L. F. Springer, A. F. Thompson, J. H. Decker, A. G. Weppler,

A. D. Farris, Earl Endsley, R. L. W. Sleeter, Wm. Sisson and V. H. Austing, Peoria, Ill.
D. G. R., Cert. 928.

The meeting at Pekin, Jan. 23, 1914, was some "whizzer," and being the first held there proved quite satisfactory both in attendance and enthusiasm.

Twenty-four present, and the "nitro-glycerine" hurlers across the river certainly know how to show everyone a good time. Bro. Carder, general chairman of the Burlington Route, was with us, and his presence, as well as his most instructive talk, was more than appreciated. Bro. Clotfelter, general chairman C., P. & St. L., sure is some eloquent speaker, and everyone enjoyed his talk on the conditions on the C., P. & St. L. Bro. Patterson, local chairman, contributed a very pleasing speech of twenty minutes' duration, urging the boys to help those who help us.

Short talks by all present were thoroughly enjoyed, and it was certainly gratifying to see so many out taking an active interest in the affairs of our organization.

This was an open meeting, and its good can not be estimated. Already three applications have been procured as the fruits of the meeting, and a great deal more can and will be accomplished if each and every member will put his shoulder to the wheel and be more active and write up every non with whom you are acquainted. Our club needs more members, and if you know of an operator who is not carrying a card, hop on his trail and make him come across, and help carry the load, and assist us in procuring larger and better results and benefits for the investment of our money..

Among those present were: A. C. McNeff, president, and D. G. Rixey, secretary and treasurer, Peoria Ill.; J. F. Carder, general chairman Burlington Route, Burlington, Iowa; C. C. Clotfelter, general chairman C., P. & St. L., Athens, Ill.; C. A. Patterson, local chairman C., P. & St. L., Forest City, Ill., and W. O. Blackman, F. M. Everetts, J. H. Decker, Wm. Forsman, W. E. Ridder, and L. F. Springer, Peoria, Ill., and J. A. Newkirk, J. J. Riordan, J. H. Colson, J. W. Woodruff, C. P. Callahan and Frank H. Jibbens, Pekin, Ill. D. G. R., Cert 928.

Bro. Phippens, Rock Island city ticket office, was laid up a few days on account of sore throat.

Bro. V. H. Austin, Burlington city ticket office, has just returned, having charge of a tourist car from Peoria to all large cities in the West.

Bro. McDonald, M. & St. L. local office, is now a regular, full-fledged member, whom we welcome with pleasure to our ranks.

Bro. J. W. Woodruff, first "PRT" Pekin, was recently married. Congratulations. He is one of the liveliest and most enthusiastic members of our club.

"BN" office, Rock Island passenger depot, Peoria, discontinued December 24th. Bro. Andrews going to Rockdale first temporarily. We are sorry to lose Bro. Andrews, as his faithfulness

and help have been a tower of strength in the organization of our club. Train orders are now being handled in the ticket office until the yard office can be moved closer to the passenger station.

Bro. Sleeter, C. & A. local office, is making himself hard to catch now on that new bug he purchased recently.

Mr. Willet's, local office, is the only operator in the union freight house who is not carrying a card. If organization is good for a majority, it should be good for everyone who is engaged in telegraph work.

It is now Bro. Thielbar, general agent's office L. E. & W., through the kindness of Bros. McNeff and Decker.

CLUB CORRESPONDENT.

Omaha Railroad Telegraphers' Club.

The regular meeting held December 22d was attended by a few of the old standbys, and, after a short session to dispose of regular business, the meeting was adjourned, each one attending promising to see a large crowd at our next meeting, January 26th. The regular meeting on that date was well attended by a representative bunch from each line entering Omaha, and included our old friend, George Soyster, the general chairman of Division 23. What George had to say to the boys, and especially those from the Milwaukee, was worth any effort they may have put forth to attend this meeting. His talk showed the boys just what position they are in, and gave us a line on real news to all of us, and we sat up and took notice. Regret there were not more present to hear his talk.

Bro. Bliss, of Persia, made the trip to be with us, and had his little "say" along with the other speakers.

One of the questions put to vote and passed upon was the matter of giving assistance to our worthy Bro. W. J. Hunter, of Carson City, Nev.

Our regular meeting scheduled for February 23d has been canceled, and in its place we will give a social and reception at Labor Temple Hall, 19th and Farnam streets, Omaha, Tuesday, February 24, 1914. This "social" is to be conducted on the same plan as the one given December 9th, an account of which appeared in the January TELEGRAPHER, free to the members of this club and their invited friends. No charge whatever is made for admission, and any member of the O. R. T. applying to the vice-president of this club, representing their line, can get an invite. The vice-presidents of the various lines are as follows: Union Pacific, Bro. F. A. Coulter, of "U" Omaha; Missouri Pacific, Bro. R. W. Sinclair; Rock Island, Bro. A. L. Marshall, Council Bluffs; Burlington, Bro. J. G. Lawler, of "G" Omaha; C. & N. W., Bro. Harry Draper, of South Omaha; Illinois Central, Bro. "Jack" Harty, of Council Bluffs; C. M. & St. P., Bro. C. E. Oleson, of Council Bluffs; Wabash, Bro. M. H. Meeker, of Council Bluffs. The address of the president and secretary of the club is in the directory on the back pages of THE TELEGRAPHER.

Our own orchestra, composed of members of the club, will furnish the music for the dancing, and a most enjoyable time is anticipated. Every effort is being made by the committee on arrangements to see that nothing is left undone to insure a good time for all.

At the meeting on January 26th Bros. Burnite and Tathewell played several pieces—piano and violin—for the boys, which were greatly appreciated. The balance of our orchestra were compelled to work on this date during the evening, but we are assured that they will be on hand with a good program for the social February 24th.

Don't forget the date, February 24th, at Labor Temple Hall. Come and bring your wife or lady friend. All O. R. T. boys are welcome. Get your invite from your vice-president.

Please notify others at your own and nearby stations that the regular meeting for February is canceled. The social on February 24th takes its place, and the next regular meetings will be March 23 and April 27, 1914. "THE SCRIBE."

CORT Club.

The regular Cort Club meeting of January 3d was very well attended and a good time enjoyed by all present. The greater portion of our time at this meeting was consumed in discussing and disposing of numerous important club matters.

A committee of three, consisting of Bros. Jones, Soyster and Carter, was appointed to handle the proposition of distributing petitions among members on the various lines entering Chicago, with a view to securing signatures for the pardon of former Bro. W. J. Hunter. From \$30 to \$35 will probably be realized on the prize shawl.

The dance proposition was disposed of indefinitely, and it was suggested that in lieu of the dances the club give card parties at each regular meeting, with one or more prizes as an inducement. This suggestion was very favorably received and indorsed by nearly all brothers present as a good one to get the brothers out to our regular monthly meetings.

It was with great regret that we learned that Bro. J. J. Rose, our loyal secretary and treasurer had tendered his resignation, effective February 7th. Bro. Rose has been secretary and treasurer of the Cort Club for over three years, with a record unsurpassed. He explains his action as being due to a shortage of time, every spare moment being consumed by his duties as local chairman of the Relay Division, C. B. & Q. However, at our next regular meeting, which is election of officers, we intend re-electing Bro. Rose and endeavor to induce him to continue the good work in the capacity of secretary and treasurer.

After the conclusion of business matters, interesting talks were made by Bros. Jones and Soyster, which no doubt proved very beneficial, indeed. Meeting adjourned at 12 midnight.

Bro. and Mrs. W. J. Early, C. & N. W., were off several days recently, visiting relatives in Mattison, Ill.

On account of reduction in forces at C. R. I. & P. general office, Bro. Rice is now in Fairbury relay, Bro. Harding at Goodland relay, and Bro. Kososki at Blue Island nights.

Bro. James Troy, general chairman Division 76, was a recent and welcome visitor among the brothers in the C. & N. W. general office.

C. & N. W. general office brothers responded very liberally towards the W. J. Scrimger fund. late operator C. & N. W., Grand avenue, Chicago.

Bro. Geo. A. Flynn, recently reported as resigning with the C. & N. W. and going to Minneapolis, decided to remain with the C. & N. W. general office and continue as a Cort Club booster. —All general office forces in Chicago have been greatly reduced with the exception of the C. & N. W., which added one man to its force. On the Northwestern Line (the best of everything) with an Abe Lincoln and an able lawyer working in "SJ," what else could you expect.

Would like very much to hear from the I. C. and C. B. & Q. about the 25th of each month.

Would like very much to hear from the I. C. represented at our meetings occasionally.

D. C. SMART, 2d V. P., and Club Cor.

Topeka O. R. T. Club.

The meeting on January 11th was mostly of a social nature, and was held at the home of General Chairman Bro. Brown, instead of the regular club rooms at the Throop Hotel. The crowd began gathering at noon, and by evening something like fifty brothers and their wives, and lady friends had arrived. As a preliminary, a short meeting was held, which was started off by an address by Bro. Brown, followed by Bros. Shaw, Halpin, Lowe, Pringle, Allen, Edwards, Sister Dorrington and others. The announcement of the death of Bro. Ford, cast a shade of sorrow over the gay and happy throng. Bros. Powell, Carver and O'Grady were appointed by President Stover to draw up fitting resolutions.

At 9:00 p. m. the meeting was adjourned, and all repaired to the commodious parlors of Bro. Brown's residence, which were beautifully decorated for the occasion with cut flowers, and listened to an excellent vocal and instrumental program. After this, a bounteous repast was served by Mrs. Brown, at which everybody made a good average.

This is the first attempt at a social meeting the club has made, and the results were highly gratifying, and from now on the social feature will receive more attention from us.

It is planned to hold a big meeting at Herington some time in the near future at which we bespeak a large attendance.

The club was unanimous in a vote of thanks to Bro. and Mrs. Brown, and in pronouncing them royal entertainers.

This club meets the second Sunday of each month at the Throop Hotel, Topeka, Kan., and all visiting brothers are cordially invited to meet with us. R. A. POWELL, Secretary-Treasurer.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom, to call to His home, the brother of our true brother, H. A. Ford; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, a committee in behalf of the Topeka O. R. T. Club, and Division 126, extend our sincere sympathy and consolation to our bereaved brother and relatives in this hour of sadness, and be it also

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved brother, a copy spread on the minutes of the Topeka Club, and a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

A. S. CARVER,
W. V. O'GRADY,
R. A. POWELL,
Committee.

Cedar Rapids O. R. T. Club.

Dues for term ending June 30, 1914, are now due; remit and get your card.

The regular monthly meeting of January 16th was called to order by General Chairman W. T. Brown, of Division 126, in absence of President Schertz, at 8:30 p. m., with about fifteen present.

Short talks were made by the following: Halpin, Rice, Supple, Heyman, Merrill, Beecher and Kalb, of 126; Copp, O'Mera, Conover, Weiser and Kleim, of 76.

Bro. Brown gave us his usual interesting and instructive talk, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

We were very sorry and disappointed not to see any of the Division 23 boys out. We hope they will be with us next meeting sure.

The matter of holding social entertainments in near future, was discussed at length, and all the brothers were asked to see that as many as possible were at the meeting in February to decide upon some definite arrangements and date.

The secretary would be pleased to have some of the brothers suggest something this club could pull off to interest or entertain the following brothers, all located in Cedar Rapids: R. C. Rice, 126; Kneffler, 126; Ocheltree, 126. They have their first meeting to attend since July, 1912. No wonder we can't get any of the boys off the line to get in here. Can't we jar 'em loose?

CERT. 2119.

Des Moines O. R. T. Club.

The Des Moines O. R. T. Club called a special meeting January 22d for the benefit of the C., R. I. & P. brothers. Mr. Brown was the speaker, and enlightened all present regarding many topics. There was a good attendance, and a smoker was enjoyed.

At the meeting Sunday, January 25th, G. E. Soyster, of the C., M. & St. P. discussed the committee work in Chicago. The next meeting will be Sunday, February 22d, and on Sunday, March 22d; all are welcomed, and sincerely requested to come. S. S. PRICE, Secy. & Treas.,
1429 W. 12th St., Des Moines, Iowa.





Mutual Benefit Department

Assessment No. 133 is due January 1, 1914.

Time for payment expires February 28, 1914.

AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENTS.

On \$ 300 00 (Series A).....	\$2 40 per year.
On 500 00 (Series B).....	3 60 per year.
On 1,000 00 (Series C).....	7 20 per year.

BENEFITS PAID DURING JANUARY, 1914.

CLAIM No.	NAME.	CAUSE.	CERT. DIV. NO. SERIES.	AMT.
1197..	Albert E. Sutherland....	Pulmonary and Glandular Tuberculosis.....	Grand ..15975..C..	\$ 500 00
1526..	Rudolph A. Johnson....	Suicide.....	54..26555..B..	500 00
1528..	Erwin R. Montgomery....	Cancer of Intestines.....	97..38242..C..	1,000 00
1530..	Walton O'Dell.....	Struck by Train.....	7..33394..A..	300 00
1535..	Hank L. Jewell.....	Cerebral Hemorrhage.....	132..31706..C..	1,000 00
1537..	Samuel E. Thomas....	Typhoid Fever.....	17..41884..A..	300 00
1544..	Wm. J. McCarthy.....	Brain Tumor.....	17..8793..C..	1,000 00
1545..	Chris. Simonson.....	Pneumonia.....	88..27541..B..	500 00
1546..	Isaac H. Lutz.....	Cystic Tumors on Brain.....	42..35274..A..	300 00
1547..	Columbus J. King.....	Gunshot Wounds.....	94..41853..A..	300 00
1548..	Homer Crump.....	Peritonitis.....	Grand ..14062..C..	1,000 00
1549..	Earl E. Cook.....	Gunshot Wound.....	5..28289..B..	500 00
1550..	James C. Talley, Jr....	Operation for Stomach Trouble.....	69..12524..C..	1,000 00
1552..	Willis W. Walkey.....	Cerebral Hemorrhage.....	126..39476..A..	300 00
1553..	Geo. J. Connelly.....	Mitral Insufficiency.....	Grand ..16387..C..	1,000 00
1557..	Chas. H. Mitchell.....	Apoplexy.....	33..6401..C..	1,000 00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—MORTUARY FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Received on Assessment to December 31, 1913.....	\$1,357,258 54
Received on Assessment Account January, 1914.....	26,381 62
	\$1,383,640 16

DISBURSEMENTS.

Death Claims paid to December 31, 1913.....	\$ 946,081 47
Death Claims paid in January.....	10,500 00
Assessments Refunded, account rejected applications.....	1,779 14
Assessments Transferred to Dues.....	267 28
Cash on hand to credit Mortuary Fund, January 31, 1914.....	425,012 27
	\$1,383,640 16

L. W. QUICK,
Grand Secretary and Treasurer.

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No. 8—Division covers New York Central Ry. H. B. Morey, Gen'l Chairman, 102 Jefferson ave., Utica, N. Y.; A. E. Blim, Gen'l S. & T., Chili Station, N. Y. Hudson Division—Meets 3d Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p. m., G. A. R. Hall, 27 Garden st., Poughkeepsie, N. Y. F. P. Fraleigh, Local Chairman, 67 Washington st., Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Western and Rochester Division—Meets 3d Saturday in February, April, June, August, October and December at 10 o'clock a. m., and 8 o'clock p. m., at Rochester, N. Y., 3d Monday of January, March, May, July, September and November, at 10 o'clock a. m., and 8 o'clock p. m., at 148 No. Salina st., Syracuse, N. Y., in conjunction with Mohawk Division. W. R. Miller, Local Chairman Rochester Division, Victor, N. Y. W. P. Mansell, Local Chairman Signalmen, Western Division, Corfu, N. Y. A. E. Blim, Local Chairman Station Dept., Western Division, Chili Station, N. Y. Mohawk Division—Meets 3d Tuesday each month at 8 p. m., at 510 State st., over Fagan's

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No. 18—Division covers the New York, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad System. Meetings 1st District at Conneaut, in G. A. R. Hall, Main st., cor. of Washington st., every third Monday of each month. Meeting 2d and 3d Districts at Bellevue, Ohio, in B. of L. E. Hall, every 3d Friday of each month; meeting 4th District in I. O. O. F. Hall, State st., Hammond, Ind., every second Saturday of each month. F. F. Cowley, Gen'l Chairman, 519 W. Lincoln st., Findlay, Ohio; C. O. Crisenberry, Gen'l S. & T., Knox, Ind.

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- No. 23—Division covers the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry., Rochelle & Southern Ry., Idaho & Western Ry., Tacoma-Eastern R. R., and Bellingham & Northern Ry. District meetings held subject to call of the Local Chairmen. G. E. Soyster, Gen'l Chairman, 403 Drexel Bank Bldg., Chicago, Ill.; C. H. Burnworth, Ass't General Chairman Puget Sound Lines, Ingomar, Mont.; Ed. R. Derrickson, Gen'l S. & T., 403 Drexel Bank Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
- No. 25—Division covers the International & Great Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. T. C. Berry, Gen'l Chairman, Encinal, Tex.; R. B. Adams, Gen'l S. & T., Oakwood, Tex.; D. D. Hungate, Local Chairman Gulf Division, Jewett, Tex.; J. J. Burns, Assistant Local Chairman and Division Correspondent, Box 133, Spring, Tex. Chas. C. Webner, Local Chairman Ft. Worth Division, Mart, Tex.
- No. 26, NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.—Meets 2d Wednesday of each month, 9 p. m., Grand Union Hotel, New York City. W. A. Fuller, Chief Tel., 525 West 146th st., New York City, N. Y.; A. R. Linn, S. & T., 116 Willett st., Jamaica, N. Y.
- No. 27—Division covers the St. Louis, Vandalia & Terre Haute Railroad System. Meets on the 15th of each month in the Mayor's office at Green Castle, Ind. E. E. Pierron, Gen'l Chairman, Pierron, Ill.; C. R. Shortridge, Gen'l S. & T., Coatesville, Ind.
- No. 29, NEW HAVEN, CONN.—Meets 1st Friday of each month at 8 p. m. and 3d Tuesday of each month at 10 a. m., in Red Men's Hall, 48 Church st., cor. Crown, New Haven, Conn. L. H. Dowd, Chief Tel., 57 Ludlow st., Waterbury, Conn.; G. F. McCormack, S. & T., 95 Main st., West Haven, Conn.
- No. 31—Division covers the Missouri Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to call of the Chairman. C. E. Maxwell, Gen'l Chairman, Room 401, Star Building, St. Louis, Mo.; N. S. Morgan, Chairman Relay Offices, 418 Geyer ave., Kirkwood, Mo.; W. L. Wilmarth, Member General Committee M. P. Ry., Holden, Mo.; J. E. Lewis, Member General Committee, Talulah, La.; H. J. Mohler, Gen'l S. & T., Room 401, Star Building, St. Louis, Mo.
- No. 32—Division covers the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the Chairman. C. G. Kelso, Gen'l Chairman, Box 87, Springfield, Mo.; M. T. Fullington, Gen'l S. & T., Box 87, Springfield, Mo.
- No. 33—Division covers the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the Chairman. C. B. Pierce, Gen'l Chairman, 2021 Longwood st. (Walbrook), Baltimore, Md.; C. B. Rawlins, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, R. F. D. No. 1, Moore's Hill, Ind.; W. Edgar Frasher, Gen'l S. & T., 814 W. 9th st., Wilmington, Del. Philadelphia Division—Meets in Red Men's Hall, 17th and Union sts., near B. & O. depot, Wilmington, Del., third Saturday evenings in January, March, May, July, September and November at 8 p. m.; meetings in February, April, June, August, October and December, subject to call of Local Chairman. F. F. Sullivan, Local Chairman, Van Bibber, Md., Western District of the Baltimore Division. Meets subject to call of Local Chairman. W. Q. Stouffer, Local Chairman, Point of Rocks, Md. Eastern District of the Baltimore Division—Meets subject to call of Local Chairman. D. J. McGrath, Local Chairman, 2811 Friebie st., Baltimore, Md. "GO" General Office, Baltimore. Meets subject to call of the Local Chairman. C. B. Pierce, Local Chairman, 2021 Longwood st. (Walbrook), Baltimore, Md. Pittsburg Division, Pike River and P. & W. Districts—Meets 4th Thursday night of each month at 8 p. m. and 10 a. m., 4th Thursday in February, April, etc., 1914, at 417 Wood st., third floor, Pittsburg, Pa.; J. Yeager, Jr., Local Chairman Eastern District Pittsburg Division, 810 Bay Ridge ave., Brookline, Pittsburg, Pa.; E. J. Olwell, Local Chairman Western District of the Pittsburg Division, 120 Charles st., Knoxville, Mt. Oliver Station, Pittsburg, Pa. Cleveland Division—G. H. McCoy, Local Chairman, 1716 Wooster st., Massillon, Ohio. Chicago Division—Meets 3d Wednesday night of each month in Red Men's Hall, Defiance, Ohio. T. J. Eiler, Local Chairman Eastern District; G. H. Harer, Local Chairman Western District, Milford, Ind. Newark Division, including all its subdivisions and branches, will hereafter meet in Newark on the third Monday of each month. Meetings will be held alternately in the afternoon and evening, beginning with an evening meeting in December, J. P. Welsh, Local Chairman Eastern District of the Newark Division, R. F. D. No. 3, Box 17, Barnesville, Ohio. J. F. Ideo, Local Chairman of the Western District of the Newark Division, 541 Maple ave., Newark, Ohio. New Castle Division meets last Saturday evening in each month in Central Labor Hall, 3d floor, Walsh Building, South Main st., Akron, Ohio. J. R. Ault, Local Chairman, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.
- No. 34—Division covers the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railway System. Meets subject to the call of Chairman. J. V. Phillips, Gen'l Chairman, Wellington, Ill.; S. M. Rittenhouse, Gen'l S. & T., Sidell, Ill.

No. 35, PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month in Swart's Lodge, Odd Fellows' Hall, 96 Westminster st., Providence, R. I. J. D. Vanderbeek, Chief Tel., 284 Montgomery ave., Providence, R. I.; W. J. Smith, S. & T., West Kingston, R. I.

No. 36—Division covers the Pennsylvania Lines west of Pittsburgh. Meets subject to call of the Chairman. L. W. Quick, Acting Gen'l S. & T., Star bldg., St. Louis, Mo.

No. 37, NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y.—Meets 2d Friday evening each month, 8 o'clock, Lambden Bldg., 252 Main st., New Rochelle, N. Y. Theodore A. Reif, Chief Tel., 9 Abendroth place, Port Chester, N. Y.; B. E. S. Seaman, S. & T., 1210 Evergreen ave., New York, N. Y.; T. O. Tiger, Local Chairman, 907 Main st., Stamford, Conn.

No. 38, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.—Meets 3d Saturday each month, 7:30 p. m., 373½ Main st., Springfield, Mass. Frank P. Sargent, Chief Tel., 24 Colton st., Merrick, Mass.; J. R. Cardinal, S. & T., 566 Main st., Springfield, Mass.

No. 39—Division covers the Pere Marquette Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. Chicago-Muskegon Division holds regular monthly meetings in Eagle's Hall, Benton Harbor, Mich., on the 2d Saturday of each month, at 8:15 p. m. W. A. Knister, Gen'l Chairman, Coatsworth, Ont.; W. R. Adair, Gen'l S. & T., 372 Goodwin ave., Detroit, Mich.

No. 40—Division covers the Chesapeake & Ohio and Chesapeake & Ohio Indiana Lines. L. E. Hicks, Gen'l Chairman, Craigsville, Va.; J. W. Kiser, Gen'l S. & T., Barboursville, W. Va.; C. D. McGehee, Chairman Piedmont and Peninsula Districts, 2803 E. Clay st., Richmond, Va.; L. G. White, Chairman Rivanna District, Scottsville, Va.; H. S. Shuey, Chairman Mountain District, Craigsville, Va.; P. L. Fletcher, Chairman James River District, Eagle Rock, Va.; J. J. Holt, Chairman Allegheny and Greenbrier Districts, Covington, Va.; J. E. Wheatley, Chairman New River District, Prince, W. Va.; J. W. Kiser, Chairman Huntington Division, Barboursville, W. Va.; H. O. Irwin, Chairman Lexington and Big Sandy Districts, 416 E. Carter ave., Ashland, Ky.; G. F. Willis, Chairman Cincinnati District, Greenup, Ky.; E. W. Johnson, Chairman Chesapeake & Ohio of Indiana, Converse, Ind. Regular meetings are held at Richmond, Va., in Fraternity Hall, 215 W. Broad st., on the 4th Thursday night of each month; at Clifton Forge, Va., in I. O. O. F. Hall, on the 4th Saturday night, and at Hinton, W. Va., in the Big Four Building, on the third Thursday night of each month.

No. 41, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets 2d Saturday night of each month, Engineers' Hall, 164 Canal st., Boston, Mass. T. J. Fogarty, Chief Tel., 71 Clarendon ave., West Somerville, Mass.; F. C. McGrath, S. & T., 614 Main st., Winchester, Mass.

No. 42—Division covers the Erie Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. Joint meetings of the Meadville and Mahoning Divisions will be held at Warren, Ohio, corner Park ave. and Market st., every 3d Saturday of each month. New York Division, Branches and Side Lines—Regular meetings 3d Monday of each month, 8:30 p. m., Union Hall, Grave and 4th sts., Jersey City, N. J. W. H. Husted, Gen'l Chairman, Richwood, Ohio; C. L. Bridge, Gen'l S. & T., Deposit, N. Y.

No. 43—Division covers Canadian Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. Frank Munsey, Gen'l Chairman, Beaudette, Minn.; G. H. Palmer, Gen'l S. & T., Dauphin, Man.

No. 44, NEW YORK, N. Y.—Meets 2d Saturday each month at 8 p. m. in Fraternity Hall, 22-24 Harriman ave., Jamaica, N. Y. C. B. Van Nostrand, Chief Tel., Hempstead, N. Y.; A. A. Leonard, Gen'l Chairman, 71 Puntine st., Jamaica, N. Y.; E. H. Decker, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, No. 17 Sheridan ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.; L. Meringer, S. & T., 13 Cooper st., Brooklyn, N. Y.; L. Meringer, Chairman Towermen, 13 Cooper st., Brooklyn, N. Y.; A. Filby, Chairman Agents, 1055 East 34th st., Brooklyn, N. Y.; W. S. Leahy, Chairman Telegraphers, 4 Randall ave., Corona, N. Y..

No. 45, WOODSVILLE, N. H.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., K. of P. Hall, Woodsville, N. H. Geo. A. Hamilton, Chief Tel., Wells River, Vermont; Geo. A. Wheeler, S. & T., Wells River, Vermont.

No. 46—Division covers the Central of Georgia Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. C. H. Livsey, Gen'l Chairman, East Point, Ga.; O. S. Travis, Gen'l S. & T., Route 68, Atlanta, Ga. System meetings held at O. R. T. Hall, Macon, Ga., subject to call of Gen'l Chairman. Macon Division—Meets with Dixie Club, Federation Hall, Atlanta, Ga., every second Saturday night; O. S. Travis, Local Chairman, Route 68, Atlanta, Ga. Savannah Division meets at Macon, Ga., subject to call of Local Chairman. D. M. Rogers, Local Chairman, Register, Ga. Chattanooga Division meets at Lafayette, Ga., every second Sunday; Local Chairman, O. W. Bledsoe, Lafayette, Ga. Southwestern Division meets subject to call of Local Chairman. J. H. Randall, Jr., Box 25, Smithville, Ga. Columbus Division meets at Opelika, Ala., subject to call of Local Chairman. M. J. Newberry, Hollins, Ala.; F. S. Baskerville, Local Chairman Macon Terminals, Macon, Ga.

No. 47, CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.—Meets 3d Thursday of each month at 8 p. m., at B. I. S. Hall, Charlottetown, P. E. I. J. A. Kelly, Chief Tel., Charlottetown, P. E. I.; J. E. R. McEwen, S. & T., Charlottetown, P. E. I.

No. 48—Division covers the Detroit, Toledo & Ironton and Ann Arbor Railways. Meets subject to call of Chairman. G. H. Simmermon, Gen'l Chairman, Flat Rock, Mich.; J. S. Kneisley, Gen'l S. & T., Quincy, Ohio.

No. 49—Division covers the Denver & Rio Grande Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. H. J. Fulton, Gen'l Chairman, 112 E. 11th st., Leadville, Colo.; F. W. Moore, Local Chairman First Division, Room 6, Union Depot, Pueblo, Colo.; H. J. Fulton, Local Chairman Second Division, 112 E. 11th st., Leadville, Colo.; J. A. Ray, Local Chairman Third Division, Hotchkiss, Colo.; M. D. Wright, Local Chairman Fourth Division, La Veta Pass, Colo.; W. E. Hopkins, Local Chairman Utah Lines, 421 First ave., East Waterloo, Salt Lake City, Utah; A. E. Roberts, Gen'l S. & T., Fountain, Colo.

No. 51—Division covers Bessemer & Lake Erie Railway System. Meets the fourth Thursday of each month in Eagle's Hall, Greenville, Pa. F. N. Williams, Gen'l Chairman, Oakmont, Pa.; W. B. Risley, Gen'l S. & T., 96 Marshall st., Conneaut, Ohio.

No. 52, PITTSBURG, PA.—Meets 2d and 4th Saturday evening of each month at 7:45 p. m., 417 Wood st., 3d floor, Pittsburg, Pa. J. G. Rothrock, Chief Tel., 3032 Bergman st., Sheridan, Pa.; H. K. Klengenamith, Secretary, 124 Suburban ave., Beechview, Pittsburg, Pa.; C. C. Campbell, Treasurer, 108 Fremont st., Mt. Oliver Station, Pittsburg, Pa.

No. 53—Division covers Southern Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. John E. Cowgill, Gen'l Chairman, Room 601, Argonaut Hotel, San Francisco, Cal.; D. C. Wells, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, 2500 Marengo st., New Orleans, La.; D. W. Koppikus, Gen'l S. & T., Oakville, Cal.

No. 54—Division covers the Northern Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. Sam Johnson, Gen'l Chairman, North Branch, Minn.; I. N. Holmes, Gen'l S. & T., 1009 E. 3d st., Olympia, Wash.

No. 55—Division covers the Wheeling & Lake Erie and Wabash, Pittsburg Terminal and West Side Belt Railways. Meets third Saturday evening of each month at Harmon, Ohio; J. O. Peoples, Gen'l Chairman, Bolivar, Ohio; C. E. Baltzer, Gen'l S. & T., P. O. Box 246, Navarre, Ohio; B. E. Miller, Local Chairman, W. & L. E. Telegraph Office, Navarre, Ohio; H. K. Bell, Local Chairman, Bolivar, Ohio; W. A. Albaugh, Local Chairman W. P. Ry. & W. S. B. R. R., Mingo Junction, Ohio.

No. 56—Division covers Georgia Southern & Florida Railway System. J. M. Wooten, Gen'l Chairman, Unadilla, Ga.; E. H. Baker, Gen'l S. & T., White Springs, Fla.

No. 57—Division covers the Houston & Texas Central Railway System. Meets every third Saturday at 8:30 p. m., in Labor Temple, over 401 Main st., Dallas, Tex.; A. E. Laisure, Gen'l Chairman, Corsicana, Tex.; W. M. Moseley, Gen'l S. & T., Rice, Tex.

No. 59—Division covers the Southern, Northern Alabama and Virginia & Southwestern Railroads. Meets subject to call of Chairman. H. G. Alexander, Gen'l Chairman, 122 Tate st., Greensboro, N. C.; J. W. Burgess, G. S. & T., 223 Ninth st., S. W., Charlottesville, Va. Local Chairmen: J. W. Burgess, Washington Division, Charlottesville, Va.; R. W. Duncan, Danville Division, Pelham, N. C.; meets J. O. U. A. M. Hall, Greensboro, N. C., 4th Saturday night; S. A. Davis, Richmond Division, South Boston, Va.; W. N. Thornton, Norfolk Division, Courtland, Va.; W. R. Little, Asheville Division, Barber, N. C.; W. E. Jones, Winston-Salem Division, Cooleemee, N. C.; R. B. Gibson, Murphy Division, Murphy, N. C.; W. H. Holmes, Charlotte Division (North), Lowell, N. C.; O. R. Doyle, Charlotte Division (South), Calhoun, S. C.; M. D. Denny, Acting Local Chairman Columbia Division, Lexington, S. C.; J. W. Sheely, Acting Local Chairman Spartanburg Division, Hodges, S. C. Columbia and Spartanburg Divisions meet first Sunday each month at 1632 Main st., Columbia, S. C. E. E. Cauthen, Charleston Division, Summerville, S. C.; H. L. Allen, Atlanta Division, Route No. 3, Atlanta, Ga.; J. C. Brown, Columbus Division, Yatesville, Ga.; R. A. Kipp, Northern Alabama Railway and Birmingham Division, 2500 31st st., Birmingham, Ala.; T. W. Cox, Mobile Division, Marvel, Ala.; R. F. Atchley, Memphis Division, Barton, Ala.; W. H. Cord, Knoxville Division, Charleston, Tenn.; meets third Saturday night, 8 p. m., K. P. Hall, Knoxville, Tenn.; C. B. Gray, Coster Division, 211 Walnut st., Knoxville, Tenn.; meets with Knoxville Division; C. F. Smith, Virginia & Southwestern Ry., Mendota, Va.; C. L. Watson, Louisville Division, Veechdale, Ky.; L. E. Crandall, St. Louis Division, Chrisney, Ind.

No. 60, WASHINGTON, D. C.—Meets first Wednesday of each month at 8 p. m., in Building Trades Hall, 611 G st., N. W., Washington. D. C. E. E. Bailey, Chief Tel., Rockville, Md.; W. J. Southworth, Sec'y-Treas, 48 H st., N. E., Washington, D. C.

No. 61, CAMPBELLTON, N. B.—Meets 4th Tuesday evening each month in Engineers' Hall, Campbellton, N. B. A. Rauthier, Chief Tel., Assametaoghan, P. Q.; G. F. Ward, S. & T., Chatham, N. B.

No. 62—Division covers the Queen & Crescent Route (North). S. H. McCauley, Gen'l Chairman, Lancing, Tenn.; J. W. Anderson, Gen'l S. & T., Oakdale, Tenn.; E. H. Routwell, Local Chairman Cincinnati Division, Walton, Ky. J. W. Anderson, Local Chairman Chattanooga Divi-

sion, Oakdale, Tenn.; J. J. Carter, Local Chairman A. G. S. Division, York, Ala. Meetings subject to call of Chairman.

No. 63, MONCTON, N. B.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month, alternating at Moncton, N. B., St. John's, N. B., and Sussex, N. B. R. A. Brown, Chief Tel., Salisbury, N. B.; R. M. Scribner, S. & T., Shediac Road, N. B.

No. 64, LEVIS, QUE.—Meets 3d Tuesday of each month. Place of each following meeting to be chosen by a majority vote of members present at each regular meeting. A. Dion, Chief Tel., 17 d'Yourville st., Quebec, Que.; Wm. Parsons, S. & T., St. Germain, Grantham, Que.

No. 65, ROCHESTER, N. H.—Meets at 7:30 p. m., 2d Saturday each month in G. A. R. Hall. Rochester, N. H. H. A. Beacham, Chief Tel., Union, N. H.; C. P. Lord, S. & T., 7 Lincoln st., Summerworth, N. H.

No. 66, TRURO, N. S.—Meets 3d Wednesday each month, McKay's Hall (B. R. T. room), Inglis st., Truro, N. S. G. L. Roulston, Chief Tel., Westchester Station, N. S.; J. E. McDonald, S. & T., Belmont, N. S.

No. 69—Division covers the Queen & Crescent Route (South). Meets subject to call of Chairman. M. V. Hickman, Gen'l Chairman, Heidelberg, Miss.; E. M. Bilbo, Gen'l S. & T., Q. & C. Yard Office, Meridian, Miss.; P. W. Burdeaux, Local Chairman, V. S. & P. R. R., Monroe, La.; H. O. Peavey, Local Chairman, A. & V. Ry., Meehan, Miss.; E. M. Bilbo, Local Chairman, N. O. & N. E. R. R., Meridian, Miss.

No. 70—Division covers Great Northern Railway System.

No. 71—Division covers the Minneapolis & St. Louis Ry. A. L. Gardner, Gen'l Chairman, Abbott, Iowa; J. C. Sandmier, Gen'l S. & T., Wauke, Iowa.

No. 76—Division covers the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. Jas. Troy, Gen'l Chairman, Jewell, Iowa; Ira R. Kempke, Gen'l S. & T., Nevada, Iowa.

No. 77, DENVER, COLO.—Meets 1st Monday evening in each month at Markham Hotel, Denver, Colo.; F. Epplesheimer, Chief Tel., 2341 King st., Denver, Colo.; C. L. Cheney, S. & T., 935 Seventeenth st., Denver, Colo.

No. 80—Division covers the N. O. M. & C. Ry. System. C. H. Thompson, Gen'l Chairman, Leaf, Miss.; H. C. Hughes, Acting G. S. & T., Mahned, Miss.

No. 81—Division covers the Colorado Midland Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. A. C. Ellis, Gen'l Chairman, 209½ E. 7th st., Leadville, Colo.; H. M. Loveland, Gen'l S. & T., Howbert, Colo.

No. 82—Division covers Western Maryland Ry. System. Meets subject to call of Gen'l Chairman and Local Chairman. R. E. Smith, Gen'l Chairman, Smithsburg, Md.; E. C. Kohlbaugh, Gen'l S. & T., 24 Eichelberger st., Hanover, Pa. Local Chairmen Maryland Division: C. E. Stouffer, Edgemont, Md., First District, including Middle Division and Fifth and Sixth Districts of Eastern Division; R. E. Smith, Smithsburg, Md., Second District, covering territory on Eastern Division from Security east to Hillen Station; E. C. Kohlbaugh, Hanover, Pa., Third District, covering territory from Fairfield, Pa., to Hampstead, Md., and the Fourth District, inclusive. West Virginia Division: C. G. Blair, Ohiopyle, Pa., Eastern District, covering territory from Connellsville, Pa., to W. Va., C. Junction and the G. C. & C. Ry.; N. T. Downs, Mill Creek, W. Va., Western District, covering territory east of W. Va., C. Junction to and including Durbin, W. Va.

No. 83—Division covers the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the Chairman. C. S. Newcomb, Gen'l Chairman, Frankfort, Me.; J. L. Robbins, Gen'l S. & T., Grindstone, Me.

No. 88—Division covers the Texas & Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to call of the Chairman. W. K. Gremillion, Gen'l Chairman, Donaldsonville, La.; B. T. Hambright, Gen'l S. & T., Roanoke, Tex.

No. 89, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets 1st Saturday each month at 8 p. m., in Harmony Hall, also 3d Saturday each month at 10 a. m. (daylight meeting), in Harmony Hall, 694 Washington st., Boston, Mass. J. E. Kerns, Chief Tel., No. 2 Josephine ave., Medford, Mass.; J. H. McDermott, S. & T., 46 Crocker st., Mansfield, Mass.

No. 91, CHICAGO, ILL.—Meets 1st Saturday of each month at 8:15 p. m., in Hall 912, Masonic Temple, cor. Randolph and State sts., Chicago, Ill. G. Dal Jones, Chief Tel., 2530 North Kedzie blvd., Chicago, Ill.; W. E. Carter, S. & T., 5443 Broadway, Chicago, Ill.

No. 92—Division covers the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg Railway System. Meets subject to the call of Chairman. F. L. McGraw, Gen'l Chairman, Backus, McKean Co., Pa.; J. T. Simmons, Gen'l S. & T., 901 W. Long ave., Du Bois, Pa.

No. 93—Division covers the Illinois Central Railroad and the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley Railroad. Meets subject to call of Chairman. C. A. Mulhall, Gen'l Chairman, Clarkson, Ky.; G. E. Chance, Asst Gen'l Chairman, Mounds, Ill.; R. R. Green, Gen'l Chairman, Y. & M. V. Lines, Doddsville, Miss.; R. L. Shannon, Gen'l S. & T., Anna, Ill.

No. 94, MERIDIAN, MISS.—Meets 2d Saturday night of each month in Pythian Hall at Artesia, Miss.; H. W. Bell, Chief Tel., Ethelville, Ala.; C. E. Hendley, S. & T., Artesia, Miss.

No. 95, PORTLAND, ME.—Meets 3d Thursday of each month at 546½ Congress st., Portland, Me. C. E. Adams, Chief Tel., Springvale, Me.; F. S. Twombly, S. & T., Buxton, Me.

No. 96—Division covers Chicago Great Western Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. A. L. Coleman, 402 Troup ave., Kansas City, Kan., Gen'l Chairman; C. E. Norris, Gen'l S. & T., Inver Grove, Minn.

No. 97—Division covers the Seaboard Air Line Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. D. May, Gen'l Chairman, Carlton, Ga.; F. O. Cumming, Gen'l S. & T., 15 Dinwiddie st., Portsmouth, Va.; J. T. Benn, Local Chairman Virginia Division, Thelma, N. C.; E. H. Moore, Local Chairman North Carolina Division, Marshville, N. C.; Frank Taylor, Local Chairman Georgia Division, Lawrenceville, Ga.; W. L. Tidwell, Local Chairman Alabama Division, Helena, Ga.; J. L. Vining, Local Chairman South Carolina Division, Macclennay, Fla.; F. W. Brown, Local Chairman Florida Division, Cedar Keys, Fla.

No. 99, COBALT, ONT.—Covers Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Ry. Meets at Englehart, 2d Sunday in May, July, September, November and January, or on call of Gen'l Chairman. F. J. Murray, Chief Tel., Englehart, Ont.; J. B. Flagler, Gen'l Chairman, Englehart, Ont.; M. R. Doherty, S. & T., Uno Park, Ont.

No. 102, PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Meeting place subject to notice from Secretary and Treasurer. H. O. Mennig S. & T., 1630 East Hector st., Conshohocken, Pa.

No. 103, STELLARTON, N. S.—G. L. Tattrie, Chief Tel., New Glasgow, N. S.; J. P. Swift, S. & T., New Glasgow, N. S.

No. 104, AYER, MASS.—Meets 3d Sunday of each month at 9:30 a. m., in Room 5, Oxford House, Clinton, Mass. C. A. Wheeler, Chief Tel., Berlin, Mass.; James P. Rutledge, S. & T., Box 174, Clinton, Mass.

No. 105, CONCORD, N. H.—Meets third Saturday each month at 7:30 p. m., in Concord Hall, Concord, N. H. J. T. Turcotte, Chief Tel., Pembroke, N. H.; H. M. Clay, S. & T., Gerrish, N. H.

No. 106, HAGERSTOWN, MD.—Meets 3d Thursday of each month at 8 p. m., 8 Court Place, Hagerstown, Md. John H. Goshorn, Chief Tel., Greencastle, Pa.; J. K. Snyder, S. & T., Box 46, Hagerstown, Md.

No. 108, ADDISON, N. Y.—Meets 2d Monday each month at 8 p. m., Edgcomb Hotel, Galetton, Pa. E. C. Cole, Chief Tel., Cowanesque, Pa.; C. E. Belcher, S. & T., Osceola, Pa.

No. 111—Division covers San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. W. D. McGee, Gen'l S. & T., 320 Concord st., Los Angeles, Cal.

No. 113—Division covers the Ulster & Delaware System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. M. L. Klein, Gen'l Chairman, 74 Abeel st., Kingston, N. Y. H. J. Halstead, Gen'l S. & T., Oneonta, N. Y. R. H. Henson, Local Chairman S. C. & K. Branch, Phoenixia, N. Y.; C. W. Pough, Local Chairman Main Line, 81 Hone st., Kingston, N. Y.

No. 114, ANNAPOLIS ROYAL, N. S.—H. A. Jacques, Chief Tel., Middletown, N. S.; Stanley Tavenor, S. & T., Tupperville, Anna Co., N. S.

No. 115, QUEBEC, QUE.—Meets 1st Monday of each month in I. O. O. F. Hall, Ste. Anne de Beaupre, Que. J. J. White, Chief Tel., No. 4 St. Angele st., Quebec, Que.; J. E. Potvin, S. & T., Cote de Peres, Beauport, Que., Can.

No. 116—Division covers the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Railway System. Meets 2d Sunday of February, April, June, August, October and December, in places designated by Gen'l Chairman. P. M. Stillman, Gen'l Chairman, Seney, Mich.; C. W. Danielson, Gen'l S. & T., Cassell, Mich.

No. 117, SHAMOKIN, PA.—Meets at Milton, Pa., in S. of V. Hall, 4th Saturday of following months at 7:15 p. m.: January, February, April, May, July, August, October and November, and at Catawissa, Pa., in S. of V. Hall, 4th Saturday of the following months at 7:30 p. m.: March, June, September and December. H. M. Michael, S. & T., Quakake, Pa.

No. 118—Division covers Toledo & Ohio Central, Kanawha & Michigan, Hocking Valley and Zanesville & Western Railway System. A. P. Hines, Gen'l Chairman, Burr Oak, Ohio; R. M. Henderson, Gen'l S. & T., 512 Knower st., Toledo, Ohio.

No. 119—Division covers the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Railway System. G. W. Lewis, Gen'l Chairman, 2921 Chicago ave., Minneapolis, Minn.; F. C. Paine, Gen'l S. & T., Erskine, Minn.

No. 120—Division covers Lake Erie & Western Railway System. C. I. Turner, Gen'l Chairman, Ambia, Ind.; M. A. Steckel, Gen'l S. & T., Atlanta, Ind.

No. 124—Division covers Lehigh Valley Ry. System. L. W. Quick, Acting Gen'l S. & T., 711 Star Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.

No. 125—Division covers Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Railway System. Meets at 8 p. m., the 2d Friday of each month, at Fredericksburg. E. A. Foster, Gen'l Chairman, Potomac, Va.; J. C. Farmer, Gen'l S. & T., Fredericksburg, Va.

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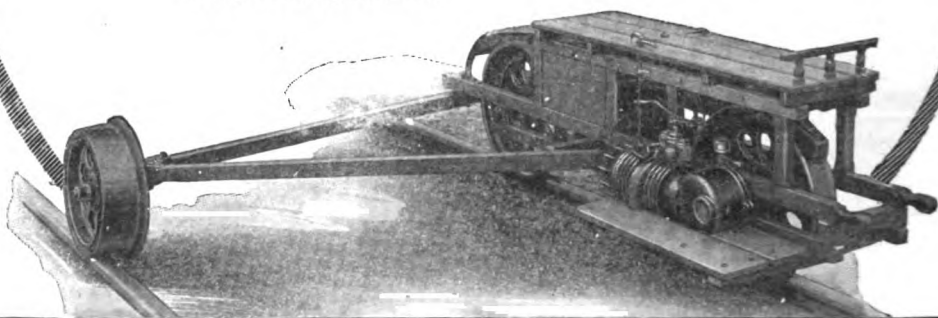
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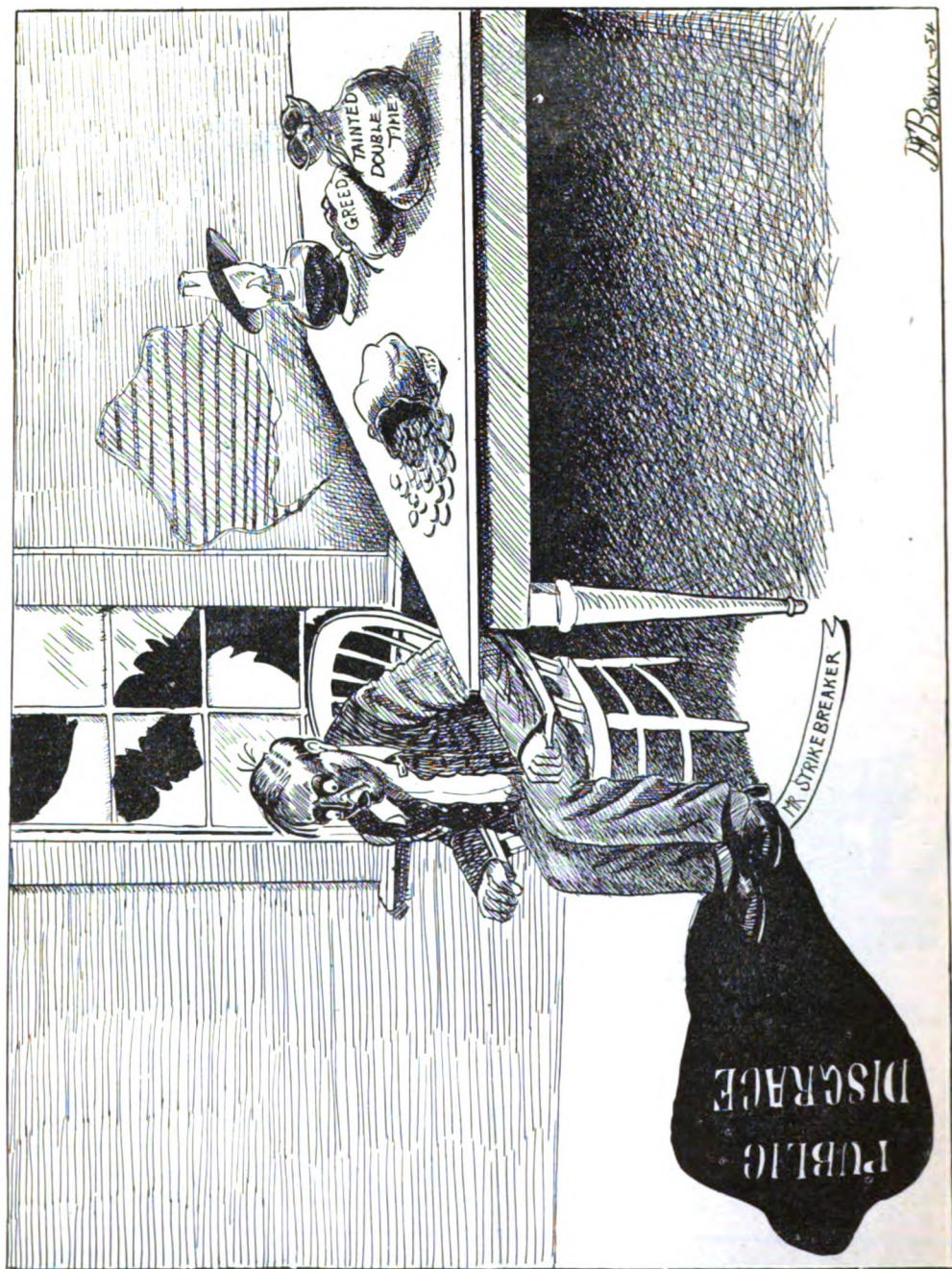
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ANOTHER IMPORTANT DECISION.

THE United States Circuit Court of Appeals, fourth circuit, rendered an important decision in connection with the hours of service law in putting a construction upon that part of the law relating to telegraphers employed at offices "operated only during the day time" and "continuously operated night and day." The decision in effect declared that offices kept open more than thirteen hours in any twenty-four-hour period is "continuously operated night and day." The decision in full is as follows:

Decisions under the Hours of Service Law.
United States Circuit Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit. No. 1191. United States of America vs. Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company. In error to the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of South Carolina, at Columbia. Argued November 21, 1913. Decided February 3, 1914.

In a case arising under the Federal hours of service act (34 Stat. p. 1415) where the

question presented is whether a railroad telegraph office which is regularly kept open for business from 6:30 a. m. until 10:15 p. m., and never later than 11 p. m., is a "continuously operated night and day" office within the meaning of the proviso in section 2 of said act: *Held, That—*

1. The Federal hours of service act is not a criminal statute, and therefore is not governed by the rule of strict construction; it is rather a remedial statute, which should be so construed, if its language permits, as to best accomplish the protective purpose for which it was enacted, the end to be attained by the law being a guide to its interpretation.

2. The classification of an office is fixed by the length of time it is kept open, and not in the least by the nature of the duties performed, if only those duties include the handling of train orders as occasion may require.

3. The statute covers all telegraph offices in which interstate train orders are handled.

4. The objects of the law require that a preference be accorded to a construction which recognizes the legislative intent to permit 13 hours of service in offices kept open only such number of hours in the aggregate as do not materially or substantially exceed the length of an ordinary day and to prohibit more than 9 hours' service in offices kept open such number of hours in the aggregate as necessarily include a material or substantial portion of the night.

5. The statute assumes that all offices will be operated during the daytime, and for those operated during the daytime only it makes the 13-hour requirement; for those which are operated during the daytime with a continuance of operation into the night it makes the 9-hour requirement.

6. The office in question falls into the 9-hour class.

Before Knapp and Woods, Circuit Judges, and Rose, District Judge.

Ernest F. Cochran, United States attorney, and Philip J. Doherty, special assistant United States attorney, for plaintiff in error, and George B. Elliott (P. A. Willcox on brief) for defendant in error.

OPINION OF THE COURT.

Knapp, Circuit Judge:

This suit is brought by the United States to recover penalties for alleged violations of the act of Congress approved March 4, 1907, commonly known as the hours of service law, and the employees directly concerned are telegraphers in the service of defendant in error at Bennettsville, S. C.

From the stipulated facts on which the action was tried it appears that the telegraph office at the station named was regularly kept open for business from 6:30 a. m. to 10:15 p. m., or 15 hours and 45 minutes in each 24-hour period; that two operators were employed at this station, one of whom was required to be on duty from 6:30 a. m. to 12 o'clock noon, and from 1 p. m. to 6:30 p. m.; and the other, known as a "second-trick" operator, from 10:15 a. m. to 5:30 p. m., and from 6:30 p. m. to 10:15 p. m., or a total of 11 hours in each case; that the office in question, during the period covered by the suit, was closed for business, and the operators entirely relieved from

duty, from 10:15 p. m. to 6:30 a. m., or 8 hours and 15 minutes, except on a few specified dates when the second-trick operator remained on duty from 15 to 45 minutes after 10:15 p. m.; that during the hours from 6:30 a. m. to 10:15 p. m., when the office was kept open for business as aforesaid, the operators employed therein, by the use of telegraph and telephone, received and delivered, more or less frequently, orders relating to or affecting the movement of trains engaged in interstate commerce; and that these operators received such train orders from the office of the chief dispatcher, which was located at Florence, S. C., and kept continuously open throughout the 24 hours.

The question to be decided is whether the defendant in error, by requiring or permitting its Bennettsville operators to be on duty during the 11 hours above described, to say nothing of the instances of somewhat longer hours, violated the proviso of section 2 of said act, which reads as follows:

"Provided, That no operator, train dispatcher, or other employe who, by the use of the telegraph or telephone, dispatches, reports, transmits, receives, or delivers orders pertaining to or affecting train movements shall be required or permitted to be or remain on duty for a longer period than 9 hours in any 24-hour period in all towers, offices, places, and stations continuously operated night and day, nor for a longer period than 13 hours in all towers, offices, places, and stations operated only during the daytime, except in case of emergency, when the employes named in this proviso may be permitted to be and remain on duty for 4 additional hours in a 24-hour period of not exceeding three days in any week."

As the operators in question were customarily kept on duty for 11 hours out of 24, and sometimes a little longer, it is apparent that defendant in error was chargeable with repeated violations of the statute, if the Bennettsville office belongs in the class of offices "continuously operated night and day," and equally apparent, since the hours of duty were always less than 13, that the law was fully observed and the defendant in error free from liability, if

this office belongs in the class of those "operated only during the daytime." The trial court held that it was an office of the latter class, and accordingly directed a verdict in favor of defendant. The correctness of that ruling is challenged by the writ of error to this court.

The meaning and intent of the hours of service act in various particulars has been the subject of considerable litigation, and some aid to the conclusion which should be reached in this case, or at least a starting point for discussion, is found in the decision of the Supreme Court in *United States v. Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. Co.* (220 U. S., 37). In that case it is said:

"We think that the Government is right in saying that the proviso is meant to deal with all offices, and if so, we should go further than otherwise we might in holding offices not operated only in the daytime as falling under the other head."

In view of this declaration, that the statute covers all telegraph offices in which interstate train orders are handled, and since the statute itself makes only two classes of such offices, it follows, of course, that this Bennettsville office is one to which the law applies, and that the telegraphers there employed can be kept on duty not more than 9 hours, if it be adjudged a "night and day" office, but may be held up to 13 hours, if it be adjudged a "daytime" office. It must perforce be put in one class or the other.

This is not a criminal statute and therefore is not governed by the rule of strict construction. (*Johnson v. Southern Pacific Co.*, 196 U. S., 17; *St. Louis Southwestern Ry. Co. v. United States*, 183 Fed., 771.) It is rather a remedial statute which should be so construed, if its language permits, as to best accomplish the protective purpose for which it was enacted. (*Stewart v. Bloom*, 11 Wall., 493; *Bechtel v. United States*, 101 U. S. 597.) Obviously, that purpose was to promote the safety of employes and the traveling public by prohibiting hours of service which presumably result in impaired efficiency for discharging their important duties. The end to be attained by the law is a guide to its interpretation.

It is argued by counsel for defendant in error that the Congress intended to distinguish between (1) offices in which train orders originate and from which they are issued, and which in the nature of the case must ordinarily be kept open for approximately the entire 24 hours, and (2) local offices which merely receive and deliver the orders so issued, and which may be and frequently are closed during a substantial part of each 24-hour period; and that therefore the classification of a given office depends as a practical matter upon whether it is an office like that of a train dispatcher, who actually directs and controls the movement of trains, or only a way station office where the operator aids the dispatcher by communicating orders and sending in reports. Besides, it is said that telegraphers in offices mainly occupied with the dispatching of trains have heavier responsibilities and are under greater strain, and consequently should be restricted to shorter hours, than employes at local stations who perform miscellaneous duties and perhaps devote only a small portion of their time to the receipt and delivery of train orders and the transmission of train reports.

The answer to this argument is twofold. In the first place, we find nothing in the language of the act to support such a distinction. The terms employed are plainly intended to include every sort of place where train orders are handled, however infrequently, by telegraph or telephone. There is nothing to suggest that the permitted hours on duty, whether 9 or 13, are determined by the number of train orders handled, if they are handled at all, or by the proportion of time which the employe spends in that particular service. Surely the descriptive words, "towers, offices, places, and stations," negative any intention to confine the 9-hour limitation to those offices, however designated, in which the principal work of the operator is connected with the movement of trains. In short, we deem it beyond dispute that the classification of an office is fixed by the length of time it is kept open, and not in the least by the nature of the duties performed, if only those duties include the

handling of train orders as occasion may require.

In the second place, it is not to be assumed that the telegrapher in a train dispatcher's office, or other similar office, performs more wearisome labor, or becomes sooner fatigued, than the operator at an ordinary local station. The latter, it is true, may average only a small number of train orders in the course of a day, but, nevertheless, he may have, and usually does have, other duties which are varied and often onerous. Even if he is not called upon to act as station agent, and does little but use the telegraph or telephone, the orders and messages of the company not relating to trains, and the commercial business of the community, may involve exertion and responsibility quite as fatiguing as the work of a telegrapher engaged mainly in the transmission of train orders. In other words, and for the reasons here suggested, it seems to us that operators at local and subordinate stations are scarcely less liable than operators at main offices to suffer loss of alertness and efficiency from excessive hours of duty. In our judgment, neither the terms and purpose of the statute, nor the conditions of actual service, justify us in upholding the contention here considered.

It is conceded that an office need not literally be kept open every minute of the 24 hours in order to be within the 9-hour restriction. But if it may be closed for one or more substantial intervals of time and still remain in the 9-hour class, where shall the line of division be drawn? In the *Atchison* case, above cited, the office was shut from noon to 3 p. m., and from midnight to 3 a. m., or 6 hours in all out of the 24, and the Supreme Court strongly intimated, though the point was not directly involved, that it should be classed as a 9-hour office, because the proviso was meant to deal with all offices, and therefore "we should go further than otherwise we might in holding offices not operated only during the daytime as falling under the other head." But where is the logical place to stop? The words "operated only during the daytime" are quite as much entitled to be made effective as the words "continuously operated night and day." Manifestly,

if we look only at the surface meaning of the words, these two definitions are inconsistent, or at least overlap each other, since there must be many offices which could not be fairly described as "operated only during the daytime" and yet are not, in any absolute sense, "continuously operated night and day." For example, in a case argued at the same time with this, the office was open throughout the 24 hours, except from 1:30 a. m. to 6:30 a. m. To say that such an office is operated only in the daytime is to do violence to the commonest understanding.

This is plainly a case where the natural significance of terms must yield to the necessity for giving to the entire proviso such reasonable meaning as will promote its beneficial purpose. If it seems a strained and unwarranted construction to hold that an office which is generally closed at 10:15 p. m., and never later than 11, and kept closed till 6:30 a. m., is nevertheless "continuously operated night and day," is it not equally strained and unwarranted to hold that an office which is kept open from 6:30 a. m. to 10:15 p. m., or later, is nevertheless "operated only during the daytime?" Since the office in question must be assigned to one class or the other, we are of opinion on the whole that it will be more correctly and usefully placed in the night and day class than in the daytime class. If this conclusion gives greater effect to the words "operated only during the daytime" than to the words "continuously operated night and day," we think the objects of the law require that preference be accorded to a construction which recognizes the legislative intent to permit 13 hours of service in offices kept open only such number of hours in the aggregate as do not materially or substantially exceed the length of an ordinary day, and to prohibit more than 9 hours' service in offices kept open such number of hours in the aggregate as necessarily include a material or substantial portion of the night.

It follows that the judgment should be reversed and the case remanded for a new trial.

Woods, Circuit Judge, concurring:

The decision of this case depends on the meaning of the word "continuously" in the following statute:

"Provided, That no operator, train dispatcher, or other employe who by the use of the telegraph or telephone dispatches, reports, transmits, receives, or delivers orders pertaining to or affecting train movements shall be required or permitted to be or remain on duty for a longer period than nine hours in any 24-hour period in all towers, offices, places, and stations continuously operated night and day, nor for a longer period than thirteen hours in all towers, offices, places, and stations operated only during the daytime, except in case of emergency, when the employes named in this proviso may be permitted to be and remain on duty for four additional hours in a 24-hour period of not exceeding three days in any week."

The defendant contends that "continuously" means without cessation, and that the offices, etc., "continuously operated night and day" can only include places operated without cessation through the night and day. The context and the purpose of the statute shows that this is not the sense in which the words were used. The statute was intended to cover all telegraph offices. (*United States v. Atchison, etc., R. Co., 220 U. S., 37.*) If the defendant's construction were adopted it would cover only day offices and offices operated throughout the day and night, leaving out the offices operated during the day and into the night. There is some reason for attributing the meaning of habitually or regularly to the word continuously; but the plain construction and that which will give the statute its full signification is to take the whole phrase "offices, places, and stations continuously operated night and day" to mean offices whose operation is continued from the day into the night. The statute assumes that all offices will be operated during the daytime, and for those operated during the daytime only it makes the 13-hour requirement; for those which are operated during the daytime with a continuance of operation into the night it makes the 9-hour requirement. The office at Bennettsville

was in operation during the daytime with continuance into the night, and therefore falls under the 9-hour class.

MARYLAND'S NEW LAW.

A VERY beneficial law has just been enacted in the State of Maryland. It provides for two full days' rest for all telegraphers, train dispatchers, signalmen, towermen, gatemen, levermen, agents and telephone operators, employes either in a railroad signal tower or public railroad station and who are required to receive or transmit telegraphic or telephonic messages or train orders for the movement of trains, and who is required to work each day in the month.

The law was approved by the Governor on March 4th and became effective on that date.

The bill, which has been enacted into law, was as follows:

A BILL ENTITLED

"An Act to add a new Section to Article XXIII of the Code of Public Civil Laws of Maryland of 1911 (edited by George P. Bagby) title, 'Corporations,' sub-title, 'Railroad Companies,' said new Section to come in immediately after Section 325 of said article and to be known as Section 325-A thereof.

"Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, that a new section be and the same is hereby enacted and added to Article XXIII of the Code of Public Civil Laws of Maryland of 1911 (edited by George P. Bagby) title, 'Corporations,' sub-title, 'Railroad Companies,' said new Section to come in immediately after Section 325 of said article and to be known as Section 325-A and to be and read as follows:

"325-A. Any person employed as signalman, towerman, gateman, leverman, agent, train dispatcher, telegrapher or telephone operator in a railroad signal tower or public railroad station to receive or transmit a telegraphic or telephonic message or train order for the movement of trains and who works eight hours or more in any twenty-four each and every day continuously, and all levermen employed in connection with the

reception or transmission of a telegraphic or telephonic message or train order for the movement of trains and who work the number of hours aforesaid must have and shall be allowed at least two days of twenty-four hours each in each and every calendar month for rest with the regular compensation; except in cases of extraordinary emergency caused by accident, fire, flood, or danger to life or property, and for such extra service in case or cases of such emergency, such employe or employees who shall work on extra days by reason of such emergency shall be paid in addition to his regular compensation for and during the calendar month in which such extra service shall be rendered an amount equal to his average daily compensation for each day during which he performs such extra service. Any person or persons, company, corporation or association, who shall violate any of the provisions of this Section shall on conviction pay a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each violation thereof, and such fine shall be recovered by an action of debt in the name of the State of Maryland for the use of the State, which shall sue for it against such person, company, corporation or association violating this Section, said suit to be instituted in any court of this State having appropriate jurisdiction, and such fine when recovered, as aforesaid, shall be paid without any deduction whatever, one-half thereof to the informer and the balance thereof to be paid into the public school fund of the State of Maryland.

"Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, that this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage."

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

THE United States Civil Service Commission announces open competitive examination for Inspector of Safety Appliances and Inspector of Hours of Service, for men only, on April 24 and 25, 1914, at the places named herein. From the registers of eligibles resulting from these examinations certification will be made to fill vacancies in these positions in the Interstate Commerce Commission at salaries of \$1,800 per annum, with necessary

allowances for expenses incurred while absent from headquarters in the discharge of official duties, and vacancies as they may occur in positions requiring similar qualifications, unless it is found to be in the interest of the service to fill any vacancy by reinstatement, transfer, or promotion.

It is expected that several appointments will be made to the position of Inspector of Safety Appliances and to the position of Inspector of Hours of Service.

The duties of the Safety Appliances Inspectors will comprise the making of inspections and reports as required by the Safety Appliance Acts; the duties of the Hours of Service Inspectors will be the making of inspections and reports as required by the so-called Hours of Service Act. Both Safety Appliance and Hours of Service Inspectors may be required to investigate accidents as required by section 3 of the Accident Investigation Act of May 6, 1910.

Applicants must have reached their twenty-fifth, but not their fiftieth, birthday on the date of the examination.

Applicants must be physically qualified to perform the duties required in these positions. An applicant whose medical certificate on the application form indicates that he is not in sound physical health will not be admitted to examination.

It must be shown in connection with his application that each applicant is (a) a person of good moral character and habits, active, intelligent and discreet; (b) of good speech and manner, and qualified to address and confer with railroad officials and employes as occasion may require.

An applicant for the position of Inspector of Safety Appliances must have had at least eight years' experience in steam railroad service as conductor, engineer, trainman, yardman, fireman or yardmaster, or at least five years' such experience as manager, general or division superintendent, trainmaster, master mechanic, master car builder, general car foreman, road foreman of engines or air-brake supervisor, and must within two years next preceding the date of his application have been in active service in one or more of the

capacities mentioned, or as an inspector of steam railroad equipment under the Government of the United States or any State or Territory, provided he has had experience in any one or more of the positions above referred to.

An applicant for the position of Inspector of Hours of Service must have had at least eight years' experience as trainmaster, yardmaster, train dispatcher, telegraph operator, block signal operator, conductor, engineer, fireman, trainman, or yardman, or at least five years' experience as manager or as general or division superintendent, and must within two years next preceding the date of his application have been in active service in one or more of the capacities mentioned, or as an inspector of steam railroad equipment under the Government of the United States or any State or Territory, provided he has had experience in any one or more of the positions above referred to.

No person interested either directly or indirectly in any patented article required to be used on any locomotive or car under inspection, or who is intemperate in his habits, shall be eligible for appointment to either of these positions.

Competitors will be examined in the following subjects, which will have the relative weights indicated:

Subjects.	Weights.
1. Spelling (20 words of average difficulty in common use).....	5
2. Arithmetic (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division of whole numbers and common and decimal fractions).....	5
3. Report writing (a report of not less than 600 words to test the competitor's ability to write an orderly, concise, and complete statement on a given case relating to the duties of an inspector)....	15
4. Practical questions.....	25
5. Training and experience in railroad work and general fitness...	50
Total.....	100

Statements as to training, experience and fitness are accepted subject to verification.

This scope of the practical questions to be given applicants for the position of Inspector of Safety Appliances will be generally on the provisions of the Safety Appliance Acts, the equipment of locomotives and cars as prescribed by the United States Safety Appliance Standards, and train operation and rules (comprising practical questions relating to the construction, repair, operation and inspection of locomotives, cars and their appurtenances).

The applicants for the position of Inspector of Hours of Service will be given practical questions on the provisions of the Hours of Service Act, on standard train and block-signal rules, on the operation of trains, the manner of keeping train sheets, time records and block-signal records, etc.

As inspectors are required to report in writing the results of their investigations, they must be qualified to make reports which shall be not only comprehensive, but also correctly, logically and concisely expressed. When rating the subject of report writing especial consideration will be given to the latter specification.

The rating on subject 5 will be based upon evidence furnished in connection with application form 1933 and upon corroborative investigation.

Different grades of experience will be rated according to their importance. Those persons who fail to receive a rating of at least 70 per cent on each of subjects 3, 4 and 5 will not be given ratings on other subjects.

Two days will be required for each of these examinations.

No sample questions of these examinations will be furnished.

These examinations are open to all men who are citizens of the United States and who meet the requirements.

Persons who meet the requirements and desire either of these examinations should at once apply for application form 1933 to the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C., or to the Secretary of the United States Civil Service Board, Post Office, Boston, Mass.; Philadelphia, Pa.; Atlanta, Ga.; Cincinnati, Ohio; Chicago, Ill.; St. Paul, Minn.; Seattle, Wash.; San Francisco, Cal.; Cus-

tomhouse, New York, N. Y.; New Orleans, La., or Old Customhouse, St. Louis, Mo. No application will be accepted unless properly executed, including the medical certificate, and filed with the Civil Service Commission, at Washington, in time to arrange for the examination at the place selected by the applicant. In applying for these examinations the exact title of the examination desired should be given, as follows: Inspector of Safety Appliances or Inspector of Hours of Service.

The examination referred to will be given on the date named at the places named below. A request for examination on another date or at a place not included in the list will not be granted.

Alabama—Birmingham, Mobile, Montgomery, Opelika.

Arizona—Douglas, Phoenix, Prescott, Tucson.

Arkansas—Fayetteville, Fort Smith, Helena, Jonesboro, Little Rock, Texarkana.

California—Eureka, Fresno, Los Angeles, Marysville, Red Bluff, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Francisco, San Jose, San Luis Obispo.

Colorado—Colorado Springs, Denver, Durango, Fort Collins, Grand Junction, Leadville, Montrose, Pueblo, Trinidad.

Connecticut—Hartford, Middletown, New Haven.

Delaware—Wilmington.

District of Columbia—Washington.

Florida—Gainesville, Jacksonville, Key West, Miami, Pensacola, Tampa.

Georgia—Athens, Atlanta, Augusta, Macon, Savannah, Thomasville.

Hawaii—Honolulu.

Idaho—Boise, Moscow, Pocatello.

Illinois—Cairo, Champaign, Chicago, East St. Louis, Freeport, Peoria, Quincy, Springfield.

Indiana—Bloomington, Brazil, Evansville, Fort Wayne, Indianapolis, La Fayette, New Albany, Richmond, South Bend, Terre Haute, Valparaiso.

Iowa—Ames, Burlington, Council Bluffs, Davenport, Des Moines, Dubuque, Fort Dodge, Iowa City, Mason City, Sioux City, Waterloo.

Kansas—Concordia, Emporia, Fort Scott,

Kansas City, Lawrence, Leavenworth, Manhattan, Salina, Topeka, Wichita.

Kentucky—Ashland, Bowling Green, Covington, Lexington, Louisville, Owensboro, Paducah.

Louisiana—Alexandria, Baton Rouge, Lake Charles, Monroe, New Orleans, Shreveport.

Maine—Bangor, Bath, Calais, Houlton, Lewiston, Portland.

Maryland—Baltimore, Cumberland, Salisbury.

Massachusetts—Boston, Brockton, Fall River, Fitchburg, Lawrence, Lowell, Pittsfield, Salem, Springfield, Worcester.

Michigan—Ann Arbor, Detroit, Grand Rapids, Lansing, Manistee, Marquette, Saginaw, Sault Ste. Marie, Traverse City.

Minnesota—Crookston, Duluth, Fergus Falls, Mankato, St. Paul.

Mississippi—Greenville, Holly Springs, Meridian, Vicksburg.

Missouri—Cape Girardeau, Columbia, Jefferson City, Kansas City, Kirksville, Poplar Bluff, Springfield, St. Joseph, St. Louis, Warrensburg.

Montana—Billings, Bozeman, Butte, Great Falls, Helena, Kalispell, Miles City, Missoula.

Nebraska—Alliance, Grand Island, Lincoln, Nebraska City, Norfolk, North Platte, Omaha.

Nevada—Carson City, Reno.

New Hampshire—Concord, Hanover, Keene, Manchester, Portsmouth.

New Jersey—Newark, Trenton.

New Mexico—Albuquerque, East Las Vegas, Las Cruces, Roswell, Santa Fe.

New York—Binghamton, Buffalo, Elmira, Ithaca, Jamestown, New York, Ogdensburg, Plattsburg, Poughkeepsie, Rochester, Syracuse, Troy, Utica.

North Carolina—Asheville, Charlotte, Durham, Goldsboro, Greensboro, Raleigh, Wilmington.

North Dakota—Bismarck, Dickinson, Fargo, Grand Forks, Minot, Pembina, Valley City, Williston.

Ohio—Canton, Chillicothe, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, Ironton, Lima, Mansfield, Marietta, Portsmouth, Steubenville, Toledo, Youngstown, Zanesville.

Oklahoma—Ardmore, Enid, Guthrie, McAlester, Muskogee, Oklahoma.

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Wyoming—Cheyenne, Evanston, Laramie, Rock Springs, Sheridan.

THE PRIZE WINNERS.

THE following is a list of the winners in the prize contest for the year 1913, for having secured new members into the Order. Six lists have not yet been completely checked and the prizes won by those contestants will be announced later:

W. H. Comins, of Michigan Central Railway System Div. No. 16, bears the distinction of having secured the greatest number of new members during the year.

J. D. Craig, of Grand Trunk Railway System Div. No. 1, secured the second largest number of new members.

J. L. George, of Norfolk & Western Railway System Div. No. 14, secured the third largest number of new members.

W. H. Cord, of Southern Railway System Div. No. 59, secured the fourth largest number of new members during the contest.

A full list of the prize winners follows:

The following-named members are winners of a solid gold watch each, costing not less than \$100, for having secured fifty or more new members:

Div. 1. J. D. Craig.

Div. 14. J. L. George.

Div. 16. W. H. Comins.

Div. 59. W. H. Cord.

The following-named members are winners of a solid gold watch each, for having secured twenty-five or more new members.

Div. 1. R. L. Harrop.

Div. 6. Z. R. Hook.

Div. 8. W. R. Miller, F. P. Fraleigh, R. R. McInroy, W. V. Bidwell.

Div. 14. W. A. T. Overstreet.

Div. 16. C. M. Brown, R. M. Gordon.

Div. 17. C. R. Elliott, A. C. Grieb.

Div. 31. J. P. Neale.

Div. 32. L. L. Dunahugh.

Div. 33. W. J. Currie, C. B. Rawlins.

Div. 40. H. O. Irwin.

Div. 46. D. M. Rogers, J. H. Young, J. H. Randall, Jr., M. J. Newberry.

Div. 53. O. L. Butler.

Div. 54. A. R. Lee, H. H. Ellsworth.

Div. 59. R. W. Duncan, W. R. Little.

Div. 76. W. H. Coburn.

Div. 93. W. H. Morrison, Walter Kelly, Miss Marion E. Gibson.

Div. 130. W. B. Schrunck.

Div. 132. Thos. Sasser, W. A. Hollahan.

Div. 140. E. J. Hayes, W. S. McGeoch.

Div. 158. W. D. Wheeler.

The following-named members are winners of a solid gold watch chain each, for having secured twenty or more new members:

Div. 59. L. E. Crandall.

Div. 93. Wesley Stone.

Div. 94. J. W. Robinson.

Div. 151. G. E. Danks.

The following-named members are winners of a specially-made emblem watch charm each, for having secured fifteen or more new members:

- Div. 4. T. F. Hurst.
- Div. 6. H. A. Matheny.
- Div. 23. Geo. B. Turner.
- Div. 31. N. S. Morgan, H. L. Strader, A. E. Smith.
- Div. 37. B. E. S. Seaman.
- Div. 41. J. J. Carney.
- Div. 43. Philip Morgan.
- Div. 53. A. M. Hammond.
- Div. 54. B. E. Nason.
- Div. 60. E. E. Bailey.
- Div. 93. G. E. Chance, J. E. Bull.
- Div. 126. W. H. Plum.
- Div. 132. W. W. Tedder, W. F. Thames.
- Div. 143. L. B. Babcock.
- Div. 154. Geo. Giles.
- Div. 159. A. J. Shimanek.

The following-named members are winners of a year's dues each, for having secured ten or more new members:

- Div. 1. C. J. Mitchell, W. D. Smith.
- Div. 2. Roy Veech.
- Div. 4. James Mathews.
- Div. 7. W. T. Watson, J. C. Rooney.
- Div. 8. J. W. Martenis.
- Div. 17. Wayne S. Barner, J. G. Simanton, C. S. Melchior.
- Div. 18. F. F. Cowley.
- Div. 20. C. L. Cook.
- Div. 23. R. C. Nisonger, L. A. Copp.
- Div. 31. E. F. Bacon, C. A. Myers.
- Div. 33. W. Q. Stouffer, G. H. Harer, O. E. Marsh, W. A. McCabe.
- Div. 41. J. B. Bode.
- Div. 42. H. E. Herrington.
- Div. 43. J. P. Blondeau, H. M. Smith.
- Div. 44. E. E. Van Nostrand.
- Div. 53. A. J. Grauvogel.
- Div. 54. R. F. Graham, F. M. Haines.
- Div. 59. W. E. Dellinger.
- Div. 76. G. B. Hite.
- Div. 89. John E. Kerns.
- Div. 93. E. Cosgrove.
- Div. 126. C. H. Meador, C. B. Hanley, M. H. Keasler.
- Div. 129. C. E. Pratt, R. C. Garnow.
- Div. 130. C. R. Hunt, J. J. Rose.

- Div. 132. M. H. Martin.
- Div. 144. Horace Kemble.
- Div. 151. Thos. F. Cassidy.

The following-named members are winners of a solid gold emblem ring each, for having secured five or more new members:

- Grand Div. D. L. Kent.
- Div. 1. A. E. Hill, F. O. Wille.
- Div. 2. T. K. Knauer.
- Div. 4. M. J. Harpold.
- Div. 6. G. C. Fulkerson.
- Div. 7. H. G. Robinson, A. E. Chapman, J. E. Leggett.
- Div. 8. J. T. Farrell, E. H. Merriman.
- Div. 9. W. F. Speer, C. O. Zenor.
- Div. 16. W. G. Lumley.
- Div. 17. J. F. Mann, Burt Sutton.
- Div. 18. W. R. Briggs, C. W. White.
- Div. 20. P. J. Loftus.
- Div. 23. R. E. Schultz, E. H. Buswell, W. N. Upham, M. B. Leonard, R. F. Walker, L. H. Grau, C. D. Pickard, C. R. Latourelle, J. J. Rellihan, H. O. Churchill.
- Div. 29. J. O. Bessette, B. F. Cardinal.
- Div. 31. F. O. Mott, W. E. McDougald, C. F. Gowdy, U. E. Barker, G. E. Twiggs.
- Div. 32. H. Fellows, G. W. Curtis.
- Div. 33. T. J. Eiler, W. L. Mead.
- Div. 34. L. E. Regenold, H. R. Thompson.
- Div. 35. W. J. Brenner.
- Div. 38. R. P. Keefe.
- Div. 39. R. M. Burr.
- Div. 40. W. H. Milloway, F. M. Peoples.
- Div. 42. O. L. Mosher, G. F. J. Koci-meba, A. D. Belles.
- Div. 43. E. M. Fisk, D. H. Griffith, A. Gerald.
- Div. 44. J. O. C. Hoadley.
- Div. 46. O. W. Bledsoe.
- Div. 49. D. A. Keely, J. J. Ludlam.
- Div. 51. F. M. Wigton.
- Div. 53. H. H. Houston, T. M. Boyd, G. A. Sears, W. L. Heaney, M. B. McMullen, W. G. Davis.
- Div. 54. M. A. Smoot, R. F. Hickey, L. E. Bordwell.
- Div. 55. R. Buchanan.
- Div. 59. T. W. Cox, W. N. Thomas, A. W. Graves, J. N. Wallace.

- Div. 62. E. M. Evans.
 Div. 71. M. A. Sandmier.
 Div. 76. B. G. Lyman, F. W. Tiedka,
 E. J. Thomas, R. G. Zuehlke.
 Div. 81. F. B. Rose.
 Div. 92. G. H. Miller.
 Div. 93. O. C. Reid, G. L. Grugett.
 Div. 119. I. D. Kretser.
 Div. 120. A. S. Dorsey.
 Div. 126. J. H. Terhune, J. L. Halpin,
 F. E. Abernathy, P. M. Adams, R. D.
 Stover, R. C. Brewer.
 Div. 129. C. W. Hazen, R. B. Steven-
 son.
 Div. 130. J. F. Frain, P. H. Miller, F.
 J. Graves, E. A. Brand, J. C. Glenn, D. G.
 Rixey, F. E. Kelly, A. P. LaCure, B. C.
 Samuelson, Thos. Vondruska.
 Div. 132. D. H. Parker, J. K. McCot-
 ter, J. B. Edmondson, J. M. Clements, H.
 E. Bolick, T. R. Godbee, D. J. Kirton,
 A. L. Pixley.
 Div. 138. B. T. McConchie, E. R.
 Martz, F. C. Bussert, F. B. Raff, Leonard
 Walters, Clarence Glass.
 Div. 140. O. M. Graham, G. B. Saun-
 ders, W. D. Fardy.
 Div. 145. A. H. Plentl.
 Div. 151. E. F. Lawrence.
 Div. 152. H. L. Jones.

THE BARTLETT-BACON BILL.

IN the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER, the attitude of United States Senators and Congressmen in regard to the Bartlett-Bacon Bills, which are of such paramount importance to labor organizations, was given so far as known at that time, and a request made that members furnish their editor of this Journal with the replies received from their representatives in Congress so that their attitude might be made known through these columns for the information of all concerned. The replies received from United States Senators and Congressmen by members throughout the country, and which have been forwarded to the editor, may properly be divided into two classes, as follows: (1) Those who announce that they will support the bill and (2), those who state they will give the measure their "careful consideration," or words to that effect.

The following have announced themselves as in favor of the bill: United States Senators Duncan W. Fletcher, of Florida; John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi; Thos. S. Martin, of Virginia, and Claude A. Swanson, of Virginia.

Congressmen J. Thomas Heflin of Alabama; O. W. Underwood, of Alabama; Stephen M. Sparkman, of Florida; J. W. Collier, of Mississippi; Isaac R. Sherwood, of Ohio, and H. D. Flood, of Virginia.

Those who have not committed themselves on the bill, but who state it will receive their "earnest consideration," or words to that effect, are as follows:

United States Senators Hoke Smith, of Georgia; Jas. K. Vardaman, of Mississippi; Lee S. Overman, of North Carolina; F. M. Simmons, of North Carolina, and Atlee Pomerene, of Ohio.

Congressmen John H. Bankhead, of Alabama; Frank T. O'Hara, of Illinois; H. Garland Dupre, of Louisiana; John J. Mitchell, of Massachusetts; John H. Small, of North Carolina; Chas. M. Steadman, of North Carolina, and Edgar R. Kiess, of Pennsylvania.

The attitude of all United States Senators and Congressmen on this important measure will be published in these columns as far as known, and all members are urged to carefully watch the progress of this bill and keep informed as to the attitude of their representatives in Congress on this measure, which is of such great importance to every organized worker in the United States.

AN APPEAL.

To All Members O. R. T.:—

On December 2, 1913, on account of declining health, I was forced to discontinue work. Dr. J. A. Goodwin, Frisco railroad physician, of Jasper, Ala., on examination, stated that owing to the condition of my lungs I would probably never again be able to resume office work, and advised me to remove at once to a higher locality and live an outdoor life. Acting upon this advice, I moved to a high point twelve miles north

of Atlanta, Ga. I am unable to follow any regular vocation, have three small children to care for and will very much appreciate any fraternal assistance that may be extended. All assistance received will be

promptly acknowledged. Address, C. E. Moss, Route 2, Symrna, Ga.

Fraternally,

C. E. MOSS,
Cert. 1056, Div. 32.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Eight hundred and seventy-five new members were initiated into the Order during the month of February.

Federal Judge Witmer has decided that unnaturalized persons can only sue a railroad company in the district court where they are chartered.

The City of Denver, Colo., has adopted an amendment to their charter, providing for semi-annual pay days for all municipal employees.

The convict contract labor system at the House of Correction in Chicago, known as "The Bridewell," will be abolished on May 1st next.

The Supreme Court of Kansas has ruled that a dying statement may be taken as evidence in civil as well as in criminal court proceedings in that State.

Unions affiliated with the San Francisco Building Trades Council are donating their services in the construction of a home for the blind, now being erected in that city.

The State Railroad Commission of California has ordered the Wells-Fargo Express Company to reduce its rates, effective March 1st. An average cut of 17 per cent will be made.

Congressman Cramton has introduced a resolution in the House of Representatives for an investigation of the Pere

Marquette Railway by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Homer D. Call, Grand Secretary and Treasurer of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen, has been elected State Treasurer of New York by the Legislature in joint session.

The Trades and Labor Council of Toronto, Canada, through a committee appointed for that purpose, is holding meetings with farmers, for the purpose of attempting to work out a plan, whereby the workers of that city may secure the products of the farm direct, thereby eliminating the "middleman."

The United States Supreme Court has ruled that the law of the State of Ohio, regulating the working hours of women, is illegal. The law provides that no woman shall work more than fifty-four hours a week nor more than nine hours a day.

The United States Supreme Court has unanimously held that it is illegal for a police officer to seize letters or papers of a person charged with crime and use them to convict a person so charged, unless that officer is properly armed with a search warrant.

Congressman McGillicuddy, of Maine, has introduced a bill in the House of Representatives, which provides for the payment of compensation to disabled civilian employees of the government. The measure proposes a pension for life

for total disability resulting from an accident while in the performance of duty, the amount to be 66% per cent of the salary of the injured person. Smaller amounts are to be paid for accidents resulting in partial disability.

The Industrial Accident Insurance Commission of California has published a decision that it is illegal to reduce wages to meet the cost of insurance against the compensation risk on employes. The Commission learned that some employers intended to assess their employes for amounts required for liability insurance, which would mean a profit for the employers above all cost of insurance.

Senator Boylan has introduced a bill in the State Legislature of New York, regulating advertisements and solicitations for employes during strikes and lockouts, which provides that any advertisements for workers during strike or lockouts, shall state the fact that a strike or lockout is on. The bill further provides that when a worker seeks employment in a factory, where a strike or lockout is on, the management shall state such facts to the applicant in his language or native tongue.

Assemblyman Bredenkamp has introduced a bill in the State Legislature of New Jersey, calling for an investigation of the relief funds maintained by the different railroads, which are contributed to by men not in a voluntary way. The resolution states that "There is reason to believe the funds are not managed to the satisfaction of the contributor and that the benefits are not properly enjoyed."

The old saying that the salaries of unorganized employes are often reduced "just because they can be cut," has been exemplified in New York City by the United Cigar Stores (the Trust), who have reduced their clerks from 10 per cent to 25 per cent through the adoption of a uniform scale just made effective. It is said

the wage reduction will amount to from \$175,000 to \$250,000 a year, which will reimburse that company for the extra dividend of one-half of 1 per cent paid last year.

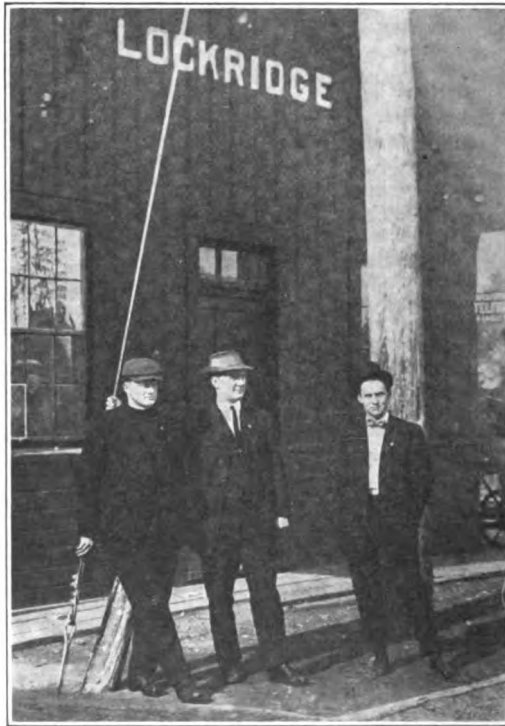
At the time of going to press, a telegram was received from Second Vice-President Pierson of the Order, stating that a new schedule has been made on the Boston Elevated Railway, that is out of the ordinary. It is an agreement between that system and the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, and in addition to providing for a very good increase in wages, it also stipulates that only members of the Order shall be employed in positions covered by the schedule. It would be interesting to know what the confirmed "non," who has been accustomed to "hogging" everything possible, will think of that provision.

The statement issued by the Bureau of Immigration for the month of November, 1913, shows there were 137,796 aliens landed at the various ports of entry during the month; that there were 2,231 debarred from entrance, classified as follows: Idiots, 73; insane and epileptic, 12; loathsome or dangerous contagious diseases, 330; professional beggars, 1; likely to become public charges, 1,000; mentally or physically defective, 397; contract laborers, 191; accompanying aliens, 40; under sixteen years of age and unaccompanied by parent, 51; assisted aliens, 14; criminals, 48; prostitutes and procurers, 47; without passport, 7; under provisions of Chinese exclusion act, 20. The report also shows that there were 505 aliens returned after landing.

The Supreme Court of Ohio, in a decision recently handed down, has declared the Electrical Workers' Union, which union is affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, and of which Frank J. McNulty is president, is the legitimate organization of that craft, which decision has ended the long drawn-out legal con-

tests started at Cleveland, Ohio, several years ago by a seceding union. The lower courts held that the Electrical Workers' Union was a bona fide organization and was entitled to all the moneys and property of that union, and the Supreme Court has upheld that decision, and has declared in effect that when a

man or a group of men join a voluntary organization, such as a labor union, they pledge adherence to the Constitution, which is another name for a contract, and that when the said party or parties desert the organization, they forfeit all rights to any property, benefits or privileges of that organization.



E. P. BROWNE. E. A. BRAND. L. L. LIPPS.
O. R. T. GROUP—BURLINGTON RY.—LOCKRIDGE, IA.

PERSONAL MENTION

The following births have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

To Bro. and Mrs. C. E. Andre, a boy.
 To Bro. and Mrs. F. H. Moore, a boy.
 To Bro. and Mrs. J. L. Randolph, a boy.
 To Bro. and Mrs. John H. Arps, a girl.
 To Bro. and Mrs. M. M. LaReau, a girl.
 To Bro. and Mrs. V. Stone, of Newton, Miss., a boy.
 To Bro. and Mrs. J. G. Cagle, of Latta, S. C., a girl.
 To Bro. and Mrs. R. E. Riggins, of Monroe, La., a girl.
 To Bro. and Mrs. V. A. Tate, of Springfield, Ill., a girl.
 To Bro. and Mrs. A. Z. Crabill, of Dudley, Iowa, a boy.
 To Bro. and Mrs. J. F. Mercier, of Sutton, Neb., a girl.
 To Bro. and Mrs. E. J. Parson, of Terrell, Texas, a boy.
 To Bro. and Mrs. D. L. Lindsay, of Rosco, Texas, a boy.
 To Bro. and Mrs. E. C. Andrews, of St. Maurice, La., a girl.
 To Bro. and Mrs. J. Carl Glenn, of Wyomere, Neb., a boy.
 To Bro. and Mrs. W. H. Cook, of Simon, Ariz., a boy.
 To Bro. and Mrs. Wm. A. Reid, of Waco, Texas, a boy.
 To Bro. and Mrs. G. L. Champion, of Pearson, Ga., a girl.
 To Bro. and Mrs. W. R. Shannon, of Hanna, Wyo., a boy.
 To Bro. and Mrs. L. W. Yowell, of Litchfield, Ill., a girl.
 To Bro. and Mrs. F. A. Maca, of Miltonvale, Kans., a boy.
 To Bro. and Mrs. U. A. Foster, of Neshoba, Miss., a boy.
 To Bro. and Mrs. J. W. Wilcox, of Melrose Park, Ill., a girl.
 To Bro. and Mrs. W. C. Harrell, of Cainesville, Mo., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. R. Lemieux, of Sherbrooke, Que., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. A. Gunderson, of Montezuma, Iowa, a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. L. Pearson, of Sharpsburg, N. C., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. L. W. Sherman, of South Oshkosh, Wis., a girl.

The following marriages have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

Sister E. K. Carleton, of Div. No. 126, to Roy Green.

Sister J. Vera Ross, of Div. No. 23, to William Ragen.

At Kensett, Ark., Bro. F. W. Samuel, to Miss Isla King.

Bro. W. E. Alley, of Div. No. 132, to Miss Pearl Keene.

Bro. C. O. Waters and Sister Eva Kent, both of Div. No. 23.

Bro. H. R. Hauskey, of Div. No. 76, to Miss Bird Converse.

Bro. H. H. Brannon, of Div. No. 53, to Miss Pauline McKinney.

At Delphos, Kans., Bro. H. O. Brenner, of Div. No. 6, to Miss Irene Bowman.

At Palatine, Ill., Bro. Lyle Alverson, of Div. No. 76, to Miss Frieda Herschlog.

At Burlington, Iowa, Bro. D. L. Gibbs, of Div. No. 130, to Miss Fanny M. Deeds.

At Oklahoma City, Okla., Bro. A. G. Smith, of Div. No. 126, to Miss Loretta Shannon.

THE TELEGRAPHER extends congratulations to the happy couples.

The following deaths have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

Brother W. E. Hendershot, of Div. No. 141.

Brother of Brother Sam Grego, of Div. No. 59.

Mother of Brother R. C. Vose, of Div. No. 76.

Wife of Brother J. H. Walker of Div. No. 132.

The wife of Brother E. E. Edgar, of Div. No. 2.

Mother of Brother W. J. Dickerson, of Div. No. 54.

Mother of Brother E. K. Dunaway, of Div. No. 62.

Mother of Brother G. M. Knudson, of Div. No. 76.

The father of Brother John Jamison, of Div. No. 130.

At Muskegon, Mich., Bro. E. S. Shaner, of Div. No. 39.

The mother of Brother C. C. Ingram, of Div. No. 130.

At Detroit, Mich., Brother Thomas H. Slater, of Div. No. 16.

At Gregory, Ark., Brother H. L. Strickland, of Div. No. 126.

The infant daughter of Brother M. M. Lareau, of Div. No. 138.

At Mantorville, Minn., Brother E. J. Simpson, of Div. No. 96.

At Chicago, Ill., the wife of Brother S. A. Allen, of Div. No. 23.

At Wagner, S. D., mother of Brother G. E. Soyster, of Div. No. 23.

At Marshall, Texas, Brother Chriss Simonson, of Div. No. 88.

At Omega, Ohio, the father of Brother C. W. McCoppin, of Div. No. 14.

At Washington C. H., Ohio, Brother John Warnecke, Jr., of Div. No. 21.

At Fort Worth, Texas, father of Brother U. S. Vincent, of Div. No. 153.

At Fort Lauderdale, Fla., daughter of Brother E. C. Wheeler, of Div. No. 160.

At St. Joseph's Hospital, Port Arthur, Ont., Brother Fred W. West, of Div. No. 7.

At South Oshkosh, Wis., the daughter of Brother L. W. Sherman, of Div. No. 119.

At Hahnemann Hospital, Chicago, Brother L. C. Russell, of Div. No. 130, Traveling Passenger Agent, Grand Trunk R. R.

The bereaved relatives have the sympathy of all.

WANTED.

Present address of J. M. Holmes, operator. Anyone knowing his address please write Mrs. H. W. Rist, 2024 Eighth Avenue, North Birmingham, Ala.

William P. Dowd: Come home or write your mother. She is heartbroken.

F. J. DICKEY,
Manchester, N. H., Postal.

Present address of James W. Farrell, operator; last heard of at Higbee, Mo., on C. & A. Ry.

J. S. RIZOR,
Peru, Indiana.

Present address of Operator Hood, who worked at Spring Valley, Wyo., about ten years ago. Important.

C. J. HORISKEY,
Cheyenne, Wyo.

Present address of Mr. William T. Guilshan, operator; last heard from in May, 1913, in New York, where he had just returned from working on the Southern.

H. H. SPAULDING,
Katonah, N. Y.

Information as to making application for position in Wireless Service, land or sea, Government or private; age limit, etc. Have no experience outside of Morse.

T. A. CLARK,
Box 4, Paul, Neb.

Present address of T. E. Tipple, who worked on Manitoba Division Canadian Pacific Ry. last year. Tom, if you see this, please drop me a note. I want to write to you.

R. C. WILTON,
Kenora, Ont.

Present address of H. H. Albertson, who worked for Canadian Pacific Ry. at Kenora, Ont., last year. Hiram, if you see this, please drop me a note. I want to write you.

R. C. WILTON,
Kenora, Ont.

Present address or any information of J. J. Egan, whose home is at College Point, N. Y. Last heard from at Denver, Colo. Parents anxious to hear from him.

C. M. SCULLY,
College Point, N. Y.

Present address of Paul C. Bryan, operator; last heard from working in Canada.

If any brother knows party's present address, please write undersigned, or in case you see this, Paul, write your mother at 114 President St., Savannah, Ga., as she is anxious to hear from you. O. L. DUNN,

A. C. L. Gen'l Offices, Savannah, Ga.

Present addresses of Fred H. Tholke, Jr., Z. A. Mikesall, Jos. L. Rapp, J. C. Yancey, W. E. Greene, all formerly employed on the Rock Island Lines. Any information leading to their whereabouts will be greatly appreciated by C. H. Meador, General Secretary and Treasurer, Div. No. 126, 314 New England Bldg., Topeka, Kan.

Address of Charles A. Cuneo, operator; native of Louisville, Ky., who left McRoberts, Ky., three or four months ago. Any information as to Mr. Cuneo's whereabouts will be greatly appreciated by his family. Charley, if you see this, communicate with me without delay.

R. C. ROGERS,
Business Editor "Herald," Louisville, Ky.

Present address of George William Moore, aged twenty-seven years and six months; six feet and two inches high, brown hair, inclined to be wavy around temples, gray eyes, 175 to 180 pounds weight, long front teeth that show while talking; seen wearing black suit with name on inside of coat pocket, black soft hat with trade mark "Humphries, Webb City, Mo." He had no regular trade. Spent harvest season of 1909 in Russell County, Kansas, P. O. Russell, Kans. Came home a few days and left on February 27th, 1910, saying he was going to Nebraska, but went to Denver, and from there the last word heard

from him March 3rd, 1910, still saying he was going to Nebraska, not stating where. Any information as to his whereabouts or fate will be gratefully received by his heart-broken mother,

MRS. W. S. MOORE, Purcell, Mo., or
C. V. ROWE, Purcell, Mo.

LOST OR STOLEN.

Organizer's Commission No. 276, issued to Brother T. J. Fogarty, Chief Telegrapher No. 41.

Card No. 1032, Cert. 2310, Div. 59, for term ending June 30th, 1914.

Card No. 8802, Cert. 162, Div. 2, for term ending June 30th, 1914.

Card No. 18796, Cert. 2882, Div. 31, for term ending June 30th, 1914.

Card No. 39761, Cert. 2924, Div. 53, for term ending Dec. 31st, 1913.

Card No. 7021, Cert. 4060, Grand Div., for term ending June 30th, 1914.

Card No. 14249, Cert. 1658, Grand Div., for term ending June 30th, 1914.

Card No. 3988, Cert. 3917, Grand Div., for term ending June 30th, 1914.

Card No. 34749, Cert. 963, Div. 40, for term ending Dec. 31st, 1913.

Card No. 13389, Cert. 144, Div. 48, for term ending June 30th, 1914.

Card No. 4879, Cert. 1500, Div. 138, for term ending June 30th, 1914.

Card No. 1062, Cert. 1974, Div. 17, for term ending June 30th, 1914.

Card No. 2828, Cert. 2712, Div. 93, for term ending June 30th, 1914.

Card No. 23058, Cert. 11, Div. 159, for term ending June 30th, 1914.



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BE LOYAL.

By MRS. E. L. MATHIS, President.

IT is the amount of your best self which you put into your work that brings you success. Every business organized today is demanding loyalty to its men and women, more than ever before. Why? Competition is keen, making loyalty one of the first requisites. A disloyal person is one of no use in the great scheme upon which business is builded. There is no place in the world where disloyal humanity may comfortably and profitably work. This disloyalty does not alone deter the progress of individuals, it permeates their very atmosphere, and those less strong-minded become inoculated, for chronic disloyalty is a disease, sapping the very life from everything it contaminates.

As an Order, we stand on five basic principles—truth, love, fraternity, beneficence and protection—and these virtues embody the noble attribute “loyalty.”

We love our Order for what it represents, and we are loyal to it for what it means to our homes, and our loved ones, and for the great work it can accomplish among our women.

Be loyal. No one loves a “kicker.” If you can not be loyal, if it is beyond the reach of your character, keep quiet and do not let the world know of your calamity. By your silence you may thoroughly overcome the malady, and come out into the sunlight of fair and square dealing with a heart right with itself and the world. So long as you are part of an institution, stand by it. Life is only worth living when we are loyal, and loyalty, intrinsically, means “love.”

Notes from the Grand Secretary and Treasurer.

The interest in the Mutual Benefit Department has been very great during the month of February. While I state in these notes that applications can be obtained from any Grand officer, and the local officers, yet you note that I urge that all filled-out applications be sent to the Grand Secretary and Treasurer direct.

It may not be further understood by the membership, and those desiring to join the M. B. D., that the work of the M. B. D. is done jointly with the L. A. work by the Grand Secretary and Treasurer, and that this work is so interwoven that it requires the utmost care and detail, so that every case is correct in its detail, and can show the same on the books. The work can be handled much easier and faster if all those contemplating joining the M. B. D., will secure an application from where they can get it the quickest, and when it is filled out to send both initiation fee and dues direct to the Grand Secretary and Treasurer, and avoid the delay of sending to the local secretaries, and then wait until they send in a report to send in your M. B. D. application.

If you belong to a local and can get the application blank from your G. S. & T., do not send it back to her, but direct to me. If your application cannot be accepted, I notify you at once, and if it can be accepted, I give you a receipt until you receive your certificate.

I also urge that you send the dues of the M. B. D. along with the application blank and initiation fee. If you are not accepted, I will send you your money back, and notify you of the same.

By sending initiation fee only, you have to wait until I write to you to send assessments, which makes further delay.

We find that we will work along these lines a little different than the O. R. T., as we only have one to handle all the work, and our way is easier, not only with the work itself, but to avoid the long delays until answers are received, and handling cases several times.

By sending initiation and dues together, it can be fixed up at once, and saves time all around; information given you whether you will be accepted and your receipt received.

Again, I urge that you look over each and every question before sending, in order that it will not have to be returned to you, to further fill out.

Again, you note that there is no reduction in assessments, but that your dues count the same no matter what month you join, as that is so much more added to the principal, and the interest begins at once.

I will further add, that if a member joins say the first of June, that her policy can be made out to begin the first of July, as by the time it is written up and ready to send to you, it is near the last of the month, and these few days will be allowed to you.

I also urge that you take note in these columns, the amount of assessments for each series, and all that you have to do is add the 50 cents initiation to it.

Rates as Follows in Series "A" and "B."

Series "A" initiation and dues, \$1.30 per six months. (18 to 50 years.)

Series "B" initiation and dues, \$2.10 per six months. (18 to 40 years.)

Remit the above amounts, when sending application in either series that you can take, to me direct, with initiation and dues in the Auxiliary, if a new member.

Our prize contest is attracting much notice, and members are working for them both individually and for their divisions, and I hope that this department of the L. A. will become as popular as the prize contest of the O. R. T. Our prizes are not of the value of the O. R. T., but they will compare with them, allowing for the differ-

ence in our financial conditions. I am sure that members securing one of the solid silver spoons, will never rest until they have the whole set. Again all the new members secured by members of any division will also count in the sum total for the division. I take this way of answering this question as it has been asked so many times.

Again, I find that the extra prize to be given to the local securing the most new members for the term ending June 30, 1914, will not give all the locals a chance to compete for this, there being such different conditions existing among them, and I have been asked in order that it will be a fair contest, that I let it run for a year, and then again it was suggested that it run until the next convention, and give it out at that time to the local getting the most new members until that time, and this will give everybody a chance to work in a fair way. Many divisions being so situated that they cannot work by coming in contact with many of the nons. I will, therefore, give one of the solid silver spoons to the local that secures the most new members ending June 30, 1914, and continue these prizes during the succeeding terms, and hope that all will work for the extra prize to end with the convention, and it will be presented to the local at that time.

It is very gratifying to the Grand Secretary and Treasurer to report that ending February 28th, the members of the Grand Division of the Auxiliary are nearly all paid to date, and the few that are left will remit shortly, and they have nearly all written notes stating their desire to work for the Auxiliary, and to have locals upon their respective divisions, and requesting blanks to try to secure a charter, and many of the members of the locals have paid more promptly than ever before. We urge that the membership pay dues as soon after they are due as possible, and do not require several reminders to perform this duty. It is pure forgetfulness in nearly all cases, and it is just as easy to pay first as last, unless there is some sickness.

I wish to take this way to congratulate the Ladies' Auxiliary upon their faithful

and efficient general secretaries and treasurers, as I do not believe that any organization has a set of women that perform this duty better, and are so well qualified for the work. I consider the Annual Reports of the Secretaries this year are far beyond those of last year, showing how they have improved in the work, and used every effort to follow out all instructions for the advancement of the interest of their locals.

Sister Marie Eiler has been appointed by Sister Marie A. Bell, general chairman of Local No. 10, to fill the vacancy of the general secretary and treasurer, Sister Florence P. Pierce, resigned.

Sister Eiler is the daughter of Brother T. M. Eiler, member of the general committee of Division No. 33, and is fully capable to fill this important position, and Local No. 10 is to be congratulated in securing the services of this young Sister. We hope all members and non-members will note this change and send all communications to Sister Marie Eiler, Defiance, Ohio, and they will receive prompt attention. She can furnish every member on Division No. 33 with L. A. and M. B. D. blanks upon request.

MRS. FLORENCE P. PIERCE,
2021 Longwood St., Walbrook,
Baltimore, Md.

RESIGNATIONS.

It is with sincere regret that I announce the resignation of Sisters Nightingale and Boutwell from the Board of Directors, Sister Nightingale's health having become so impaired that she is not able to attend to her duties as she thinks they should be done, and Sister Boutwell's husband having left the railroad service.

Sister Nightingale was appointed in 1911 to fill the unexpired term of Sister Pierce, and was unanimously elected to succeed herself at the last convention. Her clear insight into all matters coming before the Board and her prompt action assisted materially in carrying the L. A. through some of its hardest struggles, and in losing her from our official family we are losing one of our strongest members. However, she is not giving up her membership in the L. A. and we hope that she will at a later date

be able to again assume the responsibilities of an office.

Sister Boutwell has only been an officer of the L. A. since the last election in May, but she has long been an active and valued worker in the ranks. Her services as minute clerk at the last convention brought her prominently before the membership, and in the short time she has served on the Board of Directors, she has made her influence felt.

DITA MAY WEST,
Chairman Board of Directors.

Northern Pacific Ry., Local No. 24.

Prospects for the future of our local are very bright at present. Several of our brothers of the O. R. T. at various places on the system, have recently shown a disposition to assist us in getting a start on the several divisions, and, as a result, new members have been added and others are in view. I have had quite a number of requests for application blanks, all of which have been supplied, and am quite confident that we will reap good results from these. Our individual members are displaying an increasing interest, both in organizing and in the detail work of our organization, and I am sure that we will experience a steady gain from this time forward.

To those brothers of the O. R. T. who have lent their assistance, we tender our heartfelt thanks and trust that they will continue to lend a helping hand and that others will emulate their example. To our own members, we urge the desirability of effort in your immediate vicinities. All of our members have friends and acquaintances who are eligible to our Auxiliary, yet are not affiliated with us. See how many of them you can induce to become members, and, in addition to finding the labor most fascinating, you will have the satisfaction of having done your duty for the cause.

We welcome to membership in Local No. 24, Sister A. L. Gardner, of Abbott, Iowa, wife of Brother A. L. Gardner, General Chairman of the M. & St. L. System. Sister Gardner's membership was placed in our local, pending the organization of a

local on the M. & St. L., which will probably occur in the near future.

Sister Dobson, of Spokane, wife of Brother R. C. Dobson, of Spokane Relay office, is also a new and welcome member. If she proves to be as good a booster for the L. A. as Brother Dobson is for the O. R. T., we will count ourselves as more than fortunate in acquiring her membership.

A baby girl has come to gladden the hearts and brighten the home of Brother and Sister Graham, of Woodland, Wash. Brother "Bob" says it is the finest girl ever, to which Sister Maude heartily agrees, and the members of Local No. 24 join in voicing best wishes for the little L. A. recruit.

Mrs. B. E. NASON,
General Chairman.

Local No. 16.

What is for the welfare of the husband is, of necessity, also for the good of the wife and, conversely, what interests, entertains or instructs the wife is beneficial to the husband as well.

There are many men who act on the theory that the wife is merely the housekeeper or drudge of the family. This opinion is clearly manifested or put into practice when opportunities intended to furnish recreation or amusement for the careworn and weary housewife present themselves—in other words, the poor wife's pleasure is not considered by the selfish husband, the home being deemed good enough for her.

On the other hand, there are many instances when the wife is so short-sighted that she thinks the nominal outlay necessary for the husband to hold membership in a labor organization and the short time necessary occasionally to attend meetings are solely for the husband's benefit, and a waste of time and money so far as she is concerned. This feeling on the part of the wife and the consequent nagging because of such a mistaken feeling have been the cause of many a man dropping out of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers.

Particularly to instill into the minds of the women folks in all telegraphers' families the advantages of cohesion and cooperation on the part of all laboring in the

same cause, it is not only desirable but necessary that an auxiliary be attached to every division, and the wife of every telegrapher should be a member of it. Again, when the monotonous humdrum life of the housewife is considered, auxiliaries are needed to provide recreation and entertainment whenever possible.

If the women folks of every telegrapher can be gotten into the fold and thereby convinced of the benefits to the entire family of organization there will be fewer back-sliders from the parent organization in the future than there have been in the past—the good wife will insist on the husband being always in good standing in the O. R. T. as she would insist on his being in good standing with his life or fire insurance company.

Mrs. G. W. HILLEY,
First Vice-President.

Local No. 21.

The February meeting was held at Sister Albertson's house on Wednesday, February 18, 1914. All those who attended were well repaid for their trouble. Sister Albertson is a royal host.

One thing we are proud of is that every sister who belongs to Local No. 21 can proudly say that her hubby has paid up his dues and holds an up-to-date card for this term. Come, ladies of the W. J. & S., join this little band and help this good work along. Those of you who do not belong, if you will come and join us you will learn why it is policy to see that your husbands keep paid up and we are sure you would see that they were paid up promptly. Here is one good field of endeavor for us to exert ourselves for the common good of all.

Sister Maurer finds time in all kinds of weather to come from Elwood, where the train service is so bad, so none of the rest will have any excuse for not getting out to the meetings.

Our March meeting was held on Wednesday, March 18th, at Sister Thompson's house, Camden, N. J.

We would like to see Sister Austin of Mt. Holly come to our meetings. Sister Pheasant, of the Trenton Division, is now

a regular attendant. Why not try to get a few more Trenton Division ladies interested and have them come to our meetings? They will enjoy them.

We would like to see Sister Moore come to our meetings. She has not been to any to get acquainted.

CORRESPONDENT.

C., R. I. & P., Local No. 22.

We are starting on our second year as a local, and while we had hoped to accomplish more than we have, yet we feel we have not failed altogether. We organized in February of last year with eight charter members. We now have a membership of twenty-nine. We hope this summer to have a meeting of all members and get fully organized for efficient work. We realize that our members are so badly scattered it will be hard to have the meeting convenient to all, but perhaps we can

hold several meetings. I would be glad to receive suggestions from any member as to the best time and place for a meeting; also if you would care to have a meeting on your division. I will be glad to appoint one and will try to attend.

We have received requests for application blanks and had hoped to have several new members before now. My dear non-sister, won't you hunt up that application blank and fill it out today and give it to your husband and tell him to make out a money order and send it in today? Some have said they intended to join, but have just put it off, so please don't put it off another day, as we need you, and we believe you need us.

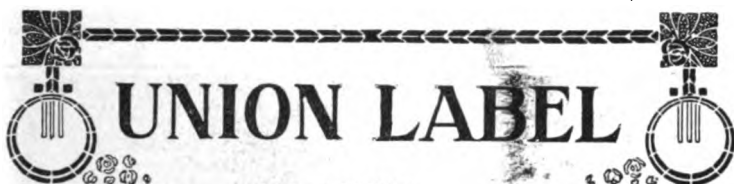
We are always willing and glad to send application and M. B. D. blanks to all who may desire them.

MRS. J. A. TRACY,
General Chairman.



LEO SCHINKEL, M. E. BRAY, H. G. REISENER.

O. R. T. MEMBERS—UNION PACIFIC RY.—
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Imperial Engraving Co., fourth floor, Stevenson Bldg. Annex, 341 Sixth ave., Pittsburg, Pa.

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Oregon Engraving Co., 606 Goodnough Bldg., Portland, Ore.

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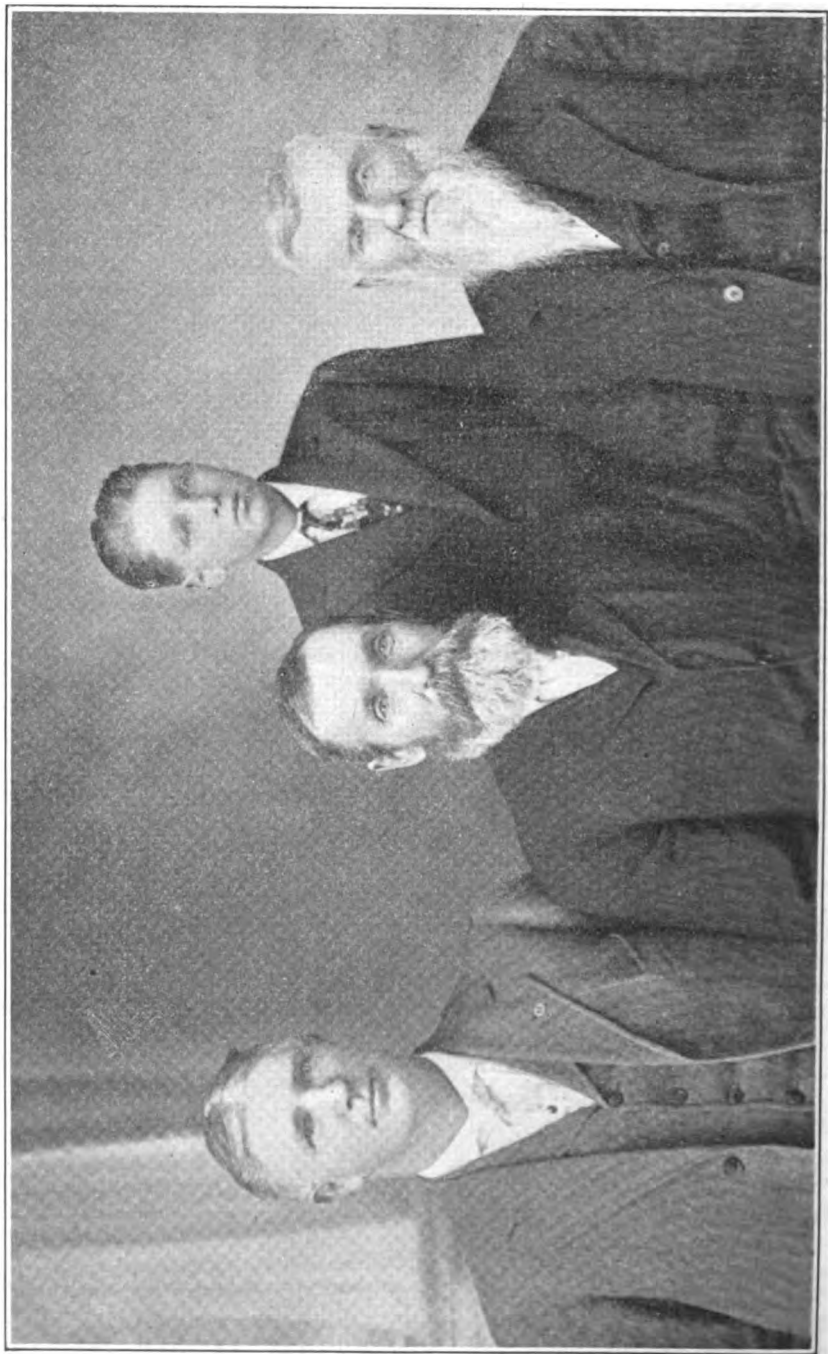
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T. J. Edie (Age 90).

FOUR GENERATIONS.

GLEANINGS

How can solid facts leak out?

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Happiness secured is added life.

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Opportunity is fond of disguises.

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It's never too late to make good.

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Every soul enjoys true friendship.

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Even the fakirs are returning to Nature.

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As we grow older time teaches us many lessons.

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Persuasion is better than force—and easier.

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Many a self-admitted hero is unable to prove it.

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A man who is really smart doesn't act that way.

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Easy-going people usually take things as they come.

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Love makes the world go 'round—also your "bean."

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When a man marries he should acquire better habits.

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Never give up! That is the only way you can be beaten.

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If you are on the down-hill line get a transfer quick.

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Many a so-called strong-minded person is merely stubborn.

They who trust the people educate the people.

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A coat-of-arms will never hide a family skeleton.

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Even a lazy man never gets tired running for office.

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Even a stationary engine must "run" to be useful.

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Get the fellow who works with you into the union.

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About one man in a million is really wise to himself.

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He who waits to laugh last is liable to forget how.

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The well-earned dime is better than the drafted dollar.

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Too many people with lots of good in them keep it in.

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A hog can not be blamed for being one—but a man can.

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A woman can't always use a hammer, but she can nail a lie.

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An artist may paint his wife, but usually she paints herself.

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The man on the ground floor is often the man higher up.

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The path of failure runs along the stream of procrastination.

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The best working formula to success is "concentrated energy."

A trade union is not a thing in itself.

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Complete knowledge is the key to efficiency.

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An ounce of silence is often worth a ton of sermons.

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There can not be any goodness unless it is practical.

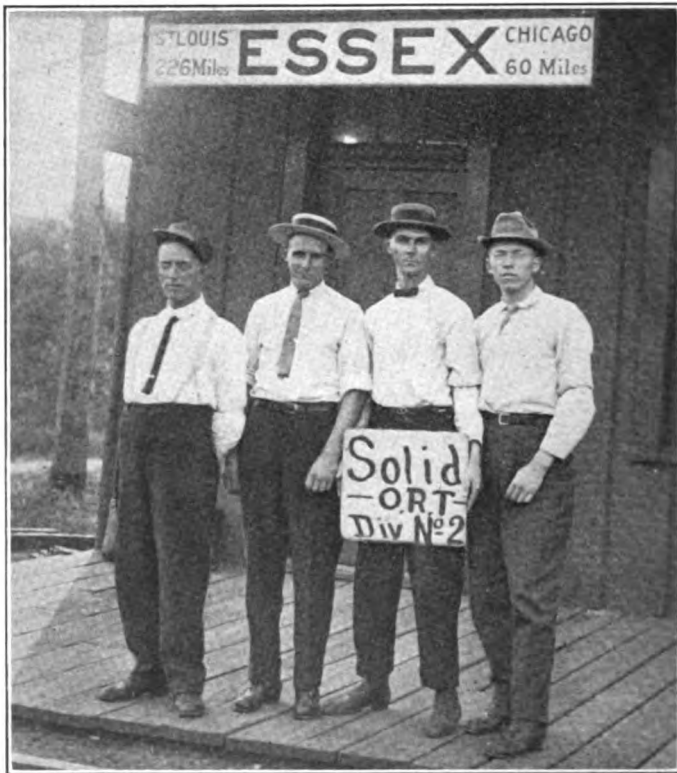
Most of us would rather hear an enemy roasted than a friend praised.

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Show us the man without enemies, and we will show a man who doesn't amount to much.

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Even when the servant girl isn't a problem she is powerful handy as a topic—*Dallas News.*



F. BURT.

WM. FRANKLIN.

R. H. BRICKEY.

I. G. ALBIN.

O. R. T. GROUP—WABASH RY.—ESSEX, ILL.

Perhaps girls kiss each other merely to keep in practice.

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It doesn't pay to sit down and wait for something unless you are armed with a meal ticket.

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There is much charity that would be missing if there were no newspapers to publish the names of its promoters.—*Judge.*

Systematic promptness lies at the foundation of success. Do exactly what you have agreed to do and do it promptly and well.

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Good character is a treasure beyond price. It can not be measured by material value, nor bought nor balanced by the worth of the whole world.—*JUDGE MARSHAL BROWN.*

MISCELLANY

ON THE MIDNIGHT LOCAL.

AS the west door of the depot swung open it hid the man sitting behind it from view. Katherine never even stopped to make sure it was fastened after her. One glance up at the clock, and she hurried over to the ticket window.

"Topeka," she said, in a low voice.

"Baggage" queried the young fellow who was on duty at night. "Because she's coming along now, and you've hardly time to check it."

"I have only my suit case," said Katherine. "Thanks."

She picked it up and went out on the platform. The up-bound train was due any minute. As she passed out, that man behind the door rose quickly and came forward, his hat pushed back from his face.

"I'll take one to the same place, Al," he said, with a grim smile.

"It's Topeka, Mr. Gavin, and no sleepers on this train."

"That's all right, I don't mind," said Gavin, pleasantly. "You might telephone to her father and mother that I have gone along to take care of her. You understand, Al?"

"Yes, sir. All right, Mr. Gavin." Al Simms pursed his lips for a silent whistle as Gavin stepped out into the night. The midnight train pulled in, and he saw the two board it, the girl still unconscious that she was being followed. When he came back and unlocked the ticket office, he called up the Osgood house. He could hear the prolonged ringing of the bell, and finally a drowsy, rather testy tone asking who it was.

"It's me, Mr. Osgood, Al Simms, at the station; yes, sir. Mr. Gavin just told me to call you up and say he would look after Miss Osgood, as he was taking the same train through to Topeka."

"Miss Osgood is upstairs in bed and asleep."

"Pardon me, Mr. Osgood, but I just sold her the ticket myself, and the train's gone."

There was a faint smothered sound like a groan and a muttered word of thanks, then silence, and Al Simms stared thoughtfully out of the dark window pane.

On the train Katherine found a vacant seat easily. Nearly all of the occupants of the car were already asleep in varying postures. She sat close to the window, very cold and straight, looking at the reflection of herself in its darkened surface. It was like a negative held to the light. Her face seemed strained and unnatural, and still its lines were all softened and toned down.

She had hardly come to the full realization that the step was taken, that she had thrown off the bond of duty and love that held her to her home, and was going out to find herself. That was the way she had put it to herself for weeks, to find herself. Somehow back home in the jumble of warring personalities, she had lost her grip on her own self. At her feet was her suit case, and tucked half under her skirt her violin case. While she had that she was never afraid. It would bring her money for food and shelter and clothes until she could take lessons and broaden out her scope. From Topeka she would go East gradually. It must be easy when one was young and alone, and all the world lay ahead.

She threw up her chin with renewed determination and looked down the aisle at Kenneth Gavin smiling at her. He bowed and came leisurely forward with outstretched hand.

"Now, isn't this a lucky chance, Miss Kitty?" he exclaimed. "I was dreading the night trip, and here I find you to talk with. Going far?"

Katherine hesitated. The one person she really would have avoided was with her. His eyes held no questioning; his voice was natural and cheery. Almost against her will she welcomed his presence. She had always felt vaguely relieved and comforted after one of his visits up home, although he talked with her father usually on rare old prints, and politics, either subject finding swift response from Mr. Osgood.

"To Topeka," she said, "I expect to work there now."

"That's good. It does anyone good to broaden out. You must be over twenty now."

"Twenty-two in December." She smiled wistfully. "It's pretty well grown up, isn't it?"

"Not to thirty-four," he came back. "I'm going away because I'm lonesome up at the house, and there's nothing to do there now."

"Nothing to do?" she repeated, quickly. "Why, what a queer thing for you of all men to say, the most active that I ever knew."

"Well, there isn't. All my plans have been upset just the way you'll break a cobweb down."

"I'm awfully sorry," she began, impulsively, her big blue eyes searching his for some clew to the trouble.

"No, you're not a single bit. Though I don't think you've done it purposely, mind." He was still smiling. She had always felt a queer, unsteady little thrill when he bent his head and looked at her so, and had been angry with herself for it. He was Kenneth Gavin, the one citizen her little home town was proud of. It had tried to send him to the legislature and make him serve on committees, but he had evaded the efforts as a boy evades lessons. She knew he loved travel and books, and his big estate up in the hills. Once in awhile he would come down to see them, driving his big car alone, cheery and full of news for her father, ever courteous and amusing to her mother, but rarely talking to her. He had seemed like someone who had arrived at all things attainable. And now he sat beside her on this midnight local, telling her he was lonely and that somehow she was to blame.

"I'm sorry," she said again, "awfully sorry. Why on earth are you going to Topeka?"

"To look after you," he said promptly. "You see, I was down at the station waiting for them to come down after me. There had been a late meeting at the club. Your father was there, too, by the way. You probably took advantage of his absence to run away, now didn't you?"

Slowly, against her will, the telltale tears filled her eyes.

"You don't know what life is like to me," she said, tensely. "You don't know anything about it."

"Don't I?" he replied, warmly, but with a humorous gleam in his eyes. "After knowing your father for years? I've watched you grow up, Miss Kitty, for the past seven years, ever since I came back from my first trip around the world. You were fifteen then, and I heard you play on your violin out in the garden one afternoon, remember?"

"The nocturne in E flat," she flashed back at him. "I know. Then what?"

"Nothing. I just waited around. There seemed to be many who filled your life in a way I could not hope to."

"You mean Walter." She had entirely forgotten Walter in her eagerness to escape her home boundaries, and yet there certainly had been Walter as a conspicuous figure in her life. It had never occurred to her that any one could regard him as a serious person. "Don't you know that he's going to be a naval engineer, and has gone for four years to San Francisco? He went two weeks ago, and I never even dreamed any one thought we cared for each other—that—that way."

"Brentwood Junction," called out the brakeman at the door.

Gavin rose, and picked up her suit case and violin.

"We get the down train here," he said. "It's due in about ten minutes."

"But I'm not going back. I'm——"

"Yes, you are," he smiled down at her reassuringly, compellingly. "Of course you are. Now, if you had told me that you were running away to marry Walter, I should probably have gone with you, delivered you safely into his keeping, and

come back home. But now," he leaned over until she shrank a little from the fire in his eyes, "now you are going back home tonight, and I will see your father myself. You don't want to fight your own way in the world, dear heart. You just want to be loved and petted up a bit, and given a chance to breathe in an atmosphere that is congenial. Isn't my atmosphere congenial. Kit: honest, now?"

The train had slackened speed. Katherine gave a little unsteady laugh.

"I'm trying to make up my mind."

"You know you're not. You're fixing your hat on straight, and are all ready to follow me, aren't you?"

"Brentwood, Brentwood," called the brakeman again.

"Hurry," said Katherine. "They only stop here a minute." And they stepped off the train together into the night.—By JOHN DARLING, in *St. Louis Globe-Democrat*.

THE RAINBOW'S END.

They say that the brave, and strong, and bold,
At the rainbow's end find a casket of gold;
I've followed the rainbow for years and years,
But found only caskets of sorrowful tears.

—J. W.

A big, gaunt team of oxen pulled a creaking covered wagon across the little stream and came to a standstill beneath a huge spreading oak that bordered the water. Both team and outfit showed signs of a long journey, and the generous shade of the tree was grateful, not only to the beasts but to a tall, gaunt man in faded blue overalls—likewise the woman and three children. The man stiffly climbed down from the wagon seat and started unhitching the team—the woman then emerged from the depths of the wagon and, after alighting, turned to lift out, one by one, the three tow-headed youngsters.

No words were spoken, and after the man had returned from driving the oxen to water, he found the little camp-fire burning brightly and their rough little meal prepared.

The faces of the three children, exact miniature reproductions of their mother, fairly shone in their cleanliness—the woman herself, although poorly dressed, was neat

and tidy, and a closer look at her face showed intelligence and sincere Christianity.

"Guess we'd ought to reach there by tomorrow noon," she said, "that is providin' nothin' happens—looks some like a storm brewin' toward th' West, but mebbe it'll hold off."

The man showed no sign of hearing, except to glance up at the sky, from the sky his eyes dropped to the road and in the distance, a single horseman could be seen coming towards them. When the rider had approached near enough, the man walked out to the road and hailed him.

"How'dy stranger," he asked, "'Kin you all tell us how much further it is to the old Dobbins ranch?"

Sam Watson, herd rider for the Circle-H outfit, after looking over the little camp for a few seconds, replied:

"About thirty miles straight along this road," then in a more friendly tone, he added, "Are you the people who bought the place?"

"Why, yes," replied the newcomer, "Although not exactly a buy, we figure on staying if we can make a go of it."

"Glad to have you for neighbors," advanced Sam, holding out his gloved hand, "my name is Sam Watson of the Circle-H our land joins yours, but there's some considerable space between."

"Same to you," answered the man, reaching up to grasp Sam's hand. "My name's Bill Hughes, from Texas, there's my woman and the kids. I reckon we kin make the ranch by noon tomorrow."

"Yes, you got a good tough-looking team there," said Sam. "Well, I must be hiking—any time you want any help or such, come over," and he galloped away.

That evening after dark, Hughes squatted alone before the glowing embers of the camp fire, stolidly smoking a much-used corn cob pipe. Within the covered wagon the three children were grouped around their mother, who, in a low tone, was reading to them by candle light, from a thumbled and dirty Bible. As the droning voice of the woman occasionally reached the man, he moved uneasily and his lips muttered something but that was all.

After the woman had finished, the eldest boy, taking her hand and looking up into her face, said:

"Mummy, please tell us again that story about the rainbow and the pot of gold?"

"No, deary," she answered, "not tonight—Mummy's too tired—we'll be home to-morrow and then I will." Going to the wagon-flop, she called to the man, who even then was killing the fire, preparatory to going to bed.

Spring found the little family nicely settled and things began to take on a look of comfort. The long rows of corn began to show, as the gentle rains gave strength to the delicate green shoots; day after day the man could be seen in the far distance from the house, plowing and weeding and planting. Within the rough little house, everything was clean, wholesome and in its place.

Sam Watson riding past one day, in search of some stray cattle, stopped to rest and water.

"Glad to see you settled so nicely, Mam," he said, "that man of yours is sure some worker, and this being an uncommon good spring, you'll sure have a good start; if there's anything us boys can do for you, let us know."

When Sam returned to his mates that night, he remarked that, "the little woman over on the old Dobbins' place was a God's woman, clean and good, and was teaching her kids what's right."

When Hughes came in from work that night, he appeared surly and morose.

"Mighty careless about their stock in these parts," he growled, "if Hickey was around this country they'd be more particular how they left their cattle loose."

"O, Bill, please forget that horrible man," the woman answered, "you know you promised to give up all that stuff, and that's why we came all this way from Texas, and think of the children, Bill."

Two weeks later, a bunch of cowboys rode up to the little cabin, and the spokesman asked Hughes if he had been missing any cattle of late.

"No," replied Hughes, showing interest, "I've got no stock to lose—why, what's up?"

"Nothing much," said the leader, "only some onery cattle-thief has run off a big

band of cattle and we're trying to locate him."

After the cowboys had left, the wife of Hughes turned considerably paler.

"God knows, Bill," she said in a trembling voice, "I figured we'd left all that behind us," and then as she turned away, she murmured, "I dunno, I guess there's no end to my rainbow."

One quiet April afternoon, a tall, loose-jointed man on horseback rode directly up to the open door of the Hughes' cabin, and seeing the woman busy at work, he smiled a satisfied smile and muttered under his breath:

"Kinder thought I'd locate 'em after awhile," and then in a loud rasping voice, he shouted, "Why Jennie Hughes, how be ye? and where's Bill?"

The woman, intent upon her work and in the act of drying a dish, dropped it with a clatter and staggered back as if from a blow.

"Steve Hickey, you here?" she gasped, and then straightening up, "don't you bother Bill, don't you dare disturb us, we're gettin' a good start now and I sha'n't have you taking him away on your thieving raids." Seeing that her words only brought a sneering smile to the listener's face, she changed her voice to a wheedling tone, "O, Steve, *please* go away, Bill has been awful good since we left Texas and you. See, look how nice our place looks; and Steve, please don't start him again, won't you let him be?"

"I sure am sorry, Jen, but we've just got to have him—he's the only man we can trust to take this band out of the valley and we want him—where'll I find him?"

"Steve, please let him be," begged the woman, "I've got a few dollars saved up. I'll give 'em all to you, only please don't start Bill again, he's beginning to forget all—"

"Now, Jennie, don't carry on so," broke in the man, turning impatiently on his horse, "this is a big deal and we need Bill worse than we ever did, mebbe—" his glance happened to travel afar over the field and he saw a lone figure of a man, plodding behind a pair of oxen, "O, there he is, alright Jennie, I'll get him. He was about to wheel his horse and gallop away.

when a look came over the woman's face that stopped him.

"Now, Jen, be reasonable," he growled, "Bill and I have pulled through some big deals, and we won't fall down on this, you know how it is."

The woman never uttered a word, but her hand stealthily felt around the corner of the door and clutched a rifle. Hickey pulled his hat more firmly down over his head and touched a spur to his horse, simultaneously with this action came the sharp crack of the gun, and the horse, feeling its rider suddenly become limp and then fall, came to a halt.

For a few moments the woman stood as if paralyzed, and then she was conscious of voices and a crowd of men.

"What's happened, Mam," inquired a big man on a gray horse, "we heard your shot and—ah-h," as his eyes found the limp figure, crumpled up in a dusty heap and the riderless horse.

"O, God help me," droned the woman, "I shot him, it's Steve Hickey, and he came after my man to help run off some cattle; he always could wind Bill around his finger, that's why we quit Texas," and then her voice broke suddenly, taking on a tone of hopelessness. "I guess I'll never have a home after all, and I promised the kiddies we'd find the end of the rainbow out in this country, and things sure was beginning to look up fine."

Her voice sank, became almost inaudible and finally she dropped to her knees and began to sob. The big man jumped from his gray horse and opening his coat showed a sheriff's star.

"Well, Mam," he said, helping her to her feet with a kindly hand, "if that's Steve Hickey, you're sure in luck. There happens to be a reward out for him, and I should say you're entitled to it. Pick him up boys, and let's be moving; looks a little like rain; I'll be out and see you again, Mam."

After the little rainy sunshine, as the man and woman looked out of their open door across the fields, a rainbow, superb in all its glory, radiately circled the clearing sky with its glistening hues, and causing the three little children to clap their hands in ecstasies of delight—the man, sturdy-hewn

and heavy handed as he was, seeing the starting tears in the woman's eyes, kissed her roughly on the cheek.—By JACK WOLF.

MUNSEN'S DREAM.

CHAS. MUNSEN drew up his truck as No. 19 pulled noisily up at Riverside, and sticking his head through the doorway, asked, "Got anything, Reddy?"

"All in the door, and that pile on this side," answered Jim Parsons, the messenger as he finished tying up a bundle of sealed packages and way-bills, and came toward the door, handing them with his book to Munsen to "sign up."

The latter climbed into the car, checked up and signed, and then said, "That's a nice mess to bring in here tonight."

"Well, if we'd been on time, you could have handled it O. K., and if I had known we were going to be as late as this, I'd have left it over at the junction with Miller, and he could have taken care of it in the vault till morning; but I didn't know—so, there you are and I guess you'll have to take it, as there is no vault at the Falls, you know."

Riverside was a good sized, hustling little town of about fifteen thousand inhabitants, and Noah Munsen had three drivers, two clerks, and a cashier who also acted as money clerk. Munsen met every train, and personally signed for all "reds," transferring them to the office and thence to the money-clerk or the drivers, which ever place they belonged.

On this particular evening, train No. 19, due at 4:50 p. m., did not arrive until 6:15 p. m., having been delayed by a freight wreck; hence it was that a package, valued at \$15,000, could not be delivered until the next morning. This would necessitate someone staying in the office as an extra guard that night; and, as Munsen was unmarried, he decided to say nothing about it to his clerks, and stay there himself, as they were all married men with families, and he disliked to ask any one of them to leave their homes alone all night when he could just as well as not leave his bachelor apartments.

Thus it was that, after checking up and loading the perishable shipments for the driver, Munsen dropped his value packages into the office safe, having first checked them, and told his cashier, who was just balancing his books, "that he had some trinkets in the safe, and guessed he'd spend the evening with them." Ed. Johnson, the cashier, smiled, but said nothing and went out. He knew what Munsen meant.

Left to himself, Munsen read and smoked until he began to feel sleepy, and then pulled out a cot from the back room, lay down and was soon fast asleep.

How long he had slept, Noah Munsen never knew; but he was awakened by someone moving about in the office. He tried to move, to speak, but his muscles and tongue seemed paralyzed; he could only lie there and listen. Presently there was the sound of the combination on the office safe working; then, after a slight pause, the door swung open, and Munsen could hear the packages and papers rattle as some one handled them over. Then the safe door shut with a thud, the combination clicked and some one moved toward the door of the office; it opened and closed, then all was still, and Munsen fought hard to overcome a drowsiness which suddenly seized him; but he was powerless, and when next he awoke it was daylight.

His first thought, on waking, was of the \$15,000. Springing to the safe, he worked the combination with hands that shook so he could hardly control the dial. Finally the heavy door swung open. The safe was empty! Noah Munsen groaned, as he staggered to a chair. It had not been a dream then after all. The office had been robbed. He rushed to the door, it was locked. Who could have done it. No one but himself and the cashier knew that combination.

Ed. Johnson, the cashier, and Noah Munsen had been school boys together, and either would have trusted the other with his life. No, it could not have been Johnson, and Munsen had himself slept in the office.

The agent telegraphed the superintendent of the division, and then called him on the

telephone and explained as best he could. Then he telegraphed the route agent.

At noon they both arrived and looked things over, and listened to Munsen's story. Nothing was said, but after talking together apart for a short time, they left for Riverside.

The next day Munsen received a letter from the superintendent relieving him and the cashier from duty pending an investigation. He was further advised that Nelson, the route agent, would arrange the transfer.

In the afternoon Nelson arrived with the new agent and cashier. Nothing was said regarding the theft, except that Nelson asked if they had made any new discoveries. Munsen replied that nothing had been learned.

The transfer being made, Munsen and Johnson put on their coats and hats and left the office, after shaking hands with the route agent who said: "Now, boys, don't take this too hard. It's a queer case, but I, for one, don't think that either of you had anything to do with it." That was a good deal for him to say—more, in fact, than he should have said, and they knew it. They thanked him, and left the office, each going to his home.

That night neither man slept.

The next day Judge Spellman, the president of the National Bank of Riverside, entered the express office and asked for a private interview with the agent.

"As you are well aware," he said, "I am pretty deeply interested in this burglary, if there has been one, and it looks most mightily as though there had been, for I owned a package worth \$15,000, which disappeared with the others. Now, what I am here for is this: If you can get your superintendent here, I think I can arrange a scheme which may discover the whereabouts of the missing valuables. I may say further, that I have known Mr. Munsen and Mr. Johnson since they were babies, and I am positive that they are innocent as I am, that I am here regardless of the circumstantial evidence against them. I taught them as boys at school, and they have grown to manhood here in Riverside, and I know them perhaps better than anyone else. In fact, Mr. Munsen lived in

my home as a member of my own family from the time his parents died until my wife died and I broke up my home."

"I will wire the superintendent at once, and will advise you as soon as I get a reply," said the new agent.

Judge Spellman thanked him and left the office.

When the evening train arrived, Judge Spellman and the agent were on the platform waiting, talking in subdued tones.

The agent hurried forward as the superintendent alighted from the train, and, after shaking hands with him, turned to introduce the judge, but an introduction was unnecessary, they were standing with hands outstretched and a smile of recognition on their faces.

"Well, well, Henry," said the superintendent, "so we meet again after so many years. I did not know you were here in Riverside still. I don't think I've seen or heard of you since we left college. I'm mighty glad to see you."

"John, old man," replied the judge, "it has been a long time since we met, but I have done better than you, it seems, for I have kept track of you."

So it was that fifteen minutes later the two old college chums were seated in the cozy rooms of the judge's, and, after talking over old days for a while, they became more earnest and confidential in their conversation, until finally the superintendent sprang excitedly to his feet, exclaiming, "Henry, do you really think that was it?"

"That's my theory, Jack, and I think you'll find that I am right. That man is as honest as old Professor M——, and you know he wouldn't take a sheet of paper with a mark on it for fear the mark belonged to one of the other professors."

"Well, we'll try it; by George, we'll try it! I wouldn't listen to such a thing from any one but you. But I know you have good reasons for it, and pretty sure, or you wouldn't ask it of me. It has not appeared in the papers, I believe, and if it's as you say, we'll give nothing out, and I'll leave it to you."

The next day Noah Munsen and Ed. Johnson were summoned to the office. When Johnson arrived he was told to go

into the agent's private office. This he did, and found Munsen and the superintendent chatting together as pleasantly as though there was no cloud on the horizon, although Munsen looked pale and worn.

"How are you, Johnson?" said the superintendent, as he rose and held out his hand. "Sorry we have made you and Munsen here so much trouble for the last few days; but, as you know, there was no other way out of it. However, it has been decided that you are both to go back to work tomorrow morning, and Nelson will be here to make the transfer back this evening. I will stay over until tomorrow or the next day, as I want to spend a little time with Judge Spellman, who was an old class-mate of mine at college. I trust you will both do all you can to get this matter straightened out."

The two men left the office together, their minds dazed.

At 3:40 they were back again, the transfer was made, and they were again in their accustomed places. The new agent was to remain till the next day.

After the evening train was in, and Munsen had checked up his "reds" and placed them in the safe and locked it, he turned to Johnson and said: "Ed., I'd give all I'm worth to know where those packages went to, and why the superintendent has acted in this matter as he has."

"So would I," returned the cashier, closing his books and putting on his coat and hat. "By the way, did Mr. Wilson give you my key?"

"No," replied Munsen, "he gave me the one he had, and I never thought of the one the cashier had. I hope he didn't lug it away with him. We seem bound to get into one mix-up after another lately. Well, we can do nothing about it tonight, but I'll see to it in the morning."

The two men left the office together, going to their respective homes.

A few minutes later, three men slipped quietly out of the cigar store next door to the express office. One of them unlocked the office door, and they quietly entered. No word was spoken. The office was in darkness, except for the feeble rays of one gas jet which was always left burning at night on the cashier's desk.

Two minutes later, no one would have thought there was anyone in the office. All was quiet and peaceful, and so it remained until a little after twelve o'clock. Then someone put a key into the lock of the front door, the door opened and a man entered. He closed the door, went into the agent's office, came out again, went to the safe, worked the combination, opened the safe, took out a package, closed the safe and locked it, then entered the agent's private office. As he did so two shadowy forms followed him, and as all three disappeared through the door, someone pressed a switch, and the room was flooded with electric light.

In the end of the room farthest from the door stood a desk, and kneeling beside it was the man who had taken the package from the safe. He unlocked a secret door, in the end, and placed the package in the opening, and was just closing it when there was the sharp report of a pistol.

The man sprang to his feet with a yell, quivering from head to foot. Three men stood beside him. He looked around in a dazed sort of way. It was Munsen, and there stood Judge Spellman, the superintendent and Wilson.

Judge Spellman spoke first. "Noah, look in that desk there and see if you don't find something."

Munsen did as directed. He first produced the package he had just taken from the safe, then the packages that had disappeared on the night he had slept in the office.

The Judge turned to the others, and smiling, said: "You see, gentlemen, I knew what I was talking about. Noah was a sleep-walker when a boy, but I thought he had out-grown it. Perhaps this will cure him, though."

"Gentlemen," said Munsen, "as God is my judge, this is the first I ever knew that I was subject to walking in my sleep, but there is no doubt of it now."

"Munsen," said the superintendent, "you have had a close call, but I hope you are cured. You can thank Judge Spellman for getting you out of it. You have been a good man, and he has pleaded your case well but I warn you that if it ever hap-

pens again you are through. Now go and put that stuff in the safe, and go home and go to bed, and, d—n you, stay there."

Munsen placed the packages in the safe, and then turned to Judge Spellman, tears in his eyes, as he held out his hand, saying, "Judge Spellman, I don't know how I can ever thank you for this great favor you have conferred upon me."

"Tut, tut, boy; go home and go to bed, and don't ever repeat the dose. That's all I want for pay," said the judge, as he shook the outstretched hand.

"Well," said the superintendent, after Munsen had gone, "Henry, you were right; he was asleep all right, and as innocent as a babe unborn, and I hope he won't have any more of it."

"I'm sure," replied the judge, "the fright of so suddenly awakening and under such circumstances will prove the best cure that could be given."

And such proved to be the case; for Noah Munsen never again walked in his sleep.—By EARL C. PRESSEY, in *Express Gazette*.

THE TICK OF THE CLOCK.

THERE is coming about a singular mingling of American wealth and European ancestral abodes. It is now quite the fashion for an American multimillionaire to buy an old castle, repair it, decorate it and keep it for one of his homes. I am not exactly a multimillionaire. Indeed, I am scarcely a millionaire, but plenty rich enough to have bought a castle—a small one—and put it in habitable order.

It is a veritable feudal castle, situated in Pomerania between the towns of Dievenow and Kolberg, on the Baltic Sea. It stands on an eminence overlooking the sea and altogether makes a delightful summer residence. As to winter—well, I can't say how pleasant it is in winter, for the moment the winds grow the least bleak in autumn I invariably leave, like the birds, for a warmer climate, but I should fancy it would be very desolate.

With the castle I bought what of the furniture remained in it. There were not many pieces, but what there was was very

old. There was an elaborate bedstead with the arms of the family that built the castle carved upon the framework set on the posts supporting the canopy. There was the original dining table of massive oak. No wonder it remained. It was too heavy to be easily taken away. There was a spinning wheel that had spun all the material worn by the members of the inhabitant family for centuries.

At a turn in the great staircase leading to the rooms above stood one of the first clocks ever made. It was seven feet high and large in proportion. The machinery was crude, the weights heavy and the hands warped out of shape with age. But they were not moving. Indeed, they had not moved for many years. The pendulum was unhooked and standing in the case just below where it had ticked away a number of generations. A baby would be born, live to three-score years and ten, die, and meanwhile the pendulum would swing slowly back and forth, as the poet has beautifully expressed it, saying, "Never, forever; forever, never."

Of course there was a legend about the clock. There always is a legend about an old timepiece like that. A musty record book went with the premises, giving the history of the castle in entries that had been made from time to time. I went to live there in the early spring, intending to spend the summer, and one of my principal amusements from the first was poring over this old record. Certain entries I found scattered here and there interested me exceedingly. These are samples:

"Dec. 12, 1654.

"At midnight the clock stopped. All knew that it would likely begin to swing at the next midnight and that it would mark the hour of our good Sir Olaf's death, who is lying sorely distempered."

"Dec. 13, 1654.

"The clock began again to tick at midnight and gave twenty-five ticks, when it stopped again. Sir Olaf will die on Christmas day. The clock will not begin to tick again till after his death."

A later entry was as follows:

"June 3, 1743.

"Though the pendulum of the clock has been detached for forty years, last midnight a loud ticking was heard in the castle. All counted seven ticks. Poor little Hubert is very low. We look for his spirit to pass away in three days."

From a previous entry recording the birth of Hubert I judged that the lord of the castle and his wife had been married long without a child, and Hubert had come to them a great blessing. After his death—he seems to have died in childhood—the entries for some twenty years are very meager, and the castle appears to have been seldom occupied.

I wondered at the superstitions of these people, who seemed to look upon the supposed or reported or dreamed ticking of a rusty clock whose pendulum had been detached for forty years as no more unusual than one would consider the appearance of a comet in the heavens. Nevertheless, I never passed the old clock as I went up and down stairs without something akin to dread. I attributed this feeling to the superstition prevailing among my own ancestors centuries ago, the rudiments of which still exist in me.

I passed a delightful summer in my castle. I would sit all day looking at the ships now far out at sea, moving apparently so slowly that I could not detect their motion, just as we fail to perceive it in the passage of our lives. In the morning a sail would stand on the horizon, a mere spark of yellow sunlight, and by noon it would be opposite me. Sometimes when the wind was light it would be within my range of vision all day. On a terrace, at my window or on the battlements of a tower I would dream dreams of the former denizens of my castle.

At one time I could see a viking ship pulled up to the shore below me, plumed knights debark and, coming up to the drawbridge, stand and call to me to come down and lower it for them. At another, men would be noisy in the court yard putting on armor and mounting fiery steeds. There would be a sound of chains running through pulleys, a thud of the drawbridge

as it came down, then a clatter of horses' hoofs upon it as the warriors under their feudal lord went forth to do battle for the king. Then they go scampering over the winding road, their metal suits and armor shining in the sun, their plumes dancing on their heads, their forms growing less and less, horses and men passing into a gradual confusion until they are swallowed up in a green wood.

The summer passed altogether too quickly. September came and my children, preferring the gayer life of Berlin, departed, and my wife was obliged to go with them. I preferred to remain a few weeks longer. So I let them go, intending to content myself with the companionship of those who, in my dreams, had centuries before peopled my castle. But the days had grown very short in that northern region by September and evening came all too early. I did my dreaming before the mammoth fireplace where I burned great logs, but, though they blazed and crackled and sputtered merrily, I did not like being alone. There were servants, to be sure, but I could have no companionship with them.

One night a dark cloud came up over the sea and brought a shower. I was lying in bed and heard the rain come down for a few minutes, after which all was still again. I was about dropping off to sleep when my attention was arrested by what sounded exactly like the tick of a clock.

Could it be the old timepiece on the stairs?

I waited for repetition. It was not a second, but what seemed ten seconds, when it came again. My heart stood still. Was the old machine about to predict the day of my death? I poohpoohed. There it is again, a third tick coming after the same interval. I tried to recall something in the old record book mentioning that the ticks marked more than a second of time. Nothing was said about this, but since they were phantom ticks by a pendulum that was not hung and since the weights were resting quietly in the bottom of the case an interval of one second was not to be expected. The seconds of eternity are sometimes centuries in duration.

Why had I begun to count the ticks? I would cease to do so. I tried, but failed.

Four, five, six, seven, eight—I was obliged to count them. They would not permit me not to count them. Nine, ten, eleven, twelve, thirteen—it was the 13th day of the month, and I hoped there might not be another tick. Then it would be no warning to me. Warning! What warning? That I was going to die some time during the month between the 13th and 31st?

Nonsense!

But my heart didn't say nonsense at all. It beat like a triphammer.

There it is—fourteen. Now I hoped it would tick on. If I must die I would rather have time for preparation. I continued counting the ticks. I had to continue counting them—fifteen, sixteen, seventeen, eighteen, nineteen, twenty.

What was that moan?

Oh, that's the wind. I have heard that sough before. It comes from the current passing in a certain direction through openings. But how like a moan of one in suffering! It's the imagination that is working upon me. I wish morning would come. But it won't. The ticks always begin at midnight, and there has thus far been but twenty of them.

Twenty-one, twenty-two—it seems to me that there is a longer interval than at first—twenty-three, twenty-four. Surely they are coming to an end. There is now a long while between each. Like the breaths of one dying I counted twenty-seven, and there must have been half a minute before twenty-eight came. And it was the last.

Oh, heavens! I'm to die on the 28th of this month!

What a night I spent. Would that my castle had been blown up by the Norsemen centuries ago and I had never seen it. Two weeks to live? Two weeks and one day! I would telegraph my wife the first thing in the morning. Telegraph what? That I was to be ticked out of existence by a rusty clock with no pendulum? How could I do that? Doubtless when light came again I would feel better about it.

And so I did. I arose, ate a good breakfast and got on pretty well till evening was coming on, when I called my seneschal—a fat, baldheaded Swede—and told him that I would take the evening train for Berlin.

"Why, Herr, I thought you would stay with us to the end of the month!"

"The 28th? No. What am I talking about? I am going on the first train. And, Adolph, I wish you to take the old clock off the stair landing and put it down in the cellar. Bury it. No, don't do that. Don't do anything. I'll write you."

I seized my suit case and walked to the station, though it was two miles. I wished to put distance between me and that old clock. What shall I say when I reach Berlin? That I'm sick? Who'll believe me?

Nobody did. I told my wife what had scared me away from the castle, but we kept it from the others.

"Why, I always thought you had such a contempt for superstition!" she said.

"So I have, till I see a ghost myself," I replied.

I thanked heaven when the 28th of September had passed and I still lived.

There is a sequel to this story, but it didn't transpire for a long while. One night when my wife and I were at our castle it rained. I awakened her.

"What is it?" she asked.

"The clock is ticking."

She listened to the first tick, then turned over and was going to sleep.

"Well?" I observed.

"That's a dripping of water!"

This time the clock ticked all night.—

By EMERSON MARBLE, in *Journal of Industry*.

FANNY'S IMPROMPTU.

THE managing partner eyed me askance across the table. She had almost succeeded in banishing every outward and visible sign of a sense of the humor of the situation. Impatience, scorn, exasperation, marred the accustomed serenity of the wifely countenance. But I wasn't noticing anything. I toyed with my breakfast with the cheerful contemplative air of a man who doesn't care how long the job takes him, and will not need to care on the following morning and a few mornings after that. The prospect of such a spell of wild license was grateful

and comforting. Then the voice of the managing partner fell upon my ears.

"I should like to know what you really call yourself," said she, witheringly. "Never again will I be led this dance. Here are your holidays actually begun and you seem to have no more idea than you had three months ago as to how or when we are going to spend them!"

My composure became less abstracted. I yielded to a measure of respectful attention.

"Really my dear—just another lump, please. (The M. P. looked unutterable generosity with the sugar.) What are the facts? We were going with the Binks' to Clapperton-on-Sea, well, they had a providential visitation, the measles. Now I think I ought to be fairly exon—"

"I don't believe you wanted to go," she interrupted. Witchcraft is gone out of fashion, but I think the lady vaguely suspected that I had instigated those measles.

"Again," I protested mildly, "the Matlock woman's breach of contract was rather shabby, but you conducted that correspondence. Also you kindly put the veto on our going north to seek the bosom of our respective families. owing to, er, recent uncomplimentary exchanges between you and certain of your good relatives."

"Yes," she snapped, "and now let me tell you that you were the first cause of that bother. That day last year when mother's rheumatics had been troublesome you said it was a pity she hadn't got 'em in *her tongue*; and our Julia heard you!"

This was an unexpected shot, and, taking advantage of my temporary discomfiture, my M. P. proceeded to favor me with a full, frank, if somewhat biased account of my past misdeeds, concluding with most doleful prognostications as to my prospects in this world and the next. She is not philosophical, bless her! It is just Fanny's way when these little domestic crises occur.

At length I leisurely took up the main threads of discussion.

"The fates have interposed so much this year," I murmured, "that I felt it perhaps safer to submit, and wait positive instructions; 'a clear call,' as the poet and the

parson put it. I thought the finger of Providence might in time—."

"Instead of which I expect I shall have to make up your mind for you, as usual," she interposed. "It would relieve my mind of a heavy responsibility."

I assented as I concluded my languid breakfast, "but, anyhow, I will look 'round and get some railway handbills. Perhaps between now and Monday we may settle on something."

"May we really?"

That the stale cast of this obvious irony was sicklied o'er by the more native hue of resolution will appear in the sequel. At the moment it escaped me. I was not noticing anything in particular. The Managing Partner rose; I buried myself in the newspaper. In a few minutes I became hazily conscious of restfulness and peace. The other members of the family were apparently engaged in the upper regions; there were occasional faint trippings to and fro overhead. Anon Master Hopeful and even little Evelyn would flit through or into my apartment. Sundry drawers and cupboards would be opened. I was dimly conscious (without being actually distracted from my Redmond versus O'Brien diversions) of a bright eagerness to serve mother, combined with evident solicitude not to disturb father, highly gratifying to the parental mind. But the noises and rumblings upstairs began to be at once more persistent and more definite. They had concentrated on the landing now. Ah! the rasping of locks and fastenings, the flopping and pattering of straps. There sounded something importunate and challenging about them! one could not even pretend to ignore all this clamor. Tim Healy might be very amusing, but he suddenly ceased to be topical. But now my well-beloved descended the stairs with light hurried steps. She confronted me, a not unbecoming flush of exertion on her cheek, a latent triumph in her eye. She affected, however, an air of tragic composure.

"Get ready," she said, "we're going!"

"Going!" I exclaimed, "where?"

She shrugged her shoulders impatiently. The question was evidently an irrelevance.

"My holidays begin today or not at all. Men are always going out somewhere. The main attraction of a woman's holiday is the complete rest from the round of household duties, to be right away from her own four walls; and (abruptly resuming the first person), "I'll have this week-end included if you don't mind."

She was moving off. "Jacky, help Evelyn on with her shoes!"

"But," I ventured, "supposing we are outside the house in about half an hour—then what?"

"You were thinking of getting bills to-day," she rejoined caustically. "I will help you, and we'll decide on the spot."

It was possible to imagine drawbacks to the scheme, however.

"As you will, my dear," I concluded, "it will at least prevent us desecrating the Sabbath by lengthy discussion of plans of worldly pleasure."

But she was already busy again. I folded my newspaper. It was all very sudden, as the girls say in the novels. Still it *was* a solution, though Providence had chosen a very human instrument. But cheerful docility should be my only wear. It was Fanny's circus, not mine. Her splendid courage and initiative should have free play.

We arrived at the station, and very crowded and busy it was. I obtained my bills and a time-table, and then we held a meeting. We discussed the agenda under obvious difficulties. The juveniles disported themselves recklessly among portmanteaus and hat boxes, passengers jostled, and struggling porters came suddenly upon us, vanishing again in trailing clouds of genial imprecation.

"We could start for Skegness," I was saying, "in three hours time. Meanwhile —?" The Managing Partner looked at me, rather absently, I thought. It had struck me that she had not attended quite as well as she might while I was reading the various amendments. True, I had not arrived at anything very satisfying so far, but I was doing my best.

"Mrs. Jenks told me that her husband's cousins had had a very comfortable time at a farm near Cuttle Towlington," she

mused. "I remember the people's name now, Fairleigh."

"Never heard of the place," I replied, "but I'm certain it'll be nicer than Blackpool." I curiously consult my time-table.

"Ha! very—modest," I gasped, for someone's bicycle handle had aimed straight for my fifth lumbar with unqualified success, "twenty-four and one-half miles, but a little tortuous, a—"

"Torture, who?" she bridled.

"You mistake, love," I replied, ruefully rubbing my vertebral column, "I said the route was a little tortuous. These are, with the best intentions, of course, rather devious ways. I mean," I hastened to conclude, "there are only three changes and we don't go outside the county."

"We shall get over that," returned Fanny briskly.

"How about the time?" I looked.

"Why, there's a train in ten minutes," I exclaimed.

"Well, that *does* look like Providence," and I became dreamily retrospective.

"Jacky, you'll have the umbrella in that old gentleman's eye. Well," she turns to me, "aren't you going to get the tickets?"

"For Cuttle Towlington, then?" I query.

"Of course!"

We are just in time. I satisfy the guard's curiosity (and refresh my own memory by reading him our destination), and as he slams himself off I look at the Managing Partner and laugh. She relents, and she laughs, and we all laugh long and loud. And all was calm and bright.

We find the Fairleighs. It is not exactly a "farm" perhaps, but there is a pig and an apple tree and some home cured bacon, and Mrs. F. does the thing handsomely. Managing Partners are adepts in the art of subtle revenges. Just before leaving the house I had besought Fanny to find room for a book or two. On her demurring somewhat I had reminded her that, though women may not be able to sharpen a lead pencil or hit a haystack at a dozen yards, it is the unchallenged glory of her sex that she can pack more articles into an ordinary portmanteau than a mere man can stow into a railway truck.

"Just one or two," I had pleaded, "and some poetry—something light."

She signified compliance. Unpacking at our rural lodging the first article I fish out is, ye gods, "Dante's Inferno." I stammer forth amazed protests.

"Well, I didn't think *I* should care for it, but it was poetry, and comedy, 'divine comedy.' I thought that sounded rather *light*," replied my only *she*, as with inscrutable countenance she platted her back hair before the mirror.

"On holiday one doesn't specially yearn to be conning over the torments of the damned," I proceeded.

"Don't begin using bad language as soon as you get into a stranger's house," she gently remonstrated. "In fact (musing) I'm not sure we are not expected to pay a deposit as it is."

I descended to view the landscape.

Cuttle Towlington proved delightful, one of those idyllic little spots out of the beaten track. Fanny forgave me, and once, I remember, as we strolled by field and hedgerow she filled full my cup of bliss by confessing that she still loved me as much as she had done in the days "before she had found out what a fool I was." There is a distinctive human attraction about your rural sojourning. Early one becomes initiated into the gossip of the countryside, the local rivalries and feuds, the sharp incompatibilities of church and dissent (now largely refined away in the towns), the history and vagaries of the local gentry. Then there are the homely amenities of the rustic inn, mention of which reminds me that I must not conclude without telling you of my "jolly" British tar. He sat smoking quietly in a corner under the proud surveillance of a couple of yokels. Four or five cyclists refreshing themselves *en route*, waxed merry, and by aid of a wheezy antedeluvian table-piano endeavored a little "harmony." Possibly inspired by the sailor's presence, their warbling took a decidedly patriotic turn. Jack sat, however, grim-visaged and unresponsive. At last came "Britannia rules the waves," and as the familiar accents quavered themselves into silence, my handyman quietly turned round and said: "I guess, young feller, if you was in my shoes

sometimes you'd wish she'd *rule 'em straight!*" I filled his can and went out to laugh.—By J. W. FROST, in *The Railway Review*.

JOHN JONES' FIND.

JOHNNY JONES, a Maine farmer boy, went to the city to make a fortune, but, getting stranded, started to walk home, a hundred miles, usually sleeping out of doors.

One afternoon while wending his way eastward along the coast, he came to a handsome country residence standing alone. Looking about him, he could not see another house, though the coast was open in either direction for several miles. But Johnny doubted if he could get any comfort in the place, for he could see no evidence of its being occupied. The shutters were closed, not one being left open. Then, too, there was an old look about the house. The shingles on the roof were black and crumpled, the woodwork in places was rotten, and only the brick of which the house was mainly built was solid.

"If I could get inside," said John to himself, "I could at least keep warm, and the night promises to be cold."

He had on only the thinnest clothing and shivered as a chill November wind struck him. Climbing the fence—the gate was fastened with a rusty chain and padlock—he went up on to the porch and began to look about him for a means of entrance. He was not long in finding a shutter with a loose fastening and a pane of broken glass behind it. Putting his hand inside, he unlocked the sash and raised it.

To his surprise, the room into which he looked was furnished. True, there was a moldy look about the furniture, but it was of a fine quality, though old-fashioned. John climbed over the window sill and inspected the furnishings at closer range. He was in the drawing room among damask covered chairs and sofas and velvet curtains to the windows. A piano stood at one end, and John struck the keys. He was startled at the breaking of the stillness. It seemed to him that the shades of those who had once inhabited this house, who had

years ago locked and left it, had cried out at his intrusion.

John fell to wondering why so much valuable property was left to rot. Though young, he considered the financial feature connected with it. Had the property been sold years before it would have brought what to him would have been a fortune. There must be some reason why it had been suffered to sink to ruin.

John hesitated about spending the night in so grewsome a place, and had it not been for the cold without he would have preferred to sleep under the stars. As it was, he looked about for a bed and, though he was hungry, finally got on to one of the couches upstairs. But it seemed to him that he was lying among worms. He took hold of a coverlet to draw it over him, and it parted through decay. This was too much for him; he arose and felt his way downstairs and finding a lounge covered with leather, though it was stiff through age, stretched himself on it and fell asleep.

He was awakened during the night by voices. For a few moments he could not recall where he was. Then he listened for the direction of the sound and concluded that it came from under him. Presently a light flashed through a crack in the floor. Sliding off the lounge, he crawled to the crack and put his ear to it.

"We've got to run in some o' these goods," said one in a man's voice. "This cellar is full."

"Why not store the next lot above?"

"What rot! Don't you know we've taken every pains to keep any one from looking in here? Put goods on the floor above, and some boy or some tramp will look in, see them and report the fact."

"It's a wonder no one has got on to us as it is," remarked a third man. "They've gone around this depot often. Fact is, it's well known that Crawford owns it, and Crawford is above suspicion."

"We pay him enough rent for it."

"Rent be hanged! He's one of us."

"He tells me the place can't remain much longer as it is. A number of real estate men have been to him to buy it. They want to fix it up and make it pay."

"Crawford is making it pay well enough."

This was the last heard of a dialogue between different men, none of whom John could see. He heard something fall and thought a bolt was shot, though he could not be sure of this, then all was silent again. He lay awake, thinking about what he had heard, but couldn't make out anything except that the basement was used for the storage of goods. Were they stolen articles? Were they barrels of liquor manufactured illegally? The reason for the house remaining in its present condition was apparent. This man Crawford was keeping it for a purpose. It had doubtless long been shut up and was not an object of curiosity. Turning these things over in his mind, John fell asleep again.

When he awoke in the morning the sun was shining in through a broken blind. John arose from his couch and looked about him. He was in a library. Books were on the shelves, but they were dusty and dingy. He went through a door into a pantry and through the pantry into the dining room. He opened some cupboard doors in a vain hope of finding something to eat. There was not a crust, and not a crust had been there for years. He went to the stairs leading down into the cellar, but the door separating the cellar and main floor was fastened. He tried to kick it open, but failed to make any impression on it.

Leaving the house by the window, through which he had entered, he looked about the brickwork below the first floor. There were but two small windows, over both of which boards had been placed on the inside. There was not a crack through which he could look within.

How were the goods taken in? There were no marks of wheels on the entrance road. Indeed, the grass grew on it as well as on the lawn. The chain and lock on the gate gave no evidence of having been moved in a long while. Toward the ocean a distance of several hundred yards there were no tracks of any kind. There was no opening from the cellar except within the house. This matter of the storage of goods was a mystery.

John walked out to the rocks which formed the shore. Here he was more at home, for he had been brought up near

the water. Naturally his eyes fell upon the irregularity that marked the shore. There was many protuberances, many indentations. He descended to the sea level, and the tide being at ebb, noticed a place where the water washed in under the rocks. John wondered how far in it extended. He couldn't tell without going in under the rock, and this was impossible without a boat or a raft unless he swam, and the water was too cold for swimming.

The boy pondered on what he should do. Should he go on home or remain and try to solve the mystery? Curiosity held him. He would go back to the house and see if he could not look into the cellar through the crack at which he had listened. He did so, but the cellar was too dark for him to see anything. His mind reverted to the overhanging rock, and he went back to have another look at it. The rising tide had partly covered the place, and he knew that it would be nearly twelve hours before the water would give him an opportunity to examine it again.

He resolved to improve the interval by securing a boat or building a raft to use in his investigations. Going to a wood near by, he saw plenty of fallen timber, and after walking several miles to a house where he was given some breakfast, he returned and carried sufficient wood to the shore to make a float. He laced the pieces together with twigs, and when the tide subsided in the afternoon put his raft into the water and paddled to the rock in question. Lying flat, he pulled himself in under the land some twenty feet, when he came to an iron door. It was fastened with an iron latch, which, being covered by water at every tide, was so rusty that he could not move it. He scuttled out, got a stone, returned, and by hammering opened the door. There before him lay a subterranean passage leading in the direction of the house.

Not having a light, the young discoverer did not attempt to investigate any further. Besides, he had no mind to be caught in a trap by an incoming tide. He got out as quickly as possible and, sitting on a rock, bethought himself what next to do. He concluded to go on home and consult with some one about his find. He was not sure

but that there was something in it for him, and he wished to find a way to get it out.

John was a secretive boy, and, though he told about his experiences in the city, he said nothing about the house by the sea. In a few days, armed with some carpenter's tools and a candle, he went back to it, and closing the shutter behind him, through which he entered, took up a part of the floor, went down into the cellar and found it full of boxes and bales.

By this time it occurred to the boy that the house was a storage depot for smugglers. He found a door in the cellar leading into the passage to the water, and presumed that the goods were carried in by that route. Replacing everything as he had left it, he made his way to the nearest port of entry and, calling for the collector, told him that he had discovered a depot for smuggled goods. He was too smart to give any clew to it till he had made terms with the government. This necessitated some correspondence between the officials and the government, and it was finally agreed that of any smuggled goods that John should point out to the revenue officers, half the amount accruing by confiscation should go to him.

These preliminaries having been settled, John led the officers to the house and showed them the goods. But, being desirous of capturing the smugglers, they placed a watch in the house and waited for them to come again. It was several weeks before the unsuspecting men fell into the trap. When they did they found both the egress by the passage to the sea and the one up into the house stopped. They were all taken just after they had deposited a new, valuable boatload of goods.

Johnny received a small fortune for his information. He decided to go to college, and is now a lawyer with a good practice. Inquiries as to the lonely house resulted in his learning that the parties owning it had gone abroad many years before and left it to be sold as it stood. It changed hands several times without being occupied, and was finally bought by the Crawford mentioned by the smugglers, as an available depot for smuggled goods. He had grown rich by this means.—By NATHAN B. TOWNSEND, in *Lancaster Labor Leader*.

A NECESSARY BLACKMAIL.

"**S**PEAKING of a woman's right to search her husband's pockets reminds me," said a traveler. "The law may be right theoretically, but it's against the rules in my house, and my wife knows it, and abides by the unwritten law.

"I never deny my wife anything in reason; and, as she is a very reasonable woman, my generosity in this regard has never been abused. One night last winter I carried home about \$50, intended for the payment of household expenses coming due Saturday. It was Friday, and I drew the money then, because I always make it a point not to get into the Saturday rush at banks. She didn't need any of it till Saturday night, and I didn't hand it to her, for the good and sufficient reason that I expected to go to the Saturday ball game and spend a few on my own account. Saturday morning I got down town in a hurry; but when I walked up the street toward my office the bookkeeper was standing in the doorway, all in a flutter. He told me that he had just received a telegram from our Chicago headquarters instructing me to go at once to Topeka to attach a shaky customer who was said to be getting ready to make an assignment.

"There was yet about ten minutes left to catch the train; and as the customer in question owed my office considerably more than \$2,000, it was eminently important that I land on him as quickly as possible. The bookkeeper had the account all made out, and handed it to me. I held my hand on the pocket in which I supposed the \$50 was safely stowed, and ran all the way to the depot, arriving just in time to do a flying trapeze leap for the end car as it started away from the platform.

"I was sitting in the smoker, all out of breath, when the conductor, evidently a new man, as I had never seen him before, came in and cried, 'Tickets!' I made a plunge for my pocketbook, and—of course you've guessed—found it empty. I searched every pocket, and repeated the performance backward before the conductor got to me, but I had only 10 cents, my pocket-knife and a few worthless papers. My wife had been in my pocket.

"'Tickets, please,' said the conductor. I looked at him a moment and saw that he was indeed 'new,' full of the zeal and technical asperity of his authority, and expecting trouble. I asked him to sit down, and began to explain. But he looked annoyed, and said he'd 'be back in a minute.' When he came back he wouldn't sit down, but remained standing, his cold, gray eye fixed upon me as I tried to grow eloquent. I explained the suddenness of my summons and the importance of my business at Topeka, but it didn't evoke the slightest flash of interest.

"'Can't help that,' he said at last. 'That's your business. My business is to collect \$6.34, unless you have a pass or a ticket. I'm not allowed to let anybody ride free, and you must pay or get off the train.'

"I knew by the calm, stern way he said it that it was up to me, so I pleaded with him to give me time to look through the train. Surely I would find somebody who knew me, and who would advance me a small loan. All right. He would agree to that. I went through the train like a ferret after rats. I even peeped into sleeping berths in the Pullman, and narrowly escaped friction with some sensitive passengers, for whom I had no time for explanation. There wasn't a soul on the train whom I knew, or who showed any evidence of recognition for me. I went back to the stoical conductor and implored him to wait till we got to Osage, the next station. I endeavored to impress upon his mind the fact that I was well-known all over Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas, and that the chances were all in favor of my meeting with somebody who knew me and would advance me the money.

"I saw him size me up, and I was aware of the suspicious little twinkle in his eye; but my fate was in his hands, and I knew it.

"'I'll give you till Arkansas City,' he said, 'and that's all. If you don't pay, you'll have to get off there.'

"I was never in such an awkward position in my life; and as I canvassed that train for the fifth time, I swore, mentally and vocally, that never, no, never, again should my wife have the right of way through my pockets. Growing desperate as the train flew onwards, I accosted a

simple but prosperous-looking old gentleman in one of the sleepers, and taking him aside, explained my predicament. But he only glared at me over his glasses and growled: 'Sir! How dare you?' Then he rang for the porter, and I heard the whispered caution: 'You want to watch that fellow. He's up to some rascality.' As I retreated toward the smoker, I was aware that the conductor, the brakeman, the porters, and even the news-agent were watching me with furtive and wholly uncomplimentary glances. I telegraphed to every agent along the route, to my book-keeper, and to the friends I had ahead at Topeka. Then I stood on the platform, in the hope that I might see a familiar face at the stations where we hesitated or took water. But the few who boarded the cars were utter strangers; and I reflected with bitter realization that it was too early in the morning for my influential friends to respond effectively to my wild telegraph appeals for help. When we got to Valley Center, the conductor got particularly watchful of me; and as we were pulling out of that place, he came alongside of my uneasy seat and began: 'You claim to be well acquainted along this road, don't you?' I said yes, with a glad note of hope in my voice; but he floored me with, 'Well, I think you're putting up a job on me. That's what I think.' I tried to look indignant; but he resumed: 'If you're so well known, it's funny you don't know your own sheriff.'

"'Sheriff McCook,' I said.

"'Yes, Sheriff McCook,' he sneered; 'you run right into him back there at Valley Center, and he never took off his hat and saluted you. You never showed any signs of knowing him, and I've about made up my mind to throw you off at the next water tank.'

"'How did you know it was Sheriff McCook?' I asked, forgetting my pride, and certain that I should have known McCook among a thousand.

"'I took up his ticket, didn't I?' grinned the conductor; 'leastwise I seen his pass—'

"'Pass!' the idea struck me like a flash of light at night.

"'Where is he? Where's McCook?' I snapped; and the conductor had no sooner pointed out the stranger than I was beside

him. The interested conductor watched me with amused but malicious interest.

"I understand that you're Sheriff McCook, of Greer County," I said to the stranger. And as he nodded assent, I went on with my tale. I wanted the loan of \$10. I was the southwestern manager for the big T. & T. Company, I became eloquent of my distress for that \$10, but the stranger only laughed at me; said he had heard that 'racket' before; intimated that he was 'no jay.' The insolent manner of the man, as well as our quick approach to the 'jumping-off place,' must have nerved me to say:

"See here, stranger. I do need that money, and I tried to borrow it on the word of a business man. I've got to have it. I happen to know that you're traveling to Chicago on Sheriff McCook's annual pass, and you're not McCook. He's a friend of mine; but, so help me Jehosaphat, if you don't dig up a \$10 bill, I'll expose you, and have that pass taken up. It'll cost you a fare to Chicago, and it'll cost McCook his pass, but—"

"I went no further with my threat. It wasn't necessary. The stranger weakened the minute I mentioned the pass, and reached down into his pocket for a \$20 gold piece, which he forced me to 'borrow.' I got it just as we ran into Arkansas City; and it took that conductor all the rest of the trip to explain to me his motives, his risks, his newness, and a dozen other excuses for refusing to allow me to ride 'on my face.'

"And it was a close shave, wasn't it?" resumed the traveler, "but it taught me one lesson. My pocket has been a holy place ever since."—By DAVID ALLEN, in *Chicago Record-Herald*.

Part of It, Anyhow.

It was on a Broadway car. A passenger stooped and picked up a coin from the floor. Three of the other passengers eyed him with envy.

He said: "Which of you people dropped a \$5 gold piece?"

"I did!" yelled each of the three.

"Well," said the finder to the man nearest him, "here's a nickel of it."—*New York Times*.

WORKERS WHO ARE LUCKY.

JUST as workers in certain trades are more prone to certain diseases than workers in other trades, so there are some occupations which directly drive disease away.

Consumption, for instance, is almost unknown among the workers in tanneries. Work in a tan-yard is most unpleasant till one gets accustomed to it, owing to the horrible smell, but the astringent properties of the tan-bark are amazingly good for the chest, and render the tan-yard man practically proof not only against consumption, but the common cold.

Shepherds enjoy extraordinary good health. It is not simply a matter of the open air, for farmers do not show a bill of health nearly as clean. Doctors have suggested that the reason lies in the fact that the strong odor of the sheep has an antiseptic influence, and kills off stray germs. The odor is supposed to be particularly good for whooping-cough, and in a sheep-rearing district mothers often send ailing children to play among the sheep when whooping-cough is about.

There is nothing whatever in the popular belief that a single visit to a gas works is a cure for whooping-cough, except that, as doctors admit, men regularly employed in gas works are singularly free from diseases of the throat and chest.

Cases of influenza, too, are very rare indeed among gas works hands, the smell that pervades gas works being an admirable antiseptic.

Tan-yard work, as has been said above, makes one almost proof against colds, but there are two occupations which are absolutely proof.

One is salt-mining, the other is Arctic or Antarctic exploration. Colds are quite unknown among explorers in the frozen world until they come within reach of civilization again.

Typhoid is getting rarer in this country, but even when it was very common, there has never been, a scientist recently stated, a known case of this terrible disease among copper miners.

If there is rheumatism in your family, it would be a good idea to get your son a job in a turpentine factory.

Rheumatism is practically unknown in such factories, and even cases of acute rheumatism, have been known to recover completely on being transplanted to a turpentine atmosphere.

If you are a martyr to neuralgia or headaches you may envy the people who prepare lavender for sale.

Lavender, indeed, is an excellent tonic for anyone who is run-down. Doctors frequently recommend people suffering from nervous breakdown to get a job at gathering or distilling this fragrant plant.

Towns with sealing wax factories have no difficulty in getting girl labor cheap: Girls employed in the resin department of sealing wax factories are probably the plumpest and healthiest class of girl workers.

Anemia, the disease from which the majority of young women suffer more or less, is unknown among them, except in the case of those who take on the work in order to cure their anemia. And in these cases cures are certain and rapid.

Local doctors recommend the sealing wax cure so strongly that in many cases the girls offer their services free.

This sort of work has also excellent results in cases of consumption, when not too far advanced.

Medical advice also largely accounts for the great number of girls who apply for work in the chocolate cream department of sweet factories.

It is not the taste that counts—that soon palls. It is the peculiar odor that has an effect, and it is an amazing one, in cases of anemia among the girls employed there.

The smell of printers' ink is a curious one, and it has a subtle medicinal effect. Men employed in factories where it is made never contract consumption, or so a medical lecturer said recently.

And in tropical countries it is a well-known fact that printers always escape yellow fever, however, fiercely it may happen to be raging in the neighborhood.

Perfect.

"Binks appears to have risen high in the world."

"Yes; he is even above reproach."—*Buffalo Express.*

ORIGIN AND GROWTH OF SLEEPING CARS.

THE long distances traveled by rail in the United States, requiring night as well as day for trips, suggested the idea of the sleeping car. The first one, and of course it was made rude and crude, is said to have been used in 1838 on the Cumberland Valley road. It was made transversely partitioning a car into four sections, each containing three narrow berths, one above the other. It is doubtful if occupants of the upper berths were any better off as to comfort than if they had sat up throughout the night, as it is said to have been not unusual on this road, when the train swept around a sharp curve, for a slumbering traveler to be hurled from his bed. And even later, when the berths had been reduced to two, the upper was said to have an ugly habit, like the folding bed of later years, of closing up unexpectedly and smothering the occupant, unless help was at hand.

Other experiments were the fitting up of berths like those on steamboats. The only bedding was a coarse mattress with pillows. There was nothing in this to appeal to persons of refinement and exclusive habits, so these early cars did not jump into popularity, despite this publication on October 1, 1838, in the *Baltimore Chronicle*, about the new sleeping cars on the line between Baltimore and Philadelphia.

"Cars intended for night traveling between this city and Philadelphia will be used for the first time tonight. They are of beautiful construction. Night traveling on a railroad is, by the introduction of these cars, relieved of all irksomeness. A ride to Philadelphia may now be made without inconvenience, discomfort or suffering from the weather. You can get into the cars at the depot, and, if you travel in the night, you go to rest in a pleasant berth, sleep as soundly as in your own bed at home, and, on awakening the next morning, find yourself at the end of your journey. Nothing seems to be wanting to make railroad travel complete except the introduction of dining cars, and these we are sure will soon be introduced."

One of the methods in those days of transforming day coaches into sleepers was

by filling the space between the seat with boxes, making a platform. The back of every alternate seat was removed. A mattress was laid on this platform, and curtains hung around the bed thus rigged up to give privacy to the occupant. During the day the boxes and bedding were taken into the baggage car, or stored in one end of the coach. But the public would not put up with anything of this kind, either.

Now, when one gets on one of the regular through trains of the Pennsylvania Lines, is there any comfort or convenience that he does not find provided for him? Think of those old bunk cars, of only eighty years ago, and compare them with the upholstered seats of the Pullman of today, easily transformed into a comfortable bed, or with the compartment cars in which one actually has a bed in which to sleep, besides electric fans in summer, steam heat in winter, hot and cold water, winter and summer, and all other toilet conveniences, these cars, running smoothly on solid roadbeds, permitting a night's rest as comfortable as one may enjoy in his own home! With the electric lights in each section of cars the traveler may read comfortably in the seclusion of his berth, and be sure of illumination while preparing for retiring, something that was not possible in days not very distant in the past.

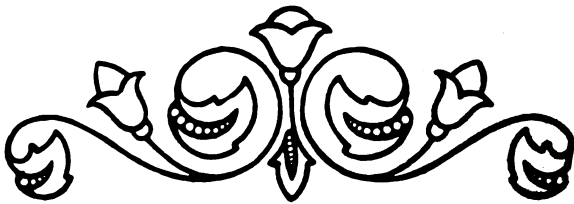
By 1859, the needs of the public for suitable sleeping car accommodations had become so manifest and so pressing that capital felt warranted in giving it some attention. A car was required that would be sanitary, respectable, commodious, pleasant by day and by night, and guarantee a reasonable degree of privacy. About this

time George M. Pullman stepped into the arena. The key to the sleeping car problem, in his judgment, was to find a place for the beds and bedding, when not in use, without taking up any of the space necessary for day travel, or interfering with the comfort of passengers.

After several tentative efforts along this line, he finally built the "Pioneer," the first sleeper in which was used for upper berths the space above the windows and in these berths was stored the bedding. This car, when completed in 1865, cost \$18,000. It was the finest car equipment of its day, but has since been surpassed in comfort and elegance by thousands of other sleepers, and is not to be compared with some of the newest sleepers of 1911.

The "Pioneer" was used to convey the body of President Lincoln from Washington to Springfield, Ill., for interment. It was a foot wider and two and a half feet higher than the ordinary day car, and along the line of its route some station platforms had to be curtailed in width, and bridges enlarged in breadth and height, to admit of its passage.

Some time after this the parlor car and drawing room car were introduced for the accommodation of high-class travel, especially by day, and they are as popular everywhere today as ever. It was about 1875 that dining car service first appeared. Meals were served on tables placed between two seats facing each other. Buffet cars were used to supply a field too limited for dining cars. Buffet smokers enable the enjoyment of cards, cigars, tobacco and liquor, for which there exists an undoubted taste among men.





Me Brown-Eyed Quane.

'Tis a lonsome ould loife that your laddie is ladeing,
And his heart kapes a plading for the wormth
of your arums,
Sure and it gets on me narves night and marning,
Thinking of all me fair lady's own charums.

When the bafe stake is tough wid all of me chew-
ing,

And the food is no question of choice at all,
Oi long to brake through the crust iv invoirn-
ments

Or smash the whole thing wid the crack iv a
maul.

'Tis a bare lonsome room which grates me at mid-
night

Wid no one to talk o'er the joys iv the day,
No laughing brown eyes to banter good naturedly,
Or tache me to romp and give lessons in play.

Oh, come to me arums, me swate Nora, darlint,
And chare me ould heart as we journey along,
Sure it's of paches and crame Oi am thinking
Oi mane the dear crature to whom Oi belong.

—R. CABIN, Cert. 501, Div. 40.

O Little Mother of Mine.

Sometimes in the hush of the evening hour,

When the shadows creep from the west,

I think of the twilight songs you sang

And the boy you lulled to rest;

The wee little boy with tousled head,

That long, long ago was thine;

I wonder if sometimes you long for that boy,

O little mother of mine.

And now he has come to man's estate,

Grown stalwart in body and strong,

And you'd hardly know that he was the lad

Whom you lulled with your slumber song.

The years have altered the form and the life,

But his heart is unchanged by time,

And still he is only the boy as of old,

O little mother of mine.

—By WALTER H. BROWN.

Say Not the Struggle.

Say not the struggle naught availleth,

The labor and the wounds are vain,

The enemy faints not, nor failleth,

And as things have been they remain.

If hopes were dupes, fears may be liars;

It may be, in yon smoke concealed,

Your comrades chase e'en now the fliers,

And, but for you, possess the field.

For while the tired waves, vainly breaking,

Seem here no painful inch to gain,

Far back, through creeks and inlets making,
Comes silent, flooding in, the main.

And not by eastern windows only,
When daylight comes, comes in the light,
In front, the sun climbs slow, how slowly,
But westward, look, the land is bright.

ARTHUR HUGH CLOUGH.

Things that Count.

Not what we have, but what we use;
Not what we see but what we choose—
These are the things that mar or bless
The sum of human happiness.

The things nearby, not things afar;
Not what we seem, but what we are—
These are the things that make or break,
That gives the heart its joy or ache.

Not what seems fair, but what is true;
Not what we dream, but the good we do—
These are the things that shine like gems,
Like the stars in Fortune's diadems.

Not as we take, but as we give;
Not as we pray, but as we live—
These are the things that make for peace,
Both now and after time shall cease.

The Man of Choice.

Agnes wants a millionaire
With coaches and a car,
Who'll take her all around with him
And travel near and far.

Mabel wants a manly man,
Broad-shouldered, strong and tall,
While Nellie wants a stylish dude,
Who'll come at beck and call.

Sarah wants a publisher,
And lots and lots of space,
And Carrie wants a handsome man,
With a happy, smiling face.

Martha's choice a preacher is,
With hair of glossy jet,
And Nancy says she'll have to take
Whomever she can get.

Mary aims so very high,
She'll never be content
With any man upon this earth
Except the President.

I'm not sure I want to wed,
But if I do, I pray
I'll get a man who's wise enough
To let me have my way.

By MARIE C. JONES.

The Passing of the Ticker.

As a jolly Morse disciple,
For some twenty years or more,
I've worked throughout the country
And roamed from shore to shore;

From Manhattan Isle to Frisco,
From Port Tampa to the Soo,
From Seattle to Atlanta,
From Cheyenne to Baraboo;

I've sweltered in El Paso;
And shivered in Racine;
I've sweltered on arid plateaus,
As well as valleys green.

Then, after quite a sojourn
On a standard eastern line,
Got a trial at dispatching,
Which I thought was pretty fine;

Till the sixteen-hour law got me
Into holes and scrapes galore,
And the crews, tied up on sidings,
Yearned to wallow in my gore!

So I blew in here, a-thinking
That again I'd like to be
Just a happy lightning slinger,
Just an artist of the key.

But to my intense amazement,
Since connecting with the road,
I seldom hear the tickers
A-spitting out the code;

For the telephone's displaced 'em,
Like an ever-creeping vine,
As the means of getting orders
To the trains along the line.

When the present-day dispatcher
Wants to place a "31"
Or inform the switching local
How the varnished cars will run.

He adjusts his phoner harness,
With the foghorn on his chest,
Then he rings up all his stations,
And proceeds to do the rest.

With his little black selector
He is quite a man of class;
He's a bell manipulator,
Not a pounder of the brass.

And the boys out in the towers,
Who sometimes hit the hay,
Say the phone's the greatest rouser
That has ever come their way;

While the "ham" whose ivory noodle
Couldn't grasp the code of old,
Seems to think the phoning outfit
Is worth its weight in gold.

On a number of divisions
Of the good old I. C. route
We have special message circuits
Where the phone is winning out;

Though it is exasperating,
And no doubt you will admit
That it don't improve the temper
Just a tiny little bit.

When I say "Please hold a lower
On tomorrow's Seminole,"
And my fair co-worker queries
"Did you say a ton of coal?"

Or if part of some rush message
Reading "Mister Jacob Rice,"
Is received at destination,
Rendered "Fifty cakes of ice."

Yes, they've put me into harness,
They've perched me on a chair,
And if they'll furnish powder,
Perhaps I'll curl my hair,

Don a hobble-skirt and shirt-waist
That'll match my girth and height;
Get a ten-cent cud of Spearmint,
And be a Lizzie right!

Perhaps this may seem funny
To those who like the phone,
But the army of old-timers
Will say I'm not alone,

In cherishing the mem'ry
Of the craft in other years,
When the clicking of the sounders
Was music to our ears.

—A. G. HILL.

No Unbelief.

There is no unbelief!
Whoever plants a seed beneath the sod,
And waits to see it push away the clod,
He trusts in God.

Whoever says when clouds are in the sky,
"Be patient, heart, light breaketh by and by."
Trusts the Most High.

Whoever sees, 'neath winter's field of snow,
The silent harvest of the future grow,
God's power must know.

Whoever lies down on his couch to sleep,
Content to lock each sense in slumber deep,
Knows God will keep.

Whoever says, "Tomorrow," "The unknown,"
"The future"—trusts unto that Power alone
He dares disown.

The heart that looks on when the eyelids close,
And dares to live when life has only woes,
God's comfort knows.

There is no unbelief!
And still by day and night unconsciously,
The heart lives by the faith the lips decay,
God knoweth why.

—LIZZIE YORK CASE.

FACETIOUS



Well Taken.

"The points in Binks' speech were well taken, I thought."

"Yes; most of them from other men."

The Cause.

"You say it's environment that gives Brown such a bad disposition?"

"Yes, he lives on a cross street."

A Noise.

"Did you enjoy your trip to Greenland?"

"Oh, yes," replied Mrs. Parvenu, "it was perfectly delightful to sit on the icebergs and hear the baffins bay."

Just Hungry.

"I've tried all kinds of health foods, but none of them seem to fit my case."

"What is it you are troubled with?"

"An appetite."

Too Much Ball.

"Why did you move away from Chicago?"

"The doctor advised my husband to move to some town with only one team to worry about."—*Louisville Courier-Journal*.

A New "Religion."

The colored night porter at a big hotel was astonished to see the figure of a man, scantily dressed, descending the stairs in the early hours of the morning. Tapping him on the shoulder the porter said, brusquely:

"What are you doing here?"

The man turned his head in a dazed way:

"I beg your pardon. I am a somnambulist."

"Well," was the reply, "you can't walk about here like that, no matter what yo' religion is!"

Revised Law.

A man sat down to write out a deed, and began with "Know all women by these presents." "You are wrong," said a friend: "it ought to be 'Know all men.'" "Very well," answered the other: "but if all women know it, all men will surely!"

At Great Heat.

Once a visitor was narrating a case he had just heard in court. This was his way of expressing his meaning:

"At this point," said the narrator, "she broke down and wept scalding tears."

"My goodness!" exclaimed a listener. "She must be boiling over with rage."

Was Compelled to Stay.

A good railroad story has started on its rounds, says the *Kansas City Star*. A man was exasperated because of the slow speed of the train. Finally he could control himself no longer, and said to the conductor: "Can't you go any faster than this?" "Yes, sir," politely replied the conductor, "but you see I have to stay with my car."

Too Much.

On the occasion of a mayoral banquet in a small provincial town one of the last guests to leave went to the cloakroom for his coat and hat. He couldn't help noticing the woe-begone look on the attendant's face. The poor man appeared worried and sad, and every little while he sighed and muttered to himself.

"You seem upset," remarked the guest, sympathetically.

"I am upset sir," said the attendant.

"What is the trouble? Haven't the guests tipped you well tonight?"

The attendant answered in excited voice:

"It's not only, sir, that they have not tipped me, but they've taken the 50 cents that I put in the tray for a decoy."

No Regrets.

"Yes," said the retired insurance agent, "I once induced a man to take out a \$50,000 life insurance policy, and the very day after he got the policy he dropped dead."

"I expect you wished your persuasive power had not been so successful?"

"Well, hardly. You see, I married the widow."

Just How.

It was a wizened little man who appeared before the judge and charged his wife with cruel and abusive treatment. His better half was a big, square-jawed woman, with a determined eye.

"In the first place, where did you meet this woman who has treated you so dreadfully?" asked the judge.

"Well," replied the little man, making a brave attempt to glare defiantly at his wife, "I never did meet her. She just kind of overtook me."

The Heathen.

He was very rich, a millionaire in fact. He was also a church member. But he did not approve of foreign missions. One Sunday at church, when the collection was being taken up for these missions, the collector approached the millionaire and held out the collection bag. The millionaire shook his head.

"I never give to missions," he whispered.

"Then take something out of the bag, sir," whispered the collector. "The money is for the heathen."

Absent-Minded.

The old man in the rear car seemed greatly agitated at not being able to find his ticket when the conductor came through. Finally, this official, with a hearty laugh, informed him that he had it in his mouth, which he seemed surprised to find true, and handed it over. After the conductor had passed into the next car the old fellow's

companion started to make fun of him for having the ticket in his mouth and not being able to find it, whereupon he responded:

"He who laughs last, me lad, laughs best, I knew it was in my mouth the whole time, but the ticket was an old one and I was chewing the date off it."—*Exchange*.

From Choice.

A metropolitan matron once ventured to interrogate James Lane Allen as to the *raison d'être* of his state of celibacy.

"Are you a bachelor from choice?" she queried.

"Yes," came the answer with disconcerting promptness from the famous author.

"But isn't that—er—rather ungracious and ungallant?" protested the fair inquisitor.

The novelist smiled.

"You must ask the ladies," he suggested gently. "It was their choice, not mine."—*Woman's Home Companion*.

Pat's Mistake.

Paddy's distress on waking was very natural but amusing. He was observed in the morning to be looking unusually blank and perplexed, and his friend inquired what ailed him.

"Ah! but I have had a dream."

"Was it a good dream or a bad dream?"

"Faith," said Pat, "and it was a little of both, and I'll be after telling it t' ye. I dramed I was with the President. He is as great a gintleman as is in the district, he is, and he asked me wud I have a drink. I said to him Wud a duck swim? He smiled like and taking the lemons and sugar and making ready for a dhrop oi punch, he asked me wud I have it hot or cowl'd. I'll have it hot, I replied, and wid that he wint down into the kitchen for the biling water, but before he got back I woke up, and now it's distressing me, I didn't take it cowl'd."—*Harper's Monthly*.

Our Correspondents



LIFE AS IT IS YET.

NOT long ago we were told that, after a wholesale medical inspection of the school children of New York City, nearly 75 per cent were found highly defective, in a sanitary way, indicating the poverty of their home surroundings, poorly fed, housed, etc. Suppose that such an examination had been conducted as a private affair, each family being able to pay the doctor for a careful inspection of the children, the figure would then be, not only about 75 per cent of defective constitutions, but over 90 per cent. It is well known that in our modern cities not even 10 per cent of the people, children or grown up, are about fed as we all should be fed. It happens that not even among the comfortable classes, call that 5 or 6 per cent, not even there do we develop healthy bodies, by a great deal. Even the wealthy live unsanitary lives. Even they are constantly in need of medicines and doctors' attentions. In certain respects, the intelligent wives and mothers can give to their husbands and children a healthier diet, on a \$1,200 income, than we wealthy people can get from hired cooks on any income of \$10,000 or more for each family of four or five members, besides servants.

The fact that is by far the most important element in sanitation is a peaceful mind, able to take in the sensible details of what we owe to each other, that to commence in the domestic group. Outside of that all life is chaos and discord. But we have a larger and broader chaos in the social order, taking in all the homes of the nation, all the fathers, mothers and children of the nation. Each home becomes then so insignificant face to face with the councils of each national group! And the worst is that the social compact has thus far been taken by the throat to do the will of the few, and thus sacrifice the well being and happiness of the many. And who are the few in

question? The men of property and those in the professions are apt to take the control of the social group. Even when the spirit of democracy is alive, even then each nation becomes in due time the pliable tool of property and professional men.

Only the Greeks managed, centuries ago, to make an approach, in legislation, to some degree of real democracy. The same seems to have taken place in some isolated communities among the hills of Northern India. Also in spots here and there under primitive industrial conditions. No important nation has ever made much of a show in democracy as soon as the commercial spirit has evolved itself on a large scale, and hence as soon as concentration of industries has intensified the monopoly spirit and created that hunger and thirst after wealth which soon poison everything in the social order.

And what is it that we ourselves have done with our democracy? Let us have a sample of it: "Only 27½ per cent of the potential tillable area of the United States is under cultivation."—From the Department of Agriculture made public on January 18, 1914.

Our continental domain, exclusive of Alaska, is about 1,920,000,000 acres. Of that, at least 500,000,000 should be in real forests scientifically distributed through the nation, to protect us from inundations and bad cosmical ravages. We have considerably less than that and it is mostly concentrated in isolated sections. We have about 1,300,000,000 acres subject to the plow, most of that in the hands of King Monopoly. The balance, 120,000,000 acres, is mostly poor land, rivers, lakes, roads, cities, etc.

If we had only tried to learn how to somewhat scientifically develop, near the producers in cities and towns, something like 200,000,000 acres of farm land out of our 1,300,000,000 acres, we would not have

on our hands a great many of the dreadful problems that pester the life of the nation.

Most of the European nations are compelled to obey the very economic problems we love to fling to the winds, and suffer from it. Their area being limited, they have to be close to each other, consumers and producers. They can not afford to evolve rings of monopolists between those two classes. We are so rich, or think so, that we imagine we can be prosperous and happy through monopoly tricks. To be good always pays better than to be bad.

To be good. That simply means that we should be sensible. It means that we should not make idiots out of ourselves. It means that we should respect the simple, natural order of the universe on which we have been placed. We often say: "I want to be myself." We imagine that should mean to follow all our fancies and conceits. How foolish! I can only be myself in so far as I respect the plain wisdom that the Creator has given me. I can only be myself when I respect the rights of all men, and therefore my own. I can only be worthy of life on earth in so far as I do deal rightly with all the forces and potentialities of the planet that has to be my abode for a while. That is what no generation has ever done. That is what we have not been taught. We have handled the planet as if it was a bundle of rags. We have ornamented our private homes with mere fancies, to the extent of our wealth at the time. But, like the planet as a whole, for our combined happiness—oh, how many crimes have we perpetrated against that planet!

Our recent scientific investigations, in connection with our national domain, tend to show that most of our best agricultural sections have been lowered nine feet, as an average. That means soil-denudation—the wealth of our lands carried into rivers and oceans. And all nations have allowed that crime to go on for centuries.

And we don't mean to be bad. It only happens as follows: Between the age of five and twenty we are given what we call education. At the age of twenty, often before, we are dumped into an industrial life which is often a species of "inferno," totally godless and unnatural. We soon find ourselves at the age of forty, fifty or sixty,

some of us with a certain degree of success in wealth accumulation. Conservatism takes possession of most of us. By that we mean "to let all high ideals go by the spout." We are born and we die with the idea that life on earth is only meant to be—a string of dreams! Is that all that human life should be?

JOSE GROS.

MISTAKES IN RAILROAD MANAGEMENT, OR "A RUNNING SORE."

Within the past few months the newspapers have been printing and people generally talking a whole lot about railroads and their management. A striking feature affecting both is that both are talking about something upon which they appear not to be well informed, and it is a question whether a newspaper is any more competent to discuss railroad management than a railroad man the subject of newspaper management.

Another bad feature connected with the criticism we hear is that conclusions seem to be jumped at, whereas they should be the result of experience and based wholly upon facts.

To make what is commonly known as a "goat" of one man on a railroad system and charge him with being responsible for all of the mistakes and bad management is, of itself, very far fetched. He is probably no more fallible nor less infallible than the lowest employe in point of rank, working for the same corporation, and should, therefore, be considered from the standpoint of an employe with others, even though they be under him by virtue of the office he holds.

This being true, it is well to bear in mind that, like all other employes, he is receiving and carrying out such instructions as come to him from the board of directors.

Now that we have in this brief opening arrived at the top, which is the seat of the trouble, we are prepared to discuss the subject before us, viz., "Mistakes in Railroad Management" from an unbiased and just point of view.

As a rule railroad directors are good financiers. Occasionally we find some who are not, and it is this latter class who are from first to last responsible for the bad conditions which have been found to exist

upon railroads where conditions are financially bad, and which are physically wrecked.

It so happens, sometimes, that if a railroad is being operated upon a 4, 6 or 8 per cent basis that the board of directors conclude that the dividend basis must be maintained, and that at any cost to the property.

It is right at this point where the trouble begins and it soon develops into what we may, for convenience sake, call a running sore, which is constantly draining the very life out of the system until finally not even a pulmotor can revive it.

If I were a physician I would diagnose the progress and effect of this so-called running sore as follows:

The board of directors having decided that the rate of dividend must be maintained and, cognizant of the fact that the same is not being earned, at once direct that expenses be cut and the number of help be reduced.

Sometimes it happens that the president of such a system can not see how he can properly and safely conduct the business of the system on such a basis and to save himself from being a party to the putting into effect of such unsound business methods, retires. Should this be a Western road, the directors come East for a new president or, if it is an Eastern road they go out on the Western plains for the man, and usually find someone ready to tackle the proposition of paying dividends out of unearned funds because of the salary inducement.

The sore is now growing worse and the bringing of a stranger who knows nothing of the system to its official head causes the sore to become inflamed. He spends a few days riding over the system in a private car and private train, and finding he has a larger proposition on his hands than it looked to him from his first viewpoint, discovers and decides he must have a general manager to help him. This man, too, is usually secured from the opposite point of the compass and his coming only tends to further inflame that which has already become a troublesome sore.

Finally the sore ripens and breaks. This naturally follows the appointment of a new general manager.

Now we have two new men on the system who know practically nothing about it.

They proceed as the managing heads to carry out the policy which you will recall originated in the board of directors' room.

Stenographers and typists are now working overtime, if necessary, getting out new instructions to the general superintendent, he to the superintendents, and so on down until it reaches even to the track walker and car knocker.

The orders have gone forth to cut right and left, irrespective of the needs of the system for best results, including consolidation of divisions, cutting out a superintendent or two, cutting out trains and train crews, cutting out men in crews that remain, cutting out stations, cutting out helpers about the stations, cutting down the force in the telegraph offices—asking two operators to do the work of four, cutting telegraph offices out of stations and adding that work onto the men in the towers who already have quite enough to do to handle trains safely; cutting out gangs of trackmen so that the roadbed is not getting the attention it should have for the safe running of trains; cutting out nearly all the car knockers so that many cars are run over the road not in good condition and, because of which, frequently fall down out on the road.

Well, it's quite a running sore, isn't it? But it's still running.

Then other departments become affected. The motive power department also gets a copy of instructions to cut. The number of hostlers at the round houses are so reduced that engines do not get proper care and engines come out unfit for their work. They don't steam good; fires are not cleaned; they are not looked over, and out on the line a tire falls off or the ashpan drops down or the engine goes dead, the fireman being unable to make it steam. And so the leak goes on, and unless someone like Uncle Sam comes along before it's too late, this which I have pictured as a running sore, has completely killed its victim.

The process is wrong and ruinous from start to finish.

The first bad move was to plan to pay unearned dividends, and the second, quite as bad, that of calling in outside help to carry out the wrecking policy.

We must put a blunt question in here, viz., why was not someone already in the company's employ promoted to these important positions who have put the best part of a lifetime into the work and know more of what the road needs and what its patrons need and want than a new man can learn in any shorter period?

Too often new men neither care nor know what the public want, forgetting a very important and vital fact that it is the public who pay the bills. You can't get on without them, then why not keep an ear to the ground and try to get on with them?

The country is most fortunate that it does not have many such cases on its hands. Uncle Sam is now treating one such case and another seems in line for treatment later.

The present plan of amputation, the cutting off of an arm or a leg of the system to possibly save the body, may do the trick, but the trouble did not originate in these members, but at the head, and why not start there to effect the cure?

Of course, if any of these members are already dead, that is, if they are being cared for at a loss, they not only should now be cut off, but should have been amputated long ago. If, on the other hand, any of them did bring in good returns and are now showing good results, why cripple the main body further by cutting them off?

It is nourishment the patient needs and to cut off the source of this nourishment does not savor of good judgment on the part of the physician handling the case. If a tree has a lot of dead branches or non-bearing suckers in it, cut them out quickly, but don't cut out those branches which bear good fruit; and a policy something like this, if applied to those railroads now suffering from the effects of this running sore of mismanagement, we incline to the belief that speedily the irritation and ruinous discharge would cease; the property gradually recuperate and resume its normal healthy condition—that of earning first and then paying its dividends.

As matters now look the patients are very sick, yet not beyond hope. The disease is affecting everybody, the stockholders perhaps worse of all, but the public, business and the help are also great sufferers.

The old and best policy of promoting trained and competent men from any railroad to positions of management and supervision upon its system have proven to produce the best results, while the new-fangled notion that such officers must be imported from some distant point for these positions is proving a mere hallucination, and it stands to reason that if men who have grown up with a system and know its needs from A to Z are not considered competent to fill these places, surely a stranger upon the system must be considered wholly disqualified.

The policy which many railroads are pursuing, that of antagonizing its help in every conceivable manner, does not argue well for good management. Train crews are given the meanest kind of runs. If a trainman lives in one town he is sure to have a run assigned to him that will compel him to start from some distant point, and someone else living at the point he starts from will be assigned to start from the point where the first mentioned lives. Other features quite as unjust as these are forced upon men in the train service. About the time these men get moved and settled to meet these conditions they are again given new assignments. How much better it would be to study and plan more for the comfort of these men than to pay a man, as is now the case, to work out a working schedule for these men which will probably not suit any of them.

The same is true in other departments. These employes are the men without whom the railroads could not operate. It is through them that the business of the corporation prospers and dividends are earned, and the belief is general that a more sane and human treatment of them will do much to advance the interests and make sure the success for their employers.

The plan so generally in vogue of making a man's hours just as long as possible and his position just as untenable as possible can never be productive of best results.

That other policy of thinking that by paying a man \$2.00 a day for work that should pay \$3.00 or \$4.00 a day is only another bugaboo. Men will not long put up with such conditions and if he is only paid a half or even two-thirds of what he should get,

the company can not expect he is going to earn more than he gets, and this is the more true when the employe sees no chances for promotion ahead of him, and openings higher up, which should be theirs, are given to men who come from other territory.

How decidedly better for all concerned, even the stockholders and the patrons of any railroad system, which helps its employes. Put a stop to all those things which antagonize the employes and give them something to feel disgruntled and sore over and a new and better life will immediately fill the arteries of every railroad system. Don't make sores, nor keep irritating them after they are made, and all business will take on a new impetus, the likes of which have not been seen for many a long day.

RAILROAD MAN.

NOW AND THEN.

In the Milwaukee Employes' Magazine for February A. J. Henry, agent at Bearmouth, writes in part:

"He began his railroad career in 1869. This was in the good old days when the operator had to fill the wood rack and assist in putting it on the engine. And after the train had pulled out he had to fill the rack again and have it ready for the next engine, then fly back to find the dispatcher calling for all there was in it. When the operator got a chance to answer the dispatcher generally informed him that his absence from duty would not be tolerated, adding probably that a man would soon be there who would attend to business, etc., all of which the operator could not help but appreciate very kindly after wheeling wood in an old wheelbarrow for two hours. For these and a few other tasks that took about sixteen hours a day he got \$45.00 per month as a token of faithful service.

"Some of the above were my experiences and I usually took my little stipend and strolled up one side of the main street and paid my debts as long as the money lasted, when I would slip back down the alley to work again. Not having enough to pay on both sides of the street, next pay day saw me on the opposite side, paying as far as I went."

This little tale of the actual experiences of an old-timer is self-evident. Instances where public service corporations have voluntarily granted increases in wages and improved working conditions are few and far between. There is no good argument against organized labor. Organization among wage-earners is more necessary than any other class of human endeavor for the reason that the wage-earner whose capital and all is his right to labor, is placed at a great disadvantage as regards protecting his welfare. This is especially true in these modern days of combinations in capital; you are not dealing with an individual as an employer, but instead with a representative of an aggregation of capital who is paid to create dividends for the corporation which he serves, and in order to gain this end it is reasonable to assume that he could not be expected to hesitate when it comes to getting the most for the least money out of the rank and file among the employes, and this regardless of how it affected these human beings as to their welfare, comfort, etc.

The old slogan, "In union there is strength," is recognized by practically all branches of human endeavor; all appreciate the advantage there is in concerted effort. There are associations among capital—the General Managers' Association meet to protect the interests of the railroads of the country; there are retailers' associations; wholesalers' associations, manufacturers' associations, and a great many others too numerous to mention. Then why not organization among the laboring classes? This great mass of humanity upon which capital is dependent for the perpetuation of its wealth, and whose only means of support and for obtaining the little pleasures out of life is their God-given right to work.

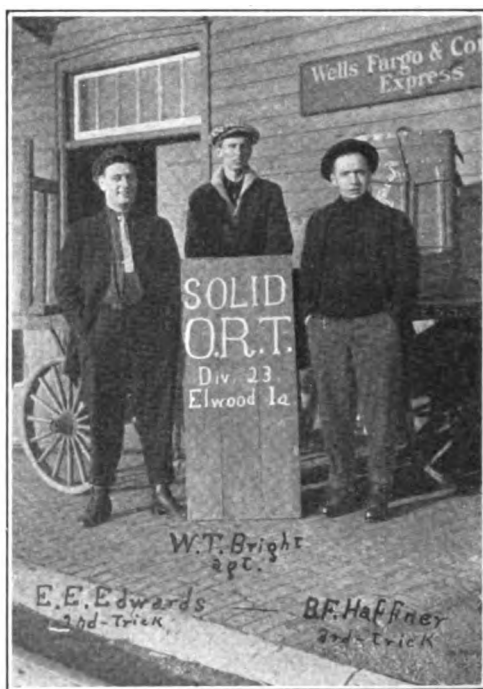
And yet there are a lot of bigoted nons, traitors to their fellow-craftsmen, who are enjoying the benefits which good union men secure for them in the way of salary increases and better working conditions. Ask them why they do not join, and of course in the absence of any good argument to the contrary, all they can advance is either a

hard-luck story or else a time-worn stand-off.

Employers are fast becoming reconciled to the fact that a man who is ambitious enough to stand up for his own welfare, is the more conscientious workman and will in turn be wide awake to the companies' interests when met half way.

A non is a derelict in the progress of organized labor. They are invariably selfish, unconscientious, egotistic and incompetent, all of which accounts for their impudence in accepting the fruits of the tireless efforts of organized labor without having been a party toward that end either morally or financially.

E. L. LIPSHIELD.



O. R. T. GROUP—C. M. & ST. P. RY.—
ELWOOD, IOWA.



NOTICE.

All matter for this department must be in the hands of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer or or before the 28th day of the month in order to insure its use in the following issue.

New Haven, Conn., Div. No. 29.

Western Division, New Haven and C. N. E. West of Danbury—

"Safety first" was the topic of a meeting held at Boston, Sunday, January 25th, attended by two thousand New England railroad men, which was addressed by Howard Elliott, chairman of the board, and J. H. Hustis, president, and other officials. Among other things, Mr. Elliott told the men that they had been accustomed to working with a list of don'ts, and that he would give them a list of "do's:" "Do be careful. Do be alert and efficient. Keep always in good mental and physical health. Do be loyal." Let's all adopt the list.

The following officers were elected at the February meeting: Chief telegrapher, Judge E. C. Terry, unanimously, Bro. L. H. Dowd declining to run; first vice-chief, W. H. Gordon; second vice-chief, John Mills.

Bro. W. J. Margraff, of Clintondale, N. Y., was elected general chairman for the Central New England.

A better officer than Bro. Terry could not have been selected. He is intensely interested in all that concerns the members of the profession, and the interest of the boys of 29 is his especial care.

To Bro. Dowd, our retiring chief, is due our heartiest thanks. Our debts to him will never be paid. He has always been a hard worker and ever alert to the best interests of all concerned. The fact that he was returned to office time after time is proof of the esteem in which he was held.

The meeting was well attended, being conducted by General Chairman Leonard J. Ross. Be on hand at the March meeting; it will be a live one.

The twelfth annual ball, held at Harmonie Hall on the evening of January 28th, was a success both socially and financially. The music furnished by Bro. Platt's orchestra was of a high order, and everybody had an enjoyable time.

N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R.—

The union station at Hartford was destroyed by fire, February 21st, entailing a loss of about \$250,000.

In the January issue an injustice was done Bro. J. Forbes, of tower 70, his name appearing without the prefix "Bro." He is a member in good standing, and we take this opportunity of rectifying the error, although it was not my write-up.

Bro. W. C. Hogan bid in Towners agency.

A new iron train order and block signal pole has been erected and placed in operation at Brewster.

Mr. Anson assigned third Mill Plain, and J. R. Franklin second Brewster temporarily on bid.

The correspondent east of Danbury is still at the same old stand, and all we ask is just a few items.

T. A. A., Div. Cor.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom and goodness, has seen fit to call to his divine home our brother, E. E. Merrill; therefore, in manifestation of our sincere sympathy and sorrow for the bereaved family of our deceased brother, be it

Resolved, That the members of Division 29, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend their heartfelt sympathy in their sad hours of bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be mailed the bereaved family, a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication, and a copy spread upon the minutes of this division, and that the charter of the division be draped for a period of thirty days in memory of the deceased brother.

J. A. SKIBBE,
A. T. BREWSTER,
G. F. MCCORMICK,
Committee.

Providence, R. I., Div. No. 35.

Bro. Bennett, Millville station, off sick, was relieved by Bro. Cullimer; Bro. Wm. Hall, East Providence, was taken to R. I. hospital with erysipelas, February 3d, and Bro. Provencher, off several days sick, was relieved by Mr. Lasage. Bro. White, Dighton, is reported improving, and Bro. H. E. Crowell, third Bowensville station, Fall River, is able to resume duty.

Bro. Hickey, third Sharon Heights, was off a few days, relieved by Bro. Collamer; Bro. Feeney, first East Foxboro, while moving to Mansfield, Mass., by Mr. Johnson, who also relieved Bro. Barden, third South Worcester electric tower, on a two months' vacation; Bro. Ben Farrow, Dexter street, off a few days, by Mr. Naughton, and Bro. Young, third Appleboro tower, off a few days, by Bro. Ben Farrow, third West Mansfield.

Some of you boys send in these nons' applications. They may not know about the "No card, no favors" slogan.

Bro. Miller was at North Appleboro station, and Bro. Jackson, second West Mansfield, at Dexter street a few days.

Bro. Pond, agent East Foxboro, and family, are recovering.

Bro. Coderre, Brayton avenue second, while off sick, was relieved by Bro. Fred Farrow, and Sister McInerney, "F" office, Providence, out sick again for six weeks, Bro. Vanderbeek relieving.

Any of the boys wishing to join the Federal League ball team the coming season apply to Bro. Harry Young or Henry Benoit.

Send in your news items promptly, please.

Bro. Joe Devlin, Nayatt, R. I., on sick list two weeks, relieved by R. S. Eaton, later by Bro. F. Jones.

Bro. Mills relieved on second "F" Providence, W. U. a few days.

Bro. A. W. Carleen is at Barrowsville pending bid.

All are glad to learn that First Assistant Chief Telegrapher Bro. Conant is slowly but surely recovering.

At our regular meeting, February 21st, there was a good attendance despite the bad weather. There wasn't an idle moment up to 11:30 p. m. Owing to the illness of Bro. Conant, Bro. Joslin acted as first assistant chief.

Bro. Gaynor, recently elected to the State Assembly, who could not be present, called upon the chief telegrapher and requested him to thank the brothers for their loyal support during his campaign.

After the routine work was disposed of, the annual election of officers took place, General Chairman Ross presiding. Bros. Ray, Burt and Webster were appointed as tellers.

The following officers were elected for 1914: Chief telegrapher, J. D. Vanderbeek, for third term, also re-elected for division correspondent; secretary and treasurer, W. J. Smith; first assistant chief, A. L. Conant, second term; second assistant chief, J. M. Gaynor; trustee for three years, Bro. D. M. Callis.

Great interest centers in the coming session of the Grand committee, convening in Providence, March 19th for three days. By a unanimous vote Division 35 agreed to furnish the hall for this occasion, through its committee appointed at the January meeting. Bro. F. P. Brady is chairman.

Brothers, see that items of news reach your correspondent promptly. This is important, and you are urged to give it better attention.

The report of the auditing committee was duly rendered and accepted, in which they not only report the accounts accurately kept, but pay a flattering yet just compliment to Bro. W. J. Smith for the manner of their keeping.

The division is to be congratulated upon being able to retain Bro. Smith as its secretary-treasurer.

The chief telegrapher spent the first week of March with his sisters at Paterson, N. J., his old home. He wishes to thank all who by letter and in person have extended congratulations upon re-election.

J. D. V., Div. Cor.

New Rochelle, N. Y., Div. No. 37.

At our regular monthly meeting, Feb. 13th, our annual election of officers for 1914 occurred. It was a very stormy night, which interfered somewhat with our attendance.

Among those present were: Bros. Ross, our general chairman; Tiger, our local chairman; Seaman, secretary-treasurer; Kenney, second vice, our old stand-by; Reif, chief telegrapher; Storm, sub-marshal; Haag, McMahon, Hopkins, Buckley, Buckby, Hannan, and others who were not afraid to brave the storm. Bro. Ross was in the chair.

After the regular routine business, we had the election of officers, which resulted as follows: Bro. T. Reif, chief telegrapher; Bro. Seaman, secretary-treasurer; Bro. Buckby, second vice-chief, and Bro. W. O'Brien, first vice-chief, all being elected unanimously.

By a majority vote it was decided to change the hour of meeting to 7:30 p. m. instead of 8 p. m., and to keep a book of registry in charge of the secretary, to be passed around by the marshal at each meeting.

Recent assignments on bid: J. P. Green, tower 62-E, Bridgeport yard second; Bro. S. F. Forbes, second Stratford tower; Bro. L. F. Brooks, third Stratford tower; Bro. D. J. Gorman, third Staff cabin, Harlem River; Bro. J. M. Caldwell, first Staff cabin, Harlem River; Bro. D. J. Kennedy, first; Garnet White, second, and Bro. J. C. Donovan, third Staff cabin, Bungay street; Bro. J. J. Gaffney, car position at Harlem River; Bro. E. J. Coyle, second Westport tower; Bro. J. F. English, regular relief agent; Bro. M. A. Coyle, second South Norwalk tower, and J. McAnally, Mt. Vernon night operator and clerk.

Bro. L. D. Wooley is off sick with chills and fever, and Bro. P. J. Quinn is very sick and has gone up State.

Fairfield and Greens Farms towers have been taken out of service on account of automatic signals. In connection with sickness of so many of the brothers, a prize of \$10 will be given to the holder of the lucky number for the sale of tickets, in small booklets, to be sold at 10 cents the chance. When all are sold this will create a fund of about \$400, which will be used for the benefit of those who are unfortunate enough to be ill. After this fund has been started it will be a good plan to levy a small assessment on the members (with their consent) to keep it up, say about 15 cents per month.

Another very important matter I wish to call to your attention is the prompt payment of dues and assessments.

We hope to see a large attendance at our next monthly meeting and more pleasant weather.

CERT. 123, Div. Cor.

Boston, Mass., Div. No. 41.

Despite the inclement weather, the February meeting was well attended.

The following were elected for 1914: Chief telegrapher, Thos. J. Fogarty (seventh consecutive term); first vice-chief, D. J. McDonald; second vice-chief, Thos. F. Quilly; secretary and treasurer, F. C. McGrath.

The following were appointed by the chief telegrapher for 1914: Marshal, Joseph Hagerty, Lowell, Mass.; inside sentinel, W. H. Dakers, Chelsea, Mass.; outside sentinel, L. L. Henderson, Melrose, Mass.; board of trustees—J. B. Bode, Chelsea, Mass.; L. P. Clifton, Waltham, Mass.; D. J. McDonald, Woburn, Mass.; A. B. Weld, Wakefield, Mass.; J. A. Wilson, Boston, Mass. Visiting committees: Fitch Division—L. P. Clifton, Waltham, Mass.; F. Prevost, North Leominster, Mass.; E. F. Porter, Royalston, Mass.; Southern Division—D. J. McDonald, Woburn, Mass.; J. H. Boulais, Oakdale, Mass.; H. A. Lang, Manchester, N. H.; Port Division (Dover Route)—A. B. Weld, Wakefield, Mass.; C. J. Murphy, Derry, N. H.; P. J. Murray, Plaistow, N. H.; Port Division (via Portsmouth)—J. B. Bode, Chelsea, Mass.; F. H. Childs, Peabody, Mass.; E. J. Ready, South Hamilton, Mass.

Bro. George M. Rounds has been appointed by the chief telegrapher on the board of auditors to fill the unexpired term of Bro. M. E. Dovan, deceased.

Brothers, join the sick benefit association. If not, why not? It will only cost you two cents a week. You may be sick yourself some time, and it's worth that much to think of the comfort you are helping to give someone else in time of trouble. Be a "brother" to the limit.

Boston & Maine R. R.—

Vacancies have been advertised as follows: Agent and operator Rowley, Mass.; day operator at Kennebunk, Me.; and your correspondent will be pleased to know who gets these jobs. Don't leave it for someone else to do, but do it yourself while you think of it. Let's have a long and interesting letter each month. Div. Cor.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, to call home our beloved brother, G. W. Scott; and

WHEREAS, Fully realizing our great loss, we feel unable to express in words our heartfelt sympathy; therefore be it

Resolved, That the members of Boston Division No. 41, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, humbly submit to the power over which we have no control, and extend to Mrs. Scott our sincere sympathy; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to Mrs. Scott, a copy spread on the

minutes of the division, and a copy sent to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

C. R. SANFORD,
W. H. WILBUR,
F. PREVOST,
Committee.

CARD OF THANKS.

I want to send sincere thanks to the members of the Railroad Telegraphers for the beautiful floral piece sent to us in our great sorrow in the death of my husband. I can not tell you how greatly I appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely yours,

MRS. G. WALTER SCOTT.

Fitchburg, Mass.

New York, N. Y., Div. No. 44.

L. I. R. R.—

The regular meeting for February was called to order on the 14th by Chief Van Nostrand, but, on account of the extreme weather, was not very largely attended.

Five applications were received and favorably acted upon. It is encouraging to note how the brothers keep after the nons. In a very short while we will be solid, our percentage being far ahead of any time previously, and if the brothers will give our general committee the support they should, it will not be long before we will have the best schedule yet.

Election for the ensuing year resulted as follows: Chief telegrapher, Bro. A. D. Light; first vice-chief telegrapher, Bro. A. Filby; second vice-chief telegrapher, Bro. E. E. Van Nostrand; secretary and treasurer, Bro. L. Merringer (re-elected); trustee (three years), Bro. A. F. Heller.

Bro. C. B. Van Nostrand, after serving us faithfully in the chair for six years, refused another nomination, and a committee was appointed to procure a suitable token of esteem, to be presented to him at our March meeting. We hope that the brothers will all attend this meeting and make the occasion a notable one in Bro. Van Nostrand's association with this division.

Our general chairman, Bro. Leonard, gave us a good report of the new work he is doing. It certainly is encouraging to have such sterling men at the head of our organization working for our common good, and Bro. Leonard should receive all the support, both financially and morally, that we possibly can give, for he is working day and night for our cause, and it is only a question of a short time when we will receive a big return for our investment.

Bro. W. E. Lewis, agent Brentwood, while off several days, showing the boys the joys of joy riding in his five-passenger auto, was relieved by Bro. Deitz, who also relieved Bro. E. F. Wells, agent St. James, off two weeks learning to drive his new auto.

Bro. Thos. Gaffney returned from his honeymoon, visiting southern cities, to find his job (third sheet at "J" tower) abolished, and displaced

Bro. E. H. Decker, second "J," who went back to first "EX" Flatbush avenue, Brooklyn.

Bro. Frank Shields, Jr., agent Deer Park, has been off sick some time.

"MX" tower, Bushwick Jct., was 'abolished on account of the removal of the grade crossing there, Bro. H. Jacobs, first, going to second at "DB" Dutchkills Draw, displacing Bro. Snelling, who displaced Mr. Fyfer, resigned after being bumped three times. Bro. Dryden, second "MX," took second "R" Richmond Hill.

J. Robinson, agent Centre Moriches, still "can't join just yet," but has never said "I can't take" the increase we secured for him.

We are sorry to hear of the serious illness of Bro. P. H. Hayes, one of our staunchest brothers, ever willing to do all he could for this division.

Bro. Tom Gunn has returned to Smithtown from a three weeks' enjoyable trip out in the "wild and woolly" West.

Bro. Ralph Kaiser, first "S" cabin Syosset, is at his home in Smithtown with a bad attack of la grippe.

Rumor has it that Bro. A. R. Brower, assistant at Syosset station, will soon take one of Farmingdale's belles as a life partner. Get ready for the smokes, boys.

Bro. Booker, relieving at South Hampton, has had the time of his life shoveling snow.

Bro. P. T. Mackin bid in second sheet job at "JE" tower, Jamaica. "Pete" is right at home now. Bro. Max Harris, first sheet "JE," who has been off a month for treatment of his eyes, has resumed duty.

The new tower at Morris Park shops opened February 1st with Bro. McCarger on first and Bro. Percy Clawson second.

Bro. E. F. Webb is looking for a vacancy since cutting out of third sheet at "J." Frank now has to report at 6 a. m. Div. Cor.

Campbellton, N. B., Div. No. 61.

Intercolonial Railway of Canada—

Our last regular meeting was held at Campbellton, February 24th, Murray's Hall, Bro. Routhier in the chair. Among those present were: Bros. McMillan, Swift, Corbett, Howard, Stewes; Ward, secretary-treasurer; McMillan, chairman; Banville, Dassylvia, Ward, Barton, Woods and Archibald. Bro. G. F. Ward was re-elected secretary-treasurer, and Bro. E. T. Swift, chief telegrapher.

All the brothers of Division 61 extend their sympathy to Bro. R. A. McMillan and family in their sad bereavement.

With our new freight and passenger engines we will be all ready for business when spring opens.

Mr. "Mac," from "JR," makes so many trips to "KS" that we are inclined to think he is a strong shareholder in the grammar school there.

Boys, be ready for the opening of the Valley in the spring. There will be some fine jobs. Don't forget to send me a few notes before the 20th of each month.

CERT. 93.

Boston, Mass., Div. No. 89.

At the February night meeting the following officers were elected for the present term: Chief telegrapher, W. L. Enos; first vice-chief, D. F. Drummond; second vice-chief, J. F. Mullen; secretary and treasurer, J. H. McDermott; auditor for three years, W. D. Henderson; trustee for three years, E. A. St. Laurient.

The election for State legislative representative resulted in the choice of Bro. J. F. Mullen. This selection is a very wise one, as he has had the necessary experience, and his ready knowledge of affairs of state, by reason of his political activities and progressive and aggressive principles, should carry weight in the council of the law-makers. The possibilities of success are without question, judging from the intricate and voluminous report submitted at the daylight meeting.

Wasn't that Rud-Of-Bartlett to hit the tower-men with both eyes closed in his speech at the safety-first meeting held in the National Theater, Boston. Believe us, Rudolph is som'niloquistic noctuary.

Division No. 89 hereby extends its sympathies to Vice-President Tom Pierson and his mother for their siege of illness and sorrow through the death of their daughter and sister; also to Bro. Dan O'Hearn and wife for the loss of their daughter, and to Bro. Crane, of Marlboro, Mass., whose family is stricken with diphtheria, and the loss of their daughter; to wife and relatives of Bro. E. E. Wright, who died at Westale, Mass.

Bro. J. M. Gaynor, Providence Division 35, was elected representative from the Fifth District, Providence, R. I., and appointed on committee on State property.

Boston Terminal—

Bro. Sargent, director in tower 1, spent a week at Dexter, Waterville and Skowhegan, Me. Spare Director Harry Lionette will do the calling out pending the return of the various directors.

Bro. Scott, Hazeltine, is acting director while A. Campbell is on vacation.

Bro. Joe Andrews, while at Jacksonville, Fla., flooded the Terminal with post cards. Thanks.

Bro. Marvel and wife are back from a very pleasant trip spent in New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore. During their absence Bill kept house and ate the "billy goat."

Bro. Tuck is back from a week's vacation.

Boston Division—

Second West Roxbury secured by Bro. T. Condon, and Bro. Leary, of Weymouth, bid in relief agency position. Agency River street and second Mattapan up for bids.

Bro. Dugas, of Division 38, is back again and relieving second trick towerman at Clarenden Hills. Bro. Noss returned after a month's illness.

Agency and operator at Weymouth bid in by Bro. Gibbons.

Bro. Clark is at South Braintree tower.

Bro. Lyons, third Atlantic, has returned from two weeks spent in New York.

Division card of Bro. H. B. White has been returned to Bro. Quick for want of a better address, from P. O. Falmouth, Mass.

Midland Division—

H. Covert, second East Douglas, has signified his intention of becoming a member of Division 89.

Bro. J. Burke, Bellingham Jct., braved a long walk to be present at our last meeting. Good spirit that.

Fire destroyed the big brownstone union station at Hartford, Saturday, February 21st. The officials and dispatchers were the last to leave the building, and were put to a great disadvantage, but dispatching of trains was quickly resumed from tower 214.

BARDOL, Cor.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish, through THE TELEGRAPHER, to extend our thanks to the members of Division 89, O. R. T., for the beautiful floral tribute sent us at the time of our deep sorrow—the passing out of our beloved husband, father and brother.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. ELMER E. WRIGHT AND SONS, EVERETT
S. AND WARREN J.; also his brother,
COMM. EDWARD E. WRIGHT, U. S. N.,
retired.

Chicago, Ill., Div. No. 91.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year at the meeting Saturday night, February 7, 1914: G. Dal Jones, chief dispatcher; W. E. Carter, secretary-treasurer; W. H. DeLong, of E. J. & E. at West Chicago, Ill., first vice-chief telegrapher; T. J. Dockery, of E. J. & E. at Barrington, Ill., second vice-chief telegrapher, and G. Dal Jones delegate to the Chicago Federation of Labor.

We will continue to hold our meeting the first Saturday of each month at the same place, room 912, Masonic Temple, Chicago, Ill.; this upon unanimous vote of those present.

We were pleased to have several of the E. J. & E. boys with us, and hope they can arrange to get in regularly hereafter. The weather was very bad, bitterly cold, which no doubt kept more of our out-of-town members from attending.

General Chairman Carder, of Burlington Div. 130, was with us and told us many things of interest pertaining to the C. B. & Q. and the Order in general. We are always glad to have Bro. Carder with us. He is an earnest worker, and his remarks are timely and deeply appreciated by our members.

Bro. Andy Cook was with us after having tried the Pacific Coast for a short period. Andy says good old Chicago town is good enough for him in the future.

OLD DAL JONES.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, has deemed it best to call to her heavenly home the beloved mother of Bro. Ed. R. Derrickson; and

WHEREAS, We bow in humble submission to Him that doeth all things well; therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the Chicago O. R. T. Division 91 and the members of the C. O. R. T. Club, extend to Bro. Derrickson our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in his sad bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved brother, a copy spread upon the minutes of Division 91 and C. O. R. T. Club, and a copy sent to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

G. DAL JONES, Chief Tel. Div. 91.

W. E. CARTER, Sec'y-Treas. Div. 91.

C. L. CRAIG, Pres't C. O. R. T. Club.

J. J. ROSE, S. & T. C. O. R. T. Club.

Committee.

Meridian, Miss., Div. No. 94.

Those of you who failed to attend the banquet at Artesia on February 14th missed the biggest thing happening in some time. Everything was enjoyed to the utmost, especially the "eats."

We held a business meeting at 8 o'clock and elected the following officers: W. W. Wilkins, Brooksville, chief telegrapher; D. W. Crump, Reform, and J. T. Owen, Starkville, vice-chief telegraphers, and unanimously re-elected Bro. Henley secretary and treasurer.

I do not recall all who attended the meeting, but am sure of Bros. Wilkins, Brooksville; Henley and Holmes, Artesia; Sykes, Meridian; Bell, Ethelville; VanDeventer, Lauderdale; Crump and Rawls, Reform, and Owen, Starkville.

After the business meeting was closed we were invited into the handsomely decorated dining-room, where a most elegant luncheon of five courses was enjoyed. The menu was prepared by Mr. A. C. Pettus, the genial agent of the Southern Express Company, and carried out without a hitch. Even Tommy, the waiter, was trained for the occasion.

After luncheon a rising vote was taken (which, under the circumstances, was exceedingly laborious, considering the amount of turkey some of the Peavine boys had consumed), and thanks extended to Mr. Pettus for the delightful repast and skillful execution of all the details.

All the boys mentioned responded to toasts, and altogether a most pleasant evening was spent.

I wish to thank Bros. Crump, of Reform, and Browning, of Fletcher, for local items this month.

I had a letter from Local Chairman H. C. Gilmer, Fruitdale, stating that he had been quite ill with pneumonia, but glad to know he is convalescing, for I sure miss his newsy letters every month.

If you main line boys don't wake up the Peavine will snow you under, for nearly every mail brings in one or more locals.

Montgomery Division—

Bro. W. J. Hubbard, Elrod, who has been off for another operation on his arm, was relieved by B. B. Isbell, from the Frisco, who also relieved Bro. B. D. Burke at Duncanville agency pending bulletin, when he bid in second Vinegar Bend.

Bro. J. M. Elliott is relieving First Trick Dispatcher Devere at Tuscaloosa.

Bro. R. S. Swetman, from Muldon, Miss., bid in third Reform, and C. E. Brown, from the main line, bid in third at Eoline, Ala. Mr. Brown has not been in the telegraph service, but we hope he will soon have one of those beautiful cards.

Bro. E. G. Caldwell, who bid in third Maplesville, is off on account of bad health, relieved by J. W. Dickert, extra.

H. D. Ripley, extra at Reform while on bulletin, bid in third Citronelle, main line, and we must see that he gets an up-to-date.

If some of those nons over here had been at Artesia Saturday night, February 14th, and saw the O. R. T. members enjoying that grand banquet, they would have come in and asked for a new card.

Now, boys, let's all get busy and not wait for the other fellow, for those nons should not be allowed to exist in our ranks. Drv. Cox.

Hamilton, Ont., Div. No. 155.

T. H. & B. Ry.—

Our regular meeting was held on Sunday, February 8th, with thirteen present—a pretty fair turnout.

The most important business was the election of officers for the coming year, which resulted as follows: Past chief, Bro. Staniland, Grimsby, Ont.; immediate past chief, Bro. Kelley, Hamilton, Ont.; chief telegrapher, Bro. Harrington, Hamilton, Ont.; secretary-treasurer, Bro. Armstrong, Smithville; first vice-chief, Bro. Smith, Jerseyville; second vice-chief, Bro. Campbell, Stoney Creek. The election passed off smoothly, each office being contested for with the exception of secretary-treasurer, he being elected by acclamation.

A profitable two hours was spent in discussing the various things which we are affected by.

A letter was read from Bro. S. E. Stuart, representing the C. T. U. A., which invited this lodge either as a body or as individuals to attend a meeting held on February 15th, in the interests of the Commercial Telegraphers of Hamilton.

At the present time we have lost our claim to 100 per cent, but hope again to soon hang out the sign, as Mr. Chapman, Vinemount days, has promised to come with us.

J. L. Kelly, who has worked on this line at different times, is now at Fenwick nights, owing to Bro. Burdick being transferred to Coyle days to relieve Bro. W. Malcolm, agent Coyle, resigned.

Bro. G. R. Mearce, "UK" Hamilton nights, closed the first of the year, is again quoting stocks to the unsuspecting public, and while not making a fat living, is able to exist.

Bros. Harrington, Smith, Campbell, Richards and myself attended the meeting of the Commercial Telegraphers, Sunday, February 15th. While it was not a very large gathering, it was pretty fair for a starter. They elected a very strong executive, and with a little "stick-to-itiveness" will prosper.

It will soon be summer again, and all the boys, or nearly all, should be able to attend the meetings, which are improving all the time. EDA.

G. T. R., Div. No. 1.*First District, Stratford Division—*

Our third monthly meeting was held in Odd Fellows' Hall, Stratford, on Friday, February 20th. A great many came nearly 100 miles to attend. General Chairman Eddy, General Secretary-Treasurer Shaw and Local Chairman Middleton, of Breslau, were present, and took note of the few grievances submitted.

It was generally regretted that Local Chairman McTaggart, of Blyth, was unable to be present, as there were quite a number present from his territory with suggestions to offer, etc., but we hope he will be with us next meeting.

Bro. J. D. Craig, dispatcher Stratford, acted as chairman, and advised the members that the meeting was the place to air their grievances, so that cases worthy of recognition could be investigated by Bro. Eddy.

Bro. Cober, agent New Hamburg, acted as secretary in his usual capable manner.

The seniority list for the Stratford Division was passed around for inspection, and a great many errors noted, which Bro. Eddy took up with Chief Dispatcher Culligan the next morning, and a correct list will be prepared shortly.

Mr. Merlihan, proprietor of the American Hotel, sent up a box of fine cigars (Stratford Belles) for the boys, which was much appreciated. They all smoked to his health and voted him a "jolly good fellow," and the boys will no doubt reciprocate by putting as much business as possible in Mr. Merlihan's way, stopping with him when in the city in future, as he provides as good service as can be had elsewhere in Stratford.

During the evening Mr. Frank Walker, chief clerk to General Yardmaster Plummer, of Stratford, played the piano very acceptably, while Bro. G. P. Knapp, of Berlin, rendered several very pleasing vocal selections, although suffering from a very bad cold. We hope to have the pleasure of hearing him again, and would also like some of the other members musically talented to volunteer their services upon future occasions.

Bro. Sol. Finch, of the O. R. C., was a welcome visitor and gave us some pointers as to how seniority rights were figured out among the trainmen. Bro. Sol. has done some good work for us among the boys on the west end, and we are always glad to see him at our meetings.

Others members present not previously named were: A. J. Simmons, Vittoria; J. F. Roe, Mt Forest; A. J. Wienert, New Hamburg; R. W. Loftus, relief agent; R. Middleton, Newton; H

C. Elder, Goderich; George Reid, Chesley; C. E. Fleming, Fergus; C. A. Slee, Warton; J. Downs, St. Marys Jct.; W. R. C. Forster, Branchton; M. A. Swift, Guelph Jct.; W. A. Crearar, Shespeare; H. P. Ward, West Toronto; J. Buchanan, Georgetown; W. R. Russell and W. Waugh, Baden; J. Townner, Durham; W. Middleton, Forest; A. M. Cusack, Blackwell; J. S. Hill, Granton; W. J. Dore, Lucan; G. Vanhorne, Thorndale; W. B. Rife, St. Pauls; F. W. McCordic, Camlachie; I. C. Laschinger, Petersburg, and G. Hodgins, A. Webster and ex-Bro. S. D. Croft, of Stratford, now soliciting freight agent for this division. H. Betmer, of Berlin, who came with Bro. Knapp, will be with us as soon as classed.

Bro. Eddy had a three hours' conference with Chief Dispatcher Culligan the following morning, and brought up a few matters which he considered required adjusting, and the latter agreed to do anything within reason to promote harmony. The relief agents' positions will now be bulletined.

Someone put Archie in right. He evidently thought the meeting was to be held in Ailsa Craig.

Bro. Squires, of Rockford, had transportation, but was prevented from coming to the meeting at the last minute by the serious illness of his son with pneumonia. We hope he can be with us next time.

Our sympathy is extended to Bro. Plant, of Seaforth, in the loss of his beloved wife. It is things like this which make us all think.

Remember, boys, we hold meetings in the same old spot every third Friday of each month, and it is necessary to ask for transportation a week in advance. Some of you fellows who do not take enough interest to come out to the meetings when you can easily do so will be doing the loudest "bollering" next January if things do not come your way.

CERT. 1469.

Hamilton Division, Seventeenth District—

Bro. J. Butler, Welland Canal days to Waterdown days, former office closed for the winter.

Bro. Weafer, Port Credit days to agent Winona, relieved by Bro. Littell.

Members should not allow the first month's increase to kill the enthusiasm recently displayed. Keep it up, and each one endeavor to do his part towards keeping life in our division, and furnish me with notes of changes.

London Division, Seventeenth District—

Bro. McLeod to Ingersoll nights, and Bro. Wade from Hyde Park to day position, relieved by Bro. Swales, from Dumfries, and he by Bro. Marshall pending bids. Sebringville agency, on Twentieth District, also on bid.

Mr. Hodgins, Watford nights, relieved a few days by Mr. Jamieson, from the C. N. R.

Bro. Turner, Dundas days, on holiday, relieved by Bro. Woods, and he by A. Lickorish, a new man.

With J. Irwin, agent Dundas; W. G. Hancock, days Lyndon Jct.; C. M. Wells, agent Paris Jct., and W. A. Abray, agent Beachville, falling in line

this pay day will make the Seventeenth District, London to Hamilton, practically solid.

Keep after Agent Sadler, Strathroy, Agent Davis, Wyoming, and Agent Simpson, Petrolia, also Brant and Barnes, in the London office, all of whom participated in benefits through the new schedule. One of the latter has his papers ready to send in. It would be unnecessary for any organizer to spend time and money endeavoring to have them do the square thing with the Order if all get busy.

Dispatcher Bro. S. D. Bishop, second east end, on a week's trip to Boston with his family, was moved up to second trick during his absence, relieved by Bro. Vail, "W" office.

At a very enthusiastic meeting held in the City Hotel, London, the night of February 13th, Article No. 17, relative to Sunday overtime, was fully explained by General Chairman L. M. Eddy. At this meeting the matter of teaching students was discussed at length, being plainly shown that agents and operators who harbored them around their offices were utterly unable to render the company the service desired, as well as breaking the obligation they took when affiliating with the Order.

Then a discussion followed as to how to render the company good service, resulting in the following resolutions being adopted.

First—Resolved by all members present that they give the company better service and encourage other brothers next to them to "hit the ball."

Second—Inasmuch as some of our members are teaching students, and as the company, under such circumstances, can not get the best of service, and as it is our desire to improve the service as much as possible, giving strict and personal attention to the movement of trains, resolved that every member take it upon himself to do away with these things, which are a detriment to the best interests of the service, and endeavor to get other members to co-operate with him for better results.

After thoroughly discussing the matter, it was agreed that hereafter monthly meetings will be held in London on the second Friday of each month, place of meeting to be advertised later, and that each alternate month the meeting be held at 2:30 p. m., for the benefit of the night telegraphers, and that the March meeting be held in the afternoon for night men.

Under the new arrangements for holding meetings all will be able to attend, and it is hoped all concerned will do their part towards making same the success desired.

Div. Cor.

Toronto Terminals and Sixteenth District—

Bro. W. Humble, nights Mimico, off a few nights sick, relieved by Mr. Kennedy.

Bro. W. L. White, Humber nights, transferred to Sunnyside nights, vice Bro. Butwell, resigned.

Bro. W. Weafer, days Port Credit, is now agent at Winona, relieved by Bro. Latelle.

The meeting held at Labor Temple, Toronto, February 21st, was fairly well attended, although we looked for a larger turnout. However, the

largely attended meeting at Stratford the evening before may account for it, as two nights in succession would be too tiresome, and relief is hard to get.

Bro. Eddy cleared up a few misunderstandings in regard to the interpretation of certain articles of the schedule which had arisen.

We were pleased to have with us Bros. McCaughrin and Brown, of the C. P. R., who each made a few appropriate remarks and expressed the desire to see the Y. T. and C. P. boys hold some joint meetings in the future, and also have some sort of entertainment, which would help to make the meetings both interesting and socially beneficial. This was discussed at length, and it was finally decided that the C. P. R. and C. N. R. boys be given a special invitation to attend our next regular meeting in the Labor Temple, March 16th. Bros. Ward, Grainger and Tebo were appointed as a committee to furnish some entertainment for the evening, and we look for a good attendance and a most interesting and enjoyable time.

Large pay checks were in evidence on pay day, and everybody seems satisfied. Hope no one will forget the request of the general secretary and treasurer for the first month's increase not in excess of \$10. Remit same to Bro. D. L. Shaw, London. If you think you can not spare it out of January pay, send it next month. The division has been under heavy expense for the last year or more supporting the general committee, etc., and this is a special request to put the treasury in good shape again. Everybody received handsome increases, and it is only fair that we return a little thanks for the many benefits received. "BC."

Fifteenth District—

Bro. J. J. Knight, agent Guelph, and Bro. C. W. Noecker, agent Blair, are recent new members.

Bro. R. Knox has been off duty for a month on account of illness.

Bro. Sam Edmonds, Acton West days, on holidays recently, relieved by Bro. L. Hewitt, Acton nights, and Bro. McAllister, Sarnia Tunnel days, on holidays, relieved by Bro. Davidson, Guelph Jct. nights, now relieving at London East nights.

Bro. "Sandy" Hamilton, formerly at Georgetown days, is now dispatcher on G. T. Pac. at Regina.

Bro. A. J. Wienert, new Hamburg days, will return to Brampton nights. He only went to new Hamburg until a man could be got to handle it.

The Mikado 500-class engines can now be used in this district between St. Marys Jct. and Sarnia Tunnel.

We lost our genial Telephone Inspector Geo. Murray, being transferred to St. Thomas. George will be missed by the boys.

Train dispatcher's phone will soon be extended from Stratford to London.

Eye and ear test car, in charge of Ex-Conductor W. Klopshel, is now at Palmerston. The train dispatchers at Stratford had to submit to the ordeal, but glad to say all were successful.

Seventeenth District—

It is now Bro. G. W. Kinder, Strathroy days.

Twentieth District—

New members: Bro. G. G. Skelton, agent Onondaga; Bro. R. J. Parker, Goderich; Bro. H. C. Elder, who does not miss many meetings.

We were in error in our recent write-up, in stating that Bro. A. L. Stone, Tavistock days, was a brother of Dispatcher Stone, of Brantford. No relation exists.

E. O. Dunn, formerly chief dispatcher at Brantford, is now working a trick at Durand, Mich.

Vacancies on London chief dispatchers' districts are not being advertised from Brantford, and vice versa is being looked after by Bro. Eddy.

Get out to the meetings, boys, that is where things like that are remedied.

Twenty-first District—

It is now Bro. C. W. Stark, agent Pt. Dover. When we get D. Groat, at Norwich Jct., the pile will be solid.

Bro. A. J. Simmons, of Vittoria, and Bro. Reid, of Chesley, were the two oldest members present at the meeting February 20th.

Twenty-second and Twenty-third Districts—

New members: Bro. J. H. Bone, Galt nights, and Bro. P. Quigley, Warton days.

Twenty-fourth District—

Every man right up-to-date. A district to be proud of. Some of you boys send me some news for the next write-up, or a photograph or two.

Twentieth District, B. & T.—

Crouch, at Springford, is the only non on this district. "No card, no favors." CERT. 1469.

Grand Trunk Western R. R., Div. No. 1.

Western Division—

Twenty new members received in the last thirty days is a good showing. Keep after the few left west of the river, and we will soon be solid.

Lapeer, passenger train station, has been greatly improved. Bolan, first there was visited recently by his brother from the M. C.

The burning of the car shops at Pt. Huron has thrown a good many men out of employment.

The ice cutting is in full swing, requiring three telegraphers at Vicksburg.

Wardel, third Imlay City, resigned, relieved by Tracy. Plummer was there one night.

A new card only costs you \$6.50, March 31st to June 30th. Get one now; add 20 cents a month for \$300; 30 cents for \$500, and 60 cents for \$1,000 insurance to protect your loved ones, and give you a decent burial.

Brothers who fail to get their TELEGRAPHER on time, should notify Bro. L. W. Quick, St. Louis, Mo., and you will get it promptly.

The recent meetings at Durand and Battle Creek were well attended.

The funeral of Bro. Harry F. Burdick, agent Perry, son of Bro. W. Burdick, agent Shaftsbury, held at the latter point, was very largely attended, the brothers presenting a floral bank of roses with the letters O. R. T. woven across the front. Haun relieving at Shaftsbury temporarily, relieved at Haslett by Albright.

The new motor car on the C. S. & M. Division was recently derailed and overturned.

Barney, third Pt. Huron, is now at "WI," Battle Creek.

Brothers, don't allow outsiders to come in the office and handle the phones, neither conductors nor anyone else, and lay yourself liable to be discharged, and by action of the Interstate Railroad Commission, should there happen to be a wreck. The conductor is paid to run his train, and you to do the wire work. Each should tend to his own business and observe the "safety first" rule. Lock up your office when you go to meals, so no one can use the phones.

General Superintendent Gillen's rules 5 and 6 reads: No person will be permitted to use telephone instruments in offices, except by permission of train dispatcher. Operators will take down receiver, cut in transmitter and if line is not in use give name of station calling and await dispatcher's response. This makes your duty very plain.

Dumpsey, agent Etsburg, on ninety days' vacation, relieved by Cohill.

Morrice depot has been newly painted and looks fine. Brandon, third there, recently visited his parents at Emmett. STUB.

Main Line—

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The Divine Ruler of the universe, in His infinite wisdom, has deemed it best to remove from our midst our beloved brother, H. F. Burdick; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we bow in humble submission to the power over which we have no control, and extend to the bereaved family the heartfelt sympathy of the members of Division No. 1, of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the parents of the deceased brother, a copy spread upon the minutes of the division, and a copy forwarded to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

L. M. EDDY,
J. W. CASE,
J. W. VINE,
Committee.

CARD OF THANKS.

Through THE TELEGRAPHER we wish to extend the most sincere thanks of myself and wife to the members of the O. R. T. and other employees of this division, for the beautiful wreath of O. R. T. flowers, and for their many expressions of sympathy extended on account of the recent

illness and death of our son. These manifestations of regard and sympathy have made our burden of grief easier to bear.

Fraternally yours,
MR. AND MRS. W. H. BURDICK,
Shaftsbury, Mich.

Grand Trunk Pacific Ry., Div. No. 1.

Prairie Division, Districts No. One, Two and Three—

A special train was run for trainmen and conductors' ball in Melville.

It's hard to keep warm with lignite and the weather below zero. We should have hard coal, same as C. P. R. & C. H.

Bro. Gibson bumped Bro. Bliss, at Pope, who went to Uno.

Bro. Armstrong, first dispatcher at Melville, is now chief at Smithers, B. C. We are glad to hear it. Bro. M. A. Lutes, third dispatcher Melville, bumped by Bro. Russell, at Graham, Ont.

Bro. Harropp, east on business for the Order, was relieved by Bro. Redford.

There won't be any write-up next month, as we expect to be spending our vacation at Long Beach, Cal., fishing, bathing, etc., instead of shoveling seven or eight tons of coal a month to keep warm.

No items were received from west end.

Mrs. Phillips, of Goodeve, is visiting friends in the East.

Bro. Deshaye, of Fenwood, still in the hog business; trains kill the hogs, and he does the rest.

G. A. S., Cert. 1101.

Wabash R. R., Div. No. 2.

St. Louis Division—

We boys in "GM" feel that our general committee and Bro. Quick have at this time done all they could in their efforts to complete our schedule negotiations, and that you have voted very intelligently that further negotiations be temporarily postponed until July 1st, or such time before that date as the Wabash is taken out of the hands of receivers.

In order that we may have improvements in wages and working conditions it is necessary: first, that we keep after every non until he gives his support. No doubt many of the nons would line up if every member would use his efforts to secure the application. When our committee is called in to negotiate with the company for more money and better working conditions, we should be solid and ready to support it to the limit and not be too quick to find fault. We don't know what it has to contend with. There isn't a road in this vicinity where the pay is as small and the work as hard; yet we all love the old Wabash. However, we are getting a little sore thinking maybe she doesn't love us. We are asking for nothing we do not deserve, and therefore I feel we are bound to get it. The general committee has the "backbone," so brace up. If you can not land a non alone, then double-up on him and give him no peace until he can produce a card. Remember at all times, "No

card, no favors." What is the use of pulling all the load while the nons come along behind and get their share of the benefits? When you get "up against" a chronic non, or some question you can not answer, drop our local chairman a note and he will help you out.

In looking over my reports things are going fine along this division, the nons are coming in and the delinquents paying up. That shows that the boys are beginning to feel it their duty to give part of what the O. R. T. has gotten them to maintain the Order and keep a strong front. A good front always makes a man look well, but it he is solid all the way through he is very hard to put down. "Let us be solid all the way through." We have got 'em statted, so keep them on the run until you get the last one.

It is now Bro. S. C. Talcott at Renick.

Bro. Robinson, third Clark, resigned, relieved by Bro. Schaffer, who later resigned, relieved by Bro. Saunders, pending bulletin, relieved by Mr. Hardin, from Renick, on third Montgomery, pending bulletin.

Extra Dispatcher Sullivan goes back to telegraphing, extra dispatching being over for the present, placing Mr. Owens on first "NE," Moberly, Mr. Messick on third and Bro. Begole on second, relieved by Mr. Jacobs a few days, while visiting home folks.

Bro. Krome assigned High Hill agency.

"B," Cert. 2147.

Relay Division—

Manager J. W. Halloran, "GM," off a few days recently on account of the death of his sister-in-law, was relieved by Bro. Carter, relieved by Bro. Bagby who doubled.

It is now Bro. Horan and Collins at "GM." Solid is correct. Bro. Nixon, "GM," went to Kansas City recently to line up the nons, and we hope "KN" will soon be solid also. Mr. Brown, a new man from the W. U., Kansas City, is on second "KN" temporarily.

Dispatcher Whitley, "GO," Moberly, off the last two months on account of poor health, relieved by Extra Dispatcher Sullivan, has resumed work, looking much improved. Mr. Johnson, "JS," Chicago, on the sick list recently, relieved by W. H. Sando, from 47th street, Chicago, has also resumed work.

Mr. Raither, "MD," Detroit, assigned to "MX," Detroit, was relieved by E. W. Moyer.

At the recent election of officers of St. Louis Division No. 2, I take great pleasure in announcing that Bro. Carter, of "GM" office, was elected first vice-chief.

"B," Cert. 2147.

Decatur Division—

Brothers, read the article of Bro. Nason, of the N. P., in the January TELEGRAPHER. The same conditions exist on the Wabash in regard to others beside telegraphers handling train orders by phone. We should take all such cases up with the local chairman and have this matter adjusted.

Bro. Nettleship awarded Raymond agency, relieved at Strawn by Somers from second.

Bro. Keller, first "JO," fell on the ice and sprained his arm, relieved a week by Bro. Lowary.

H. E. Stimeling, C. B. & Q., Rock Falls, and Miss Ada Myers, sister of Bro. Myers, were recently married at Decatur, Ill., and spent part of their honeymoon with Bro. and Mrs. Veech, at Cerro Gordo. Mr. Stimeling will soon be a member.

Thanks to Bro. Hope for his items, the only one who sent me any news.

Let us have a meeting in Decatur or Forrest, and everyone come out and discuss matters that will benefit us. Those interested write Bro. Nash and have him arrange it.

Fraternally yours,

R. VEECH, Div. Cor.

Springfield Division—

It has been decided to postpone our negotiations until the road gets out of the hands of receivers; proposition No. 1 having carried by an overwhelming majority.

Each one of us must get after the nons now personally and by letter, and get this division 100 per cent. Any information will be gladly furnished by your local chairman. V. Bluffs needs our attention, it is all non air.

Negotiations are under way for the sale of the road, the date to be set by Special Master Krum, and as soon as this takes place, we are going to go after a schedule worth talking about. Go over your schedule carefully and send me a list of any changes, additions, etc., you wish to have in our new schedule. This information will greatly assist your chairman in drawing up a satisfactory schedule.

Changes by bulletin: Bro. Halk, Baylis third, recently married, to Shops second, vice Bro. H. L. Smith to Shops third; Bro. Taylor to Shops first; Bro. East, Barry third, closed, to Baylis third; Bro. Zimmerman, agent Maysville, to Baylis second, vice Ryan, to third Berlin; Bro. Klinefelter, agent Alexandria, to agent Maysville, succeeded by Mr. Proffitt, second Berlin; Bro. Anderson, Manager, "JN," second Berlin and agency Valley City now on bulletin; Agent Quigley, Valley City, resigned, relieved by Bro. Constant, from Dawson, who also relieved Agent Slater, Bowen, on account of sickness, later relieved by Bro. Zold, from Springfield, to relieve Local Chairman Abbott, while in St. Louis on schedule work, later Bro. Zold relieved Garvey, second Jacksonville, thirty days.

Mr. Deerwester, who relieved man on Ross second thirty days, was later relieved by Mr. Bass, and relieved Bro. Zimmerman, second Baylis, thirty days, who relieved S. E. Foutche, first Bluffs, a few days on account of sickness, and then returned to second Baylis, owing to illness in his family, Deerwester relieving him on first Bluffs; Mr. Glaze, third Bluffs, was off some time on account of sickness.

Bro. Carrell, first Kinderhook, relieved Agent Longnecker a few days recently.

Dispatcher Driscoll, off a few days recently on account of the death of relative, was relieved by Dispatchers Gilmore and Henderson, doubling.

I wish to thank the boys who assisted in this write-up, and request them to come again.

L. W. A., Cert. 748.

Peru Division—

Bro. J. C. Cox, agent Liberty Center, returned from his honeymoon February 15th. Congratulations.

Bro. C. E. Romick, Whitehouse, sick a few days, was relieved by Extra Bridenbaugh.

Bro. E. W. Masters, third Wabash, bid in third Maumee.

Brothers, get in that non working with you. Let us make this division solid and give our committee the support it should have. Let us all go to work and show a solid front before the summer months roll by. Remember "No card, no favors" is the motto. If we will live up to it, there will be no trouble to get the nons in.

Let's have a meeting, get together and organize a campaign to get that non next door.

Application blanks can be secured from our local chairman. Each member secure another, thus making progress toward a new schedule and better conditions.

Let's put the trainmen "next" to where there is a non, and they will help us to enforce the motto, "No card, no favors."

Read your journal from cover to cover; then pass it to some non and show him where other roads are paying more because the boys there back their committees to the limit.

J. Banfield, Toledo yard, was relieved a few days by S. F. Monroe on account of sickness.

J. Culp, Williamsport, relieved by V. L. Gentry, from West Peru. W. S. Bandy and E. E. Gamble, of Andrews and Gould, also out of service.

F. O. Graham, who relieved D. C. Burke on first Logansport a few days on account of death of near relative, also relieved Robinson there a few days.

C. W. Stadler took charge of the telegraph car on wreck train when some empty cars caught fire at Blakesley recently.

W. Muzzy relieved Fullen at Butler, and J. W. Kieff relieved C. M. Kennington at LaFayette a few days, both on account of sickness.

R. Hoover relieved E. E. Gamble at Gould.

R. H. James has returned from thirty days' leave of absence at his home in Missouri and a trip through the West.

V. L. Gentry recently spent a few days with his mother in St. Louis.

C. W. Clark, agent Rockfield, off a few days recently on account of sickness.

L. T. Agnew has been assigned third trick Wabash, vice E. W. Masters, who bid in third Maumee. J. F. Miller, Sr., assigned third Hugo; R. J. Curtis, first New Haven; W. Muzzy, second Williamsport; F. O. Cole, first, and H. V. Slayback, second. "GS" tower on bid.

Thanks to Agent Romick at Whitehouse for his assistance in this write-up, come again.

R. H. JAMES, Cert. 2457.

Moberly Division—

On sick list: J. E. Benton, first "BR," St. Louis, a few days, relieved by Jake Hoffman, from second; Mr. Brotherton, first Carrollton, by U. R. Woods, from second, and he by Mr. Thompson, a new man, from the Rock Island.

R. W. Berry, former chief clerk to Agent Richards, Mexico, assigned Carrollton agency. We should see that he gets a card.

Bro. Knappenberger is at Salisbury agency pending bulletin, vice M. D. Bell.

Bro. James, Peru Division correspondent, visited relatives in Thompson recently, en route to the coast.

Bro. R. Endicott, agent Dalton, resigned, relieved by Bro. A. B. Cox, from Orrick; H. M. Field assigned third South Liberty, and A. L. Martin agency at Miami.

Brothers, send all the news you can to Bro. David, at Council Bluffs "BO," or to myself at St. Peters, and we will send it in for you. Thanks to Bro. Layton for the news this month. Hope more will follow.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Mobile & Ohio R. R., Div. No. 2.

St. Louis Division—

First and second East St. Louis, second Percy, and third Trenton and South Columbus on bulletin.

The January monthly meeting was not held, because the annual passes were not out in time. The February meeting was held in Corinth on the 7th.

General Chairman Murdaugh recently received a letter from General Superintendent Rendell stating that in future when vacancies occur in the dispatcher's office they will be bulletined.

It is now Bro. G. T. Teague, also Bro. C. W. Guthrie, of Corinth.

Bro. M. E. Clark and his bride-to-be drove from Moscow to Union City in an auto to have the ceremony performed.

Several new applications recently received, but there still are a few nons we must keep after.

A very enthusiastic meeting was held at Corinth on February 7th, with a very good attendance.

Bro. J. U. Overall, Jr., our correspondent for several months, has tendered his resignation. We regret very much to lose him, but wish to thank him very kindly for his activity in this part of the work.

J. B. Wallace, of Carbondale, and G. V. Keister, of Cleveland, Ohio, have been appointed day and night chief dispatchers at Jackson, relieving J. C. Carson and D. T. Ammons, who displaced Dispatchers F. Morgan and D. C. Patrick.

Bro. I. D. Robinson, agent Ramer, has returned from an extended leave, relieving W. F. Glisson, who returns to the extra list.

Bro. A. H. McLeod, agent Kenton, on vacation, was relieved by Bro. A. W. Fowler, agent Cayce, and he by Bro. R. C. Thomas.

On bulletin: Second Corinth and agencies at Bethel and Guntown, filled by relief men pending assignment.

Bro. A. K. Goodman, of East St. Louis, now on the J. & O. District, relieved Bro. L. H. Roberson, agent Moscow, a few days, also Bro. C. M. Barr, agent Finger, several days.

Bro. C. W. Guthrie, extra, has resigned.

Kindly send your news for this department to Bro. L. T. Murdaugh, 462 East College street, Jackson, Tenn., who will see that same is sent to the journal until a regular correspondent can be appointed.

Div. Cor.

Chicago & Alton R. R., Div. No. 2.

Western Division—

Telegraphers who have been in the service for five years should have annual passes, as well as any other employees. The telegraphers and agents at the smaller stations are now working nine hours a day, seven days a week, and many of the latter are working twelve hours a day, seven days a week, while signalmen draw \$70 a month for about five hours' work a day, six days a week, with no more responsibility. Get a card and enable our committee to present these matters to the management, with the proper backing behind it, when we go up for a revised schedule.

Bro. Stener spent a few days in Denver recently, relieved by Bro. Baker.

We should see that Mr. Lewis, at Illinois River Bridge, keeps his promise to take out a card. He is a brother of Bro. "Bill" Lewis, who is always up to date.

Our schedule enables Mr. Vermillion to hold second Blackburn, and we should see that he takes out a card and does his part; also that the few nons west of Slater get in line. They are good boys and should be with us. Brothers, remember our motto: "No card, no favors."

Bro. W. F. Baker is now on third Armstrong, having given up third temporarily at Blackburn to enable Bro. W. R. Branscune to be close to his wife, who is ill at his home in Alma.

It is now Bros. L. A. Bybee, R. B. Clawson, R. C. Beeden and Clinton Bell, and still there are more to follow. Keep it going.

I am indebted to Bros. Maupin and Brittenstein for items. If you want to see this division represented in the journal, drop us a line and tell us the news.

Div. Cor.

Southern Division—

Bro. Burkdall, agent McLean, is relieving Agent Secor, White Hall, for ninety days, relieved by Bro. Homer, from Division 31.

Bro. Wright, Virden, resigned, relieved by Bro. Block, from San Jose, and he by Mr. Clendenen, San Jose, reduced from agent to operator, and assigned to R. Simpson.

Bro. Mullen, third Atlanta, on fifteen days' vacation, relieved by Bro. Pieffer.

Bro. Riley, local chairman, called to his home in Missouri on account of the serious illness of his father. On his way back to Nilwood he was stalled in a snow drift.

THOS. RILEY.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our heavenly Father and Divine Ruler to call to her reward the beloved wife and mother of our esteemed brother, E. E. Edgar, and children, Dwight, Ill.; and

WHEREAS, In full realization of his great loss, we sorrowfully lack fitting words to express our consolation, but direct him to the ever-ready Comforter; therefore be it

Resolved, That the members of Chicago & Alton Division 2, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to Bro. Edgar their heartfelt and sincere sympathy in this his sad bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication, and a copy forwarded to the sorrowing brother.

E. E. GENTZ,

T. RILEY,

O. R. MULLIN,

H. L. MAJOR,

Committee.

C., St. P., M. & O. R. R., Div. No. 4.

Minnesota and Iowa Division—

Bro. and Mrs. J. N. Alvord, of Mountain Lake, returned from Minneapolis, January 25th, detained several days owing to the illness of their baby.

Bro. W. C. Warner's little girl, who was operated on at Mountain Lake Hospital for appendicitis, January 24th, we are pleased to say has about fully recovered.

Bro. F. D. Everett, of Ash Creek, called to Blue Earth, January 26th, on account of the death of his brother-in-law, also called on General Secretary and Treasurer Tenney while in Mankato, relieved by Bro. O. A. Iverson.

Bro. M. R. Dewar is now enjoying the new depot at Wilder, built while he was on several months' vacation.

Bro. B. J. Funk relieved Bro. Tenney while he took his little boy to Minneapolis to be placed under a specialist in the Swedish Hospital. We are pleased to report rapid improvement in the little fellow's condition, but he has had a run of eight weeks, which has left him in a very delicate condition. Bro. E. F. McCarthy, who relieved Bro. Funk on second, was relieved at Savage by Bro. O. S. Brown, from the Wisconsin Division.

Bro. A. M. Sundet, after only a few days' sickness with diphtheria, died at Ashton, February 4th. His remains were shipped to his parents at Chipewau Falls. A memorial and telegraphers' wreath of flowers accompanied the remains.

Bro. W. J. Jarman, after thirty days' visit in Canada, relieved Bro. H. L. Schaffhouser, at Pipestone, assigned Seney agency. Bro. W. I. Patterson later relieved Bro. Jarman, at Pipestone, who relieved Bro. E. T. Hopkins, at Fulton, transferred to his assignment at Westbrook; later Bro. A. M. Johnson, Fulton agency, Bro. Jarman going to Magnolia, vice Bro. J. B. Lourie, running the hotel there.

I. J. Johnson, from Stone, is relieving nights at Ashton.

Bro. C. T. Shier has been looking over the Sib-
ley job with a view of bidding on it.

Mrs. Alvord, wife of Bro. J. N. Alvord, of
Mountain Lake, operated on for appendicitis,
February 15th, will soon be able to leave the hos-
pital. Bro. Alvord was in Mankato, February 23d,
relieved by Mrs. Pugh, the only lady telegrapher
on the Omaha.

Bros. E. J. Stanton, of Rusk; J. F. Jansen, of
Madelia, and C. T. Shier, of Garden City, the
auditing committee, started in on the books of
General Secretary and Treasurer D. O. Tenney,
Monday, February 23d. A detailed account of
their findings will be mailed to every member of
Division No. 4 soon.

Bro. F. B. Pettingill, of Adrian, that long-time
friend of labor and staunch member of Division
No. 4, has a three months' leave of absence, and
is trying out the banking system.

Bro. A. R. Mann, of Mankato, has been trying
his hand bakes "flap-jacks," his wife visiting
her parents at Winthrop.

Fire, Sunday morning, February 22d, destroyed
the block office at Bluff, origin unknown.

The attention of the brothers in Nebraska is
called to the candidacy of Bro. H. C. Peterson,
of Bloomfield, in the coming primaries for State
Railway Commissioner. Bro. Peterson has a
splendid past record, and at present is assistant
cashier of the Farmers and Merchants State Bank
of Bloomfield.

With the exceptions of a few, all the dues
have reached the general secretary and treasurer.
The increase of the additional \$1 is making the
treasury show up splendidly. There seems to have
been a strife among the brothers to see who could
get their dues in first. Let them come, boys, we
have lots of receipts left and are glad to do a
little extra work now and then.

Several telegraphers, including General Chair-
man Liddane and General Secretary and Treasurer
Tenney, attended the union meeting of the five
organizations at St. Paul, February 15th.

Bro. W. C. Ziebarth has taken up his new
duties at Su City shops.

In a long drawn-out controversy relative to the
question of overtime surrounding Bro. McDonald's
case, at Kasota, the following ruling has been
handed down by the general superintendent:
"Telegraphers who are called to work on a nine-
hour trick outside their established hours will be
paid 50 cents for the call and their regular salary
for the balance of their trick; that is to say, the
first hour will be 50 cents and the other eight
hours the regular pro rata. This is also applicable
to an eight-hour trick." CERT. 2.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Him, who giveth and
taketh away, to take unto Himself our beloved
associate, Bro. A. M. Sundet, and

WHEREAS, Our brother's family are now over-
whelmed with a great burden of grief, such as
death will inevitably bring to us all; therefore,
be it

Resolved, That the profoundest and most heart-
felt sympathy of the undivided and collective mem-
bership of the Omaha System, Division No. 4,
O. R. T., be and is hereby extended to the
family of Bro. Sundet, in this hour of great sor-
row; and, be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be
forwarded to the family of Bro. Sundet, a copy
sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication, and that
they also be placed upon records of the M. and I.
Division.

D. O. TENNEY,
B. J. FUNK,
A. R. MANN,
Committee.

CARD OF THANKS.

CHIPPewa FALLS, WIS., R. 1, Box 13,

February 9, 1914.

We thank the brother telegraphers, of our
beloved son and brother, on Division No. 4, for
the pretty floral tributes received from them, with
his remains, which were laid to rest at 2:30 p. m.,
Sunday, February 8th, 1914.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN SUNDET AND FAMILY.

Nebraska Division—

Bro. Mathews, in South Dakota, a few days,
looking after his homestead, was relieved by Bro.
R. C. Bartlett, Houston terminal.

Bro. Bartlett relieved Plumleigh at Pender a
few days and then resigned.

Bro. Owens is going to start in the hotel busi-
ness at "CO." Good luck.

Ex-Bro. E. W. Wilson has given up ranching
and is now at Winside agency pending bulletin,
vice Bro. Hartson resigned.

Let every brother give Bro. Poole his earnest
support toward lining up the nons still on this
division. Get after that one working with you,
and give him no rest until you land him. The
local chairman has plenty of blanks.

Bro. Hartson, who was switching in Council
Bluffs, is now with the Milwaukee, at Vermillion,
S. D. We wish him success.

Bro. Foxey, agent Maskell, was relieved a few
days by Mr. Wassum, clerk from Randolph.

Understand Bro. Wallace, the duke from Obert,
was buying baby clothes recently.

Bro. H. C. Peterson, out for State Railway Com-
missioner, has an up-to-date good until June 30,
1914, although out of the business. Don't forget
him when the time comes for your vote.

Any brother who has an old worn-out Oliver
to trade for a new Emerson (and get little to
boot) let me know.

Thanks, boys, for the items. Am a little too far
out in the hills to get much of the news without
some help, so news items are welcome at any
time. CERT. 114.

Eastern District—

Everybody is sitting tight and hanging on
to their jobs as work is scarce. Bros. Engebret-
son and Waldum are going to Antigo to work
for the C. & N. W.

Mr. Gormely, who relieved Bro. Chase at Hustler, while he went to Eau Claire to take the eye test, also relieved Bro. Crandel at Granton so he could take the test, then relieved Mr. Johnson, Lewis second, on vacation.

Bro. Gray's wife has returned from visiting her parents in Missouri.

Night watchman at Tunnel found an old man in the tunnel with both legs cut off; evidently insane as he left his shoes quite a distance east of the mouth of the tunnel, and had been walking in his stocking feet.

One of the maintainers found thirteen broken rails in going two miles the other morning. Every broken rail puts the automatics at stop, preventing trains from passing over the broken places at high speed.

Those who have failed to get that new card should do so at once.

K. C. Jacobson, from the Soo Line, visiting his brother Bouse, at Fall Creek, says they are laying off men there.

Bio. Burger, from Stillwater Jct., was relieved by Bro. Lee, while he relieved Mr. Perry, Northline third.

Bro. C. B. Harshman is just out of St. Paul hospital where he underwent a serious operation.

The joint meeting at St. Paul February 15th under the auspices of the O. R. C., was well attended by the members of the B. L. F. & E., B. L. E., B. R. T., and O. R. T., who were invited to join them. The questions of efficiency and federation were discussed, and a good start was made towards joint action by the five organizations in creating better conditions on the Omaha. The O. R. T. was represented by General Chairman Liddane, General Secretary and Treasurer D. O. Tenney, Bros. John O'Connell, of Marshfield; E. J. Stanton, of Rusk; L. W. Richards, of East St. Paul; C. B. Fairfield, of St. Paul shops, and several brothers from M. & I. Division. Bro. Liddane spoke for the O. R. T., and presented their ideas on the subject.

There will be more of these meetings in the future, and every effort should be made by our members to attend. It will mean the closer knitting together of the five organizations, and will be productive of untold good to the men.

I wish to thank the brothers for news sent me, and hope more of them will send me all they can near where they are working. If only a line or two it will help. We all like to hear what is going on, and a man located at one end of the line can not get it all unless the others send him the items they hear of.

CERT. 7.

Northern District—

Bro. J. Sauleen, Deer Park nights, was home on a visit; relieved by Bro. J. H. Reed, from Draper, transferred from Division 93.

Trains Nos. 91 and 92 from Spooner to Eau Claire on the C. F. & N. have been discontinued.

P. Imislund bumped on side wire at Spooner by an extra dispatcher from Eau Claire, is now on third Solon Springs.

Bro. F. G. Payson, agent Barronnett, was at Spooner between trains to take the physical examination.

While Bro. Patterson, second Barronnett, was out hanging up the mail, someone climbed through the transom above the office door and rifled the cash drawer of about \$22.00. A suspicious character, seen around the depot, was apprehended at Shell Lake the next day, and Bros. Patterson and Sauleen went there to identify him as the burglar, but he was later released, and "Pat" stood the loss.

Bro. R. W. Carey, on this road for several years, now with the C. M. & St. P. at Heritage, Mont., writes that he is going ranching there in the spring.

The change in telegraphers and tricks at New Richmond as determined by Superintendent Stockwell was not in accordance with our schedule, and, at the intervention of General Chairman Liddane, the men were put back on the old basis. Nons, please take notice.

Your correspondent had a very pleasant visit with Bro. Steiner at Deer Park recently, who was just recovering from a siege of the gripple.

We are glad to see some of the old confirmed nons coming in. It seems much harder to convince them than the new men.

There was a joint meeting of the organizations on the Omaha held in St. Paul, February 15th, in the Masonic Temple, for the purpose of discussing united action.

Bro. J. Sauleen was relieved at Deer Park, on account of sickness, by J. O. Murphy.

We hope it will be Bro. F. W. Kurrasck, first Clear Lake, again pay day.

Bro. F. J. Payson officiated in a basket-ball game between Barronnett and Shell Lake recently. Barronnett was beaten.

Div. Com.

Union Pacific R. R., Div. No. 6.

Kansas Division—

Bro. Cosley, Armstrong, off several weeks, was relieved by Bro. Stine.

Bro. Wilson relieving E. Johnson at Lawrence, acting as cashier at Topeka.

Bro. Cole, Topeka, off several days on account of sickness, relieved by Mr. Pritchard, who also relieved Bro. Reynolds, Menoken.

Bro. Marshall, Wamego, is back again.

Bro. Johnson, Manhattan nights, off several nights on account of sickness, relieved by Mr. Craddock. Ogdensburg nights closed.

Bro. Fulkerson assigned Yocemento, reopened as a scheduled position after having been closed without notice.

Bro. E. Feldt assigned Culver. R. A. Wilson assigned Glasco.

Bro. William Stepp, Clinton, off several weeks taking the water cure at Excelsior Springs.

Bro. H. O. Brenner, married and operated on in the short space of a month, is now doing nicely, and we hope for a speedy recovery.

Bro. Wade, Russell, off several days visiting his father, Bro. F. B. Wade, at Blue Springs.

According to the *Randolph Enterprise*, a highwayman tried to hold up Bro. W. H. Morris one night recently, when he was working late at the office in order to turn his station over to Bro. Stine, the relief agent, next morning, so that he might go to Cozad, where a relative was ill. Bro. Morris succeeded in fighting him off as he ran towards the hotel. His calls for help finally scared the fellow away. Coa.

Colorado Division—

No news from the D. P. this month. Hope you will all take a hand next month and help me out. It is very hard to keep these write-ups going unless you do so, although we have missed only twice in nearly two years. Let's all take a new start and give me the news.

K. P.—

Bro. Magee, at Watkins, is off on account of ill-health, relieved by Bro. Kuhlman.

L. C. DUNWEG, Agate, Colo.

Wyoming Division—

Bro. Kabes, formerly of Table Rock, is now with the Florida East Coast.

It is now Bros. Brown and English at Red Desert and Bitter Creek respectively.

J. T. Peckenpau, chief dispatcher B. & M., Sterling, Colo., who died suddenly Saturday, January 31st, was at one time a member of Division 6, working several years at Laramie and other points on the U. P. His brothers—C. D. Peckenpau, superintendent Sheridan Division of the B. & M., and Bro. J. H. Peckenpau, of the Ogden relay—and Local Chairman Horiskey, from Cheyenne, attended the funeral at Laramie, February 2d. "Peck" had many friends among the railroad men, and since returning to the Burlington has risen fast, making good as an official as well as in the ranks.

Mrs. Brown, second Red Desert, has resigned, relieved by A. J. Daines.

Bro. Cesna relieved Mr. Benedict at Tipton a few days; then went to Wamsutter first. Bro. Durst, from the Fifth District, is agent at Wamsutter until bulletin closes.

Bro. Metcalf is roughing it while Mrs. Metcalf is visiting relatives in the East.

The parcel post is getting to be such a great thing that some of the agents and telegraphers are contemplating "back to the farm," where they can take life easy.

The local chairman has to work his trick the same as we do, so we should help him all we can by notifying him of vacancies that should be bulletined, foreign members for transfer to this division, and nons that should be lined up (after you have tried them). If you have a grievance, write him the facts of the case, so he can adjust it. Why not put him on a salary sufficiently large to permit him to take a few days off each month and devote them exclusively to the interest of the division? This would cost us very little and be a great benefit to all.

Carl Loback, third Table Rock, left on short notice one night recently.

G. S. Benedict, third Tipton, a taxidermist, is endeavoring to sell his wares to telegraphers along the line. He is not a member. Our motto is "No card, no favors." Post up on your secret work.

Bro. Brown, third "DH" to second Bitter Creek, relieved by C. T. U. Bro. Raymond.

When asked for a favor, use your wire test, and hang "No card, no favors" on the nons.

Let us each try to get a new member and make this division 100 per cent strong.

I have a number of small articles, including styluses and emblem rings, made by Bro. Ezell, who is serving a life sentence in the Pittsburg, Pa., penitentiary, and am helping him to dispose of them in an effort to raise funds to get his case before the board of pardons. Bro. Ezell killed a yardmaster defending himself from a murderous attack, and was sentenced to hang, but, through the efforts of the members, his sentence was commuted to life imprisonment. He has served ten years, and if his brother telegraphers will assist him in this way to raise sufficient funds he can be freed. Write me for complete list and prices.

H. A. MATHEWY, Tipton, Wyo.

Wyoming Division, Eighth and Ninth Districts—

Bro. M. M. Bailey has returned to first Granger, after a pleasant visit in "Old Missouri."

Bro. Ed Johnson, Church Buttes, was a recent Ogden visitor, relieved by Bro. Glen Ridge.

Bro. Anderson bid in agency Carter, and Bro. Yarbrough bid in Hampton.

Bro. Bagby now holds the fort at Aspen.

Bro. Jas. B. Pennington, "NA" Evanston, is back from a visit to his old home in Kentucky. Bro. Joe Atchison, pulled off there on account of reduction, goes to the Seventh District.

Bro. S. Reed, third Rock Springs, reported sick.

Ex-Bro. H. H. Brown, formerly on this road, is reported to have died recently in Milwaukee.

Quite a number have promised to line up this month. Will mention them next month. Better not to "count the chickens before they are hatched."

JUDGE.

Fourth District—

The Fourth District, the banner district of the O. R. T., the only district that has an absolutely solid O. R. T. line-up, is also the banner district of the entire Union Pacific, holding the record for the largest tonnage per engine mile, with least cost of operation. There are fewer accidents of every kind on the Fourth District than on any other district on the Union Pacific. Those are facts. Now, so far as we employes of the Fourth District are concerned, we think we've got the banner set of dispatchers, the banner chief dispatcher, and, beginning the first of this month, we have the banner trainmaster as well. You can go right along the line and say we've got the banner set of enginemen and the banner set of trainmen. All of which is by way of saying that it's

men—not things—that count. Mr. Van. A. Wirt, who on the first of March succeeded Mr. G. R. Smith as trainmaster, is an artist in the science of railroading, just like Harry Lauder is an artist as a Scotch comedian. The thing that makes Harry Lauder an artist in entertaining is because he does it so easily. That's the way Mr. Wirt does his little act. Railroading is not difficult for "Van." He does it just as if it were like eating biscuits for breakfast. He does not explode a set of fireworks at regular intervals, but goes about everything with a quiet earnestness and enthusiasm which is contagious, and therein lies the secret of his success. Everyone, from the dispatchers down to the section foreman, will go just a little farther to get a train over the road if "Van" says the word. Mr. John T. Davis succeeds Mr. Wirt as chief dispatcher, and Mr. Wirt's promotion to the office of trainmaster is no more popular than is the good news of J. T. D.'s. It would be hard to find two men more alike in their manner of doing business. The very essence of courtesy characterizes Mr. Davis' dealing with the men, and he can get them to do anything he wants to accomplish. With this well-matched team in the harness, and all the rest of us at the wheels, giving our little mite of push, it means "bon voyage" for the Fourth District.

L. G. GING.

Canadian Pacific Ry., Div. No. 7.

Manitoba Division, District No. Two—

Having been elected chairman for the Western Lines, I desire to take this opportunity to thank the members of District No. 2, of the Manitoba Division, for the hearty support given me during my term of office as local chairman, and would request that the same support be given to my successor, Bro. W. G. Fraser, Neepeewa, Man., who has been elected to succeed me. With best wishes for the success of the district, I am,

Yours fraternally,

JAMES M. MEIN, Winkler, Man.

District No. Two Notes—

A large number of agencies are being shut down and many of the boys already laid off on account of the slack times.

Bro. Freeland, agent Carberry, is East for a month, relieved by Bro. H. Baker.

Bro. J. M. Mein, local chairman, has just returned from the East, doing something for the good of the Order, relieved by Bro. H. Baker.

Mr. Smith, agent Brookdale, while in the freight claims office, was relieved by Bro. Payne, later bumped by Bro. T. Otley.

Carman abolished, and Bro. H. E. Smith lost out.

Bro. B. Weightman is now on days, No. 8 to 16, in "K", putting Bro. McLagan back on second.

Bro. J. McQueen was East several weeks visiting, and Bro. A. Germain, Altona, was off for a few days recently visiting Winnipeg, relieved by Bro. Payne.

Bro. Gallagher agent at Arnaud until closed.

CERT. 614.

British Columbia Division, District One—

A meeting was held at the King Edward Hotel, in Revelstoke, February 12th, fairly well attended, with Jack Young in the chair. The meeting opened with a discussion of local affairs. A letter was read from Bro. McBean, in which he asked to be relieved of his duties as local chairman, owing to pressure of business. The proposed reorganization of the medical arrangements on the British Columbia Division was discussed and the matter left to the local chairman to appoint a delegate to represent us at the Kamloops Medical Association. By a unanimous vote Bro. Little was appointed permanent representative to the Revelstoke Medical Board, succeeding Bro. Bradshaw, unable to continue in that position.

Bro. McPherson, from the general committee, addressed the meeting, outlining the work done at the recent meeting at Ottawa, touching on other vital matters of interest to the brotherhood.

Bro. T. E. Little was elected local chairman. We are very fortunate in our selection of Bro. Little for the man to represent us; he takes well with the boys, is a man of character and ability, and a booster in whom we can safely place our confidence.

Before adjournment a hearty vote of thanks was given to Bro. McPherson for his efforts in our behalf and his visit to our district.

Those present were: Bros. Lane, Helmer, Sloan, Withler, Peters, James, Hout, Ireland, Storey, Hanna, Nichols, Laughlin, Young, Keech and McPherson.

Bro. Allen, from Ottertail, was off several weeks, relieved by Bro. Jones, and Bro. Porter, Golden days, was relieved a few days by Bro. Kennedy.

Bro. Morrison, days Sicamous, bid in Spillamcheen, vice Bro. Becker, extra.

Bro. Meyers is back at Cedar, after a few weeks at Leanchoil; Bros. Anderson and Ketcham returning from a Southern trip, relieved Bros. Yeager and F. T. Withler, former to Albert Canyon nights, latter to Bear Creek, now on a trip to Seattle.

Bro. Hout, Albert Canyon nights, bid in dispatcher's telegrapher nights, vice Bro. Boyle, appointed relieving dispatcher Revelstoke.

Dispatcher E. E. Bunnell, third Mountain Sub-division, died recently, after a short illness at his home in Revelstoke. The boys on the line paid their respects with a floral offering for the funeral. Bro. V. English appointed to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Bunnell's death, and Bro. Young appointed to third trick on the Shuswap. All work trains pulled off that sub-division owing to dull business.

Bro. Von Winkler got Sicamous nights, relieved at Notch Hill nights by Bro. Ireland, and he by Bro. Bennett, relieved by Bro. Helmer, at Beaver mouth, all on bids.

Bro. Stewart, agent Three Valley, on vacation, relieved by Lane, and he by Bro. Helmer.

Bro. Robitaille, agent Salmon Arm, on vacation to the coast cities and California, relieved

by Bro. Foster, who later went to Clanwilliam agency.

Bro. Brooks, Ducks night, on ten days' vacation, relieved by Bro. Maloney; Bro. Stewart, off a few days at Craigellachie, relieved by Bro. Maloney, and Bro. Clark, agent Golden, a few days, by Bro. Becker.

Bros. McBean and McCarty, Palliser and Bear Creek, respectively, exchanged agencies by bulletin.

Bro. Hanna recently dismissed through the efforts of Mr. Britt, both operators in "BY," Revelstoke, have been put back in the service as second "BY." Mr. Britt now out of the service.

One set of dispatchers have been pulled off in North Bend, and the district is worked through from Kamloops to Vancouver by one set. As dispatchers seniority extends over the general division, Dispatchers Bros. H. C. Webster and C. A. Davidson bumped our Bro. English and Young, third on the Mountain and Shuswap subdivisions, respectively, at Revelstoke.

Chief Dispatcher J. H. Armstrong is on a vacation relieved by Dispatcher J. F. Haney.

Kuz, Cert. 1819.

B. C. Division, District Two—

On account of staff reductions and positions abolished there has been a great many changes during the last two months.

Bro. Ward, on a thirty days' visit to his home in Ontario, was relieved by Bro. Young, from "D" office, abolished.

Bro. Sloan, Lytton days, abolished, is on six weeks' leave.

Whennock agency closed, Bro. Wellington bumping Bro. Foster, at Niceman, closed later, he then bumped Bro. Smith, at Tranquille Pit.

Niceman quarry closed, Bro. Bond bumping Bro. Walker, at Huntingdon.

It is with deep regret I announce the sudden death of Bro. Shea, first Mission, February 9th, just after completing transfer, one of the oldest and most popular men on this district.

Bros. Walsh and Fuller are now with the G. T. P., at Prince Rupert.

One set of dispatchers taken off recently, leaving Bro. More first, Bro. Shaw second and Bro. Clark third, with Bro. Varner relieving three days a week. Bros. Davidson and Webster going to Revelstoke, bumping Young and English.

ANONYMOUS.

Big Hill Division—

Bro. McMichael, agent Cathedral, is a frequent field visitor. Bro. Erickson, on sick list lately, is back at Cathedral nights again.

Bro. Roxey Hamilton, No. 2 Tunnel days, has recovered from the Christmas pressure, and Bill Hartly is busy taming gophers for his zoo at Eydleyld.

Bro. Higgins, agent Yoho, is going to imitate Andrew Carnegie and build public libraries.

Bro. Otto, Yoho nights, getting ready for the hunting season and "turkey trot" season, just

returned from Calgary with several hundred rounds of ammunition.

Understand the "phoner" at Stephen has no card.

Bro. Kirby, agent Lake Louise, is a frequent visitor at the hockey games between Banff and Canmore.

Bro. Pushor, Lake Louise, is busy moving the ice during the hours of darkness. CERT. 1247.

Laggan Subdivision—

There has been quite a few changes on this division recently.

Bro. Frizzelle returned from an extended trip to the Eastern States to find himself on the spare board.

Bro. Trickey went to Keith days, bumping Bro. Van Aucker.

Bro. Wick, Morley nights, was recently married. Congratulations.

Bro. Sam Young, agent Exshaw, has lost his night operator.

Bro. Wilkinson has been transferred from Edmonton days to Canmore nights, bumping quite a series of operators.

Bro. McIlveen, agent Bankhead, recently married, has gone to the coast on company business, relieved by Bro. Kern, a brand new man, and some advertiser for the O. R. T.

Bro. McFarland, the genial "knight of the key," at Banff, was bumped by Bro. Woodrow Wilson, the whirlwind dispatcher from Calgary, north end. CERT. 1247.

Calgary Terminals—

Our worthy chief, Mr. Mansfield, at Calgary, tries to do the square thing by everybody and has an able bunch of assistants in Bros. Miller, Lane and R. G. Sutherland on the west end, Bros. Forbes, Manchester and Thompson on the north end, and our old friend Bro. Cis Hopkins, the roustabout man who can show them all a few.

Bro. Bauman is on two months' vacation, visiting his old home in Oklahoma, the "412" job being abolished during his absence.

Calgary terminals to Field west is 100 per cent strong. Can any other division beat us?

Don't forget the big meeting at Calgary, April 19th. CERT. 1247.

Alberta Division—

Our worthy correspondent being over in the old country, we will endeavor to fill his place for this month.

Quite a number of offices have been closed lately on account of the money stringency.

Our worthy local chairman, Bro. Jackson, has been receiving quite a few cats for presents lately.

The telephone has been extended to take in the line from Calgary to Edmonton, and in the spring the whole line branches, and all will be using the telephone.

A good meeting was held on the regular meeting day at Red Deer.

Bro. James Elliott, having disposed of his gopher farm at Federal, and that point being closed, has gone to Coronation nights.

Cold weather has succeeded the nice warm summer days we have been having all winter.

Bro. Tallman has returned to Gadsby from his visit East. He was relieved by Bro. Williams, and he by Bro. Trickey.

Brothers, don't fail to send in your dues and get a new card with the new secret work to keep you up-to-date.

Bro. Wilkinson has been transferred from Edmonton to Canmore.

Bro. McFarland, Banff nights, spent a few weeks in Texas recently.

Bro. Fox, at Nevis, was off for a few days getting married. Congratulations.

Like our brothers in the United States, we are soon to have the parcel post, but we do not have to carry the mail.

There may be quite a demand for operators and agents shortly, as the G. T. P. and the Canadian Northern will soon be operating into Calgary; the Canadian Pacific, in the near future, will be running through to Kerrobert on the Lacombe branch, and operating the Alberta Central, and the Edmonton Dunvegan line will be opened in the spring.

Bro. McCue, an old-timer, relieved Bro. Fox at Nevis.

We were sorry to lose the best superintendent we ever had here, when Mr. Uren was transferred to Toronto. He is a thorough railroad man and universally liked by all who knew him, and we were exceedingly sorry to see him leave this division. F. S. T.

Saskatchewan Division, District Two—

We have not had a write-up in THE TELEGRAPHER for over a year from this division. Suppose we have our local chairman call a meeting in the near future at Moose Jaw, where we can get together and discuss any grievance and have a regular correspondent appointed.

Station staff at every point has been greatly reduced and many of the brothers laid off.

Moose Jaw, "MS," closed and the dispatchers are doing this additional work, and day operators have been taken off at all points on the main line, excepting Morse, Herbert and Notman, latter two being end of double track. Many stations on main line and branches have also been closed.

We should all work together. Remember "No card, no favors," and live up to it, especially at this time when organized labor is being hit at so hard both in this country and in the States.

Mr. Cunningham, from "MS," bumped one of the brothers at "YD," still a non, but reaping the benefits we worked hard to secure.

Mr. Milestone, at Chaplin, is old enough now to support a card. Remember our motto when any favors are asked by these men. Those who are not with us are against us.

If at all possible, see that the goods you buy bear the union label.

Bro. Hunter is at Herbert, Caron days abolished. Norman is pleased with the new job, as he has a chance to do book work.

Bro. Adams is on Swift Current third, and there are numerous other changes.

G. J. C. is away on holidays. Hope to have him with us soon again.

Bro. J. King was laid off on account of Dunkirk being closed. There are younger men than him on the division working, and even one without a card. We should see that our schedule is lived up to.

The new wire test is certainly a great improvement. DOBSON, Cert. 794.

White River to Chapleau, District Two—

The general superintendent has decided that operators should not throw switches, it being inconsistent with the principle of safety first. The brothers at Depew, Goldie, Healy and Esher made a heroic stand when the local officials were trying to force us to throw the switches while the double-track men on the east end threw them. Boys, we must stick together and not allow a few brothers to bear all the burdens. The superintendent is a man who has seen the job from the bottom up, and we do not blame him, in his official position, for trying to make things go as cheaply as possible.

It was at the regular meeting on the last Saturday in January, where a good bunch of the boys were present, that we discussed the switch question and decided that we would not throw them, and the preceding paragraph shows the result.

We had a special meeting February 12th, on account of General Chairman Rooney being at Chapleau in connection with Bro. Stack's grievance case. Bro. Rooney had Bro. Stack immediately put back to work, also Sister Sullivan, whose case he took before the superintendent.

Other members present in addition to those named were Local Chairman Hogg, Bros. Sullivan, Cavers, Byrne, Johnson, Sauve, Brenton, McIsaac and Nesbitt, Chapleau; Bro. Bates, Healey; Bro. Walsh, Goldie; Bro. Johnson, Mis-sanabie; Bro. Fournier, Nemegos; Bro. Forsay, Roberts; Bro. Forsyth, Ridout, and Bro. Dougherty, Metagama.

We had a fine meeting, after which we all repaired to the elaborate dining-hall, the "New York Cave," where a sumptuous spread of chicken awaited us. Bro. Fournier, Nemegos, accompanied by the Cave Orchestra, gave us some fine old selections, rendered in his usual good style, which were received with applause. Bro. Fournier is always very modest on occasions of this nature, and he tried to hide up-stairs, but was called back time and again to respond to hearty encores.

Bro. Rooney spoke on many subjects of interest at the meeting, and we will be glad to see him back again.

Bro. Byrne thanked all the members present for the favor they had shown him on his return to our division on account of the illness of his

wife, and wished to express his thanks, through the columns of the journal, to all the brothers who were not present.

Bro. Rooney commented most gratifyingly on the way the brothers on this district handled the case of Bro. Byrne, it being a commendable example, he said, for any district or any body of union men to follow. This was true brotherhood.

At the regular meeting many matters were taken up, principally our shortages, overtime on account of the new ten-hour day, and the manner in which the accountant was handling our time.

Any shortages any of the brothers have suffered should, be put in the hands of the local chairman, who will handle them right. If you have any grievance or any dissatisfaction, if it is just, you may rest assured it will be dealt with in the right manner and at the right time, if you bring it up in the proper way.

Bro. McInnis is at Dalton nights, Bro. Ruest at Grasett days, and Bro. Beatty on nights there; Bro. Sherwood at Esher nights, and Bro. Depew at Healey nights.

Two or three at Chapleau are our only delinquents, and we hope they will soon pay up and set a good example to the younger operators coming into the service.

We will have the regular meetings every month, so don't forget about them, boys, and come when you can.

We want to see all the boys in their "glad rags" at our banquet after Lent. Don't forget it, boys.

CERT. 1287.

Superior Lodge of Schreiber, District Three—

It is with the deepest regret we announce the death of Bro. West, dispatcher at Schreiber, who died at St. Joseph's Hospital, Port Arthur, where he was taken shortly after taking ill. It was a great shock to all members of this lodge.

Bro. J. A. Nicol accompanied the body to Schreiber, where the funeral was held Thursday afternoon, February 5th, thirty members of the lodge attending in a body. There was a large number of representatives from all the other labor organizations, including the B. of L. F. & E., B. of R. T., O. R. C., and the Ladies' Auxiliary of the B. of L. F. & E., and the Orange Lodge, of which our late brother was a member. The pallbearers were all dispatchers from Schreiber—Chief Dispatcher Moran and Bros. Hawke, Depew, Lee, MacKay and Mudge. The floral offerings were numerous and beautiful. The O. R. T. wreath stood about two feet high, with a cross on each side, to which two telegraph wires were attached, and wound with a wide white ribbon with the letters "O. R. T." There were many other wreaths, sprays, etc., from other organizations and lodges. Bro. West was a favorite with all telegraphers, trainmen and enginemen wherever he has worked, who will regret very much to learn of his death.

Owing to the absence of Bro. Hawke, our chief telegrapher, the meeting which was to be held last month was canceled. Bro. Hawke has returned, and the next meeting will be held as usual.

We want every member possible to attend and help us along.

Bro. Morrow, of Nipigon, has returned from a few weeks' holidays, and has resumed duty at that station.

Bro. Pepin, of Peninsula, and Bro. Williams, of Bluejay, were recently married. Congratulations.

Bro. "Mac" McDonald, of Coldwell, is back from an extended holiday. Mr. Lake is on holidays, relieved by Bro. Walsh.

Bro. and Mrs. J. A. Nicol, residing at Port Arthur, visited Bro. P. A. Nicol at Jack Fish lately.

Bro. Currie is working Schreiber first phone.
CERT. 1427.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Our heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom and goodness, has deemed it best to call to the great beyond our faithful and esteemed brother, Fred West, and we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who at all times doeth things well and for the best; and

WHEREAS, We realize in the death and taking away of Bro. West we have lost a true, noble and loyal brother; therefore, in manifestation of our sorrow and fraternal sympathy, be it

Resolved, That we, members of Superior Lodge of Schreiber, District 3, Division 7, of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the sorrowing parents and members of the family our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in this sad hour of their bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved family, a copy spread upon the minutes of the lodge, and a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

W. N. HAWKE,
J. A. LINDSAY,
M. L. DeLONG,
Committee.

London and Windsor Subdivisions—

Bro. Murray relieved Sister Beachville for one month.

Bro. Bennett relieved Bro. Bettridge while he was visiting his people around St. Marys.

Bro. Mitchell, who was laid off at Ingersoll, went to Innerkip.

Mr. Heinty is relieving Mr. Rucker, agent Jeannette, for three months, Bro. Rucker going South on account of sickness. We hope he will find a cure.

Bro. Smith has been assigned to St. Thomas nights, and Bro. McDonald to Guelph Jct. nights.

Bro. Cromwell, from Woodstock, is at Ingersoll nights, and Bro. Crookes is back at Woodstock nights.

Bro. Cockwell is relieving the agent at Harrietsville. Bro. Woodman is at Guelph Jct. days.

Bro. Murray relieved Bro. Beame, Ingersoll Jct., a few days recently.

Bro. Malcolm, G. T. R., is at Lilburne nights pending bids.

Bro. George Wallace is relieving Claude Purcell at Windsor nights, on the sick list, and Bro. Bennett is at Puslinch nights.

Bro. V. White bid in agency Puslinch.

Bro. Murray relieved Bro. W. Moore, Galt, a few nights.

Bro. J. J. Collins, Windsor yard, is acting agent.

Bro. R. Taylor has returned from a few weeks' vacation.

Bro. W. H. Vickernan is back again on the east end.

One of the boys was let out for too many demerit marks, mostly due to unstamped tickets.

The attentiveness of the boys on No. 3 helps "NT" get the 6 a. m. report away on time.

Div. Cor.

Atlantic Division, District Two—

Bro. Gaeris, agent Aroostook Jct., sick, relieved by Bro. Hunter, and he by Bro. Street, days.

We are all very sorry to hear of Bro. Mosher's illness with typhoid, and trust his condition will soon improve.

Bro. McQuoid is at Caribou agency, relieved at Benton by F. J. Carr.

Bro. Morgan bid in Green River agency, relinquishing temporary telegraph position at Caribou, now on bulletin.

The potato traffic is very heavy, and the heavy snowfall and severe cold weather is making it difficult to move the traffic.

Bro. Estabrooks is temporary operator Grand Falls.

CERT. 944.

New York Central R. R., Div. No. 8.

Harlem Division—

By calling personally on the delinquents on this division I reduced the list down to three who had to be dropped. These men all received \$5.00 increase per month last May.

Our next evening meeting will be held at White Plains, on a Monday instead of Saturday evening, the latter not having proven a good night. Other divisions have changed, and we will also try it.

Let us get in the few nons here, and make this division as it was last year, one of the best organized on the system. I have plenty of blanks.

Our first year with a paid general chairman has increased our membership about 200, with a nice cash increase. Bro. Morey has attended to all grievance matters, closing them up quickly; chased up the nons and delinquents, and turned in to Bro. Blim about \$2,000 as a result of his efforts.

Let's help the cause along by paying our dues promptly, and the O. R. T. will pay as big a dividend to its members this year as it did last.

H. H. SPAULDING,
Local Chairman.

Harlem Division Notes—

Bro. Ostrander is relieving Bro. Wymark, at Pleasantville, covering Sherman Park agency.

Understand Bro. Buckley, of Dyhemans, has two fine cows, and is going to supply his town with pure dairy products.

Relief agent's position is on bulletin.

Bro. T. B. Tompkins, on sick list a few days, was relieved by Bro. J. R. Ostrander.

BUNK AND CERT. 1293.

Mohawk Division—

The January meeting in Schenectady, N. Y., was well attended. Bro. Lynch furnished us a fine brand of cigars.

Bro. C. J. Wells, from Fort Plain, is now living in the Pine Bush at Karnes, N. Y.

The new electric tower No. 34 does away with tower 35, and tower 36 is to come out later. This will probably cause some with the ten years' rights to buck the extra list.

Bro. Barnes, first "SS" 39, has had the hard luck to be displaced after being there over twelve years.

Bro. Harder, first "SS" 24, is now second trick dispatcher East End. We are certainly sorry to lose him.

Bro. Joyce, second "SS" 6, bid in second "SS" 4, West Albany. This is a 68-lever Armstrong with no leverman to assist and pays \$71.

Bro. Payne, first "SS" 4, recently enjoyed a week's vacation with his parents along the D. & H.

Bro. H. A. Smith has returned to third "SS" 3 from Hot Springs, Ark., where he was doctoring for rheumatism.

G. W. Suits, third "SS" 19, bid in first there. It seems he can't afford three cents a day for a card.

Understand the terminal dispatcher's phone is going to be placed on the T. & S. Branch, and also at "SS" 6, West Albany. Bro. Bernan, displaced on third "SS" 6, is now on second there.

F. W. Haight, "SK" office South Schenectady, may be a good fellow, but talk is cheap. The card is the thing that talks right.

Div. Cor.

Ontario Division, East End—

Bro. H. B. Morey, general chairman, called on the boys up this way recently, when we learned that Division 8 gained 179 members during 1913, with a nice little gain in the treasury. This looks as if the present arrangements were working out O. K. We always have some questions for our general chairman to answer, and glad to receive a call from him.

Bro. Middlemist is now second P. Manor, vice Bro. Baker.

Bro. H. A. Miller, displaced at Greece agency, goes to second Adams Centre, vice Bro. H. D. Dalton, who relieved Bro. Frank Felter, second Adams, who went to Watertown to undergo an operation; he is getting along nicely. Later Mr. Scharf relieved Bro. Dalton on second Adams.

Bro. L. E. Mott, agent Altmar, off on account of his father's illness, relieved by Bro. H. L. LaMont, with Bro. E. N. Pond on first, and Bro. J. W. Powers on second.

If the brothers on line between Watertown and Rome will send their news items to Bro. Merriman, the assistant chairman, at Adams Centre, N. Y., he will see that they are sent in each month. CERT. 74.

B. C. Division—

Bro. Stover, agent at Dimeling, has been elected to fill the vacancy created by Local Chairman Marteni's resignation. Now, let's all help Bro. Stover to line up the few nons.

Bro. Tom Fleming, promoted from telegrapher at Mill Hall to chief clerk for the trainmasters at Clearfield, was relieved on bid by Bro. Roy Bitner.

Bro. Hendricks has gotten to his job at last.

Bro. Butler recalled his bid on Monument after looking the job over, and it was secured by Mr. Pelton, of Glen Campbell.

We are glad to hear Bro. Kennedy back at Dowler Jct.

Boys, how many of you have done the necessary? You know a union card is a good recommendation, also meal ticket when necessary.

Business has been good on Beech Creek this winter, and we hope we will not see the usual closing of jobs this spring.

Get the nons on the division in line, brothers, especially those on the upper branches of the West Branch. They seem to thrive up there, but some of them say they have not been asked like men to join.

We are glad to hear of the recovery of Trainmaster Bullock.

You fellows along the river line should organize an O. R. T. orchestra.

I hear that the B. R. T. has offered its members a reward for the one who locates the most O. R. T. buttons west of Clearfield. Get busy and help our brother trainmen win a prize.

Div. Cor.

River Division—

Bro. Hoag is now located in his new station, and the overhead bridge is now in service. A new station is to be built at Marlboro near the road crossing.

The two arm automatic signals between "CW" and "WKEN" are to be changed to one arm, same as those in use between "NR" and "QA."

Bro. Van Valen is on two months' leave, and Bro. Young is South for the winter.

Our congratulations are changed to expressions of sympathy to Bro. Van Wagner.

Recent assignments: Bro. Wolfe to third, and Bro. Rowe, second "Q;" Bro. Schoomaker to third "GO;" Bro. Fosbrook, third "CX" Tem; "MX" second and "QA" days up for bid.

Helper at "GI" and second assistant "DA" taken off account reduction of expenses.

Bro. Wilbur bumped Bro. Johnson at "HW" who went on extra list.

We closed 1913 with the greatest number of members and percentage of strength. Since the first of the year your local chairman visited non-members and secured Smith, Clark and Keilar, and received promises from others to be with us in a short time. The cost to join in March, \$7.85; April, \$7.00, which pays to June 30, 1914; initiation fee, \$3.50.

The initiation and M. B. D. fees do not change. Applicants simply pay dues from the first of the month in which they join to the end of that term. This explanation is made in answer to many inquiries.

Your local chairman, upon request, called a special meeting at Haverstraw, February 18th, and a grand crowd was in attendance. It was decided to hold meetings at 7:10 p. m., the third Wednesday of each alternate month at Haverstraw Junior Order Hall, and the next meeting for the benefit of members on the lower end will be held on third Wednesday of April. The right spirit was shown, and these meetings should prove successful and of interest to the members on lower end of the division. Many matters of importance come up before meeting. We elected local officers to conduct those meetings. We are also endeavoring to change nights for meetings at Newburgh to other than Saturday night. Notices of change will be sent out.

Two members, Bros. M. J. Hyde and P. H. Manzant, are appointed to collect notes of interest and send them to the local chairman who will put them in shape and send to Bro. Quick for publication in our journal. We are going to try and have something read of matters of interest to men on this division. You can send the above any notes you may have.

Every member should attend our meetings, as it is the place where you learn in full what is going on—where you can air your views, and it's a duty you owe yourself.

Electric Division—

If we could only realize our responsibility to our beneficiary, none of us would ever be behind in our dues and assessments. Pay up at once and don't become delinquent. We are all glad to see Bro. Borrin line up again, and hope Mr. Schwartz will soon do likewise. We are also glad to see Bro. Connors back at "SG" again.

Brothers, when you are talking to a non, remind him that he has received an increase in salary through our efforts, and don't forget our motto: "No card, no favors."

Bro. Birchard awarded second "WM;" Bro. Borrin relieving Hastings; Extras Rice and Hynes to "KO" and "HA."

Div. Cor.

Electric Division Notes—

Bro. Kahn is now on third "MJ."

Bro. Hirshfield is at Tower 1, terminal job.

Bro. Harry Byrne is reported sick.

Bro. A. Magaw, who has been in poor health for some time, is improving slowly. Brother members are trying to arrange a change of climate for him.

Boys, let's cut out all mention of the nons, except to show them where they stand.

Bro. Moss will probably be our next local chairman, vice Bro. Jagger, resigned. We look forward to his work with confidence.

H. D. S.

Hudson Division—

Bro. Clark, first "SS" 33, while off sick, relieved by Bro. W. A. Smith, and Bro. Lockart, first "SS" 50, also off on account illness, relieved by Bro. Dedrick.

"DB," Peekskill drawbridge office opened several days by Bro. Kiley, relieved by Bro. Witty on first "SS" 37, who also relieved Bro. Lasher, first "SS" 62, a few days on account of death of his mother. Bro. Lasher has our sincere sympathy.

Bro. W. A. Smith relieved Mr. Prince, second "SS" 53, a few days.

Bro. D. J. Burns, first "SS" 58½, off several days owing to the death of his brother.

Bro. Heidel was relieved by Bro. Everett on third, who also with Bro. Dedrick relieved Bro. Cahill, leverman "SS" 59, off sixteen days on account of rheumatism.

It is Bro. Carlson, extra out of Germantown now.

Bro. Cleveland, from the Erie, is extra out of Poughkeepsie.

Bro. Carrotte covered third "SS" 71, until bid in by W. E. Smith.

F. Bishop, a new man, bid in second "SS" 51; Mr. Huddleston bid in third "SS" 88; Bro. Hodson is on third "SS" 81 pending bids; Bro. Witty was on first "SS" 63, while Bro. Filler was off on account of his house burning down. Fortunately he saved most of his household goods.

During the recent blizzard, Bro. Hodson, third "SS" 88, and Bro. Moran, second "SS" 88, could not get there, causing Mr. Kirkbright, first, and Bro. W. A. Smith, regular relief, to work twelve hours one night.

Bro. Taylor, first "SS" 87, was off several days on account of death in the family. We extend him our heartfelt sympathy.

Bro. Donnelly, third "SS" 89, on twelve days' trip South, relieved by Bro. Boucher, and he by Mr. Loring on second "SS" 42.

Should we not put the proper title of Bro. to a member's name, advise and it will be corrected.

Div. Cor.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Our heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom, has seen fit to call to his heavenly home the beloved brother of our worthy Bro. D. J. Burns, in manifestation of our fraternal grief and sympathy, be it

Resolved, That the members of Hudson Division, No. 8, extend to the bereaved family and brother our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication, and a copy spread on the minutes of this division.

A. A. SMITH,
E. CAHILL,
S. L. RUGMAN,
Committee.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Our heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom and goodness, has deemed it best to call to the great beyond the beloved father of our Bro. T. Manning; in manifestation of our fraternal sympathy, be it

Resolved That the members of Buffalo Division, No. 8, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the sorrowing brother and family their sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved brother, a copy spread on the minutes of this division, and a copy forwarded to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

J. T. FARRELL,
J. WARD,
J. LEUTHE,
Committee.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Our heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom and goodness, has deemed it best to call to the great beyond the beloved father of our Bro. E. J. Smith; in manifestation of our fraternal sympathy, be it

Resolved, That the members of Buffalo Division, No. 8, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the sorrowing brother and family their sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved brother, a copy spread on the minutes of this division, and a copy forwarded to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

J. T. FARRELL,
J. J. FISCHER,
V. WALTERS,
Committee.

Norfolk & Western Ry., Div. No. 14.

Radford Division—

Several offices were closed in December on the Bristol line, which gave us quite a crop of extra men.

Understand one of the "Safety First" Committee has reported that some of the telegraphers were repeating train orders before copying them down. This is a very serious thing, and if true those guilty should be discharged. If untrue the man who made such a report should be dealt with. Although this report may have been untrue, yet it may serve a good purpose and keep anyone from repeating even part of an order before it's written out in full. If dispatcher is too fast, hold

him down so you can copy the order in a good plain hand. Train orders are very dangerous things in the hands of incompetent or careless men.

We have a good lot of men on this division with whom it is a pleasure for any dispatcher to work, but one improvement I would ask, is that a few of you pay your dues a little more promptly, and not cause your chairman to spend so much time and postage stirring you up. We know you are not going to drop out, so why not pay early, as it does not cost any more. CERT. 34.

Michigan Central R. R., Div. No. 16.

East Toledo and Bay City Division—

Our regular meeting, Monday, February 16th, at our hall in Detroit, was fairly well attended, and interesting. Current topics of interest were discussed. General Chairman Culkins did not attend, much to our disappointment, owing to the unreliability of the train service, and bad weather. Bros. James Roberts, Jos. Ferriat, L. W. Mills and Anthony H. Turskey, of the Towermen, were with us. Some topics of interest to these brothers were discussed.

Expense-reducing struck this section, and seven operators are engaged looking for some younger unfortunate whom they may oust from his position. Business, however, seems to be picking up again, and all signs point to prosperity in the near future.

Our schedule negotiations are making progress and will come out all right in due time. Let all have a shoulder to the wheel and the result is assured.

A pleasant social time was enjoyed by a goodly crowd at Jackson, Saturday evening, February 21st, eating good things, visiting and dancing. The boys and girls around Jackson know how to make these affairs go.

Your correspondent is up against it for items.

Bro. T. H. Slater died at the home of his brother, Archibald Slater, 1191 Hudson Ave., Detroit, Mich., Friday, February 6th, and was buried the following Tuesday. Bro. Slater was at Windsor a number of years, also in the ticket accountant's office, and at the time of his death was in the division freight agent's office, on the Wabash, in Detroit. He will be well and favorably remembered by the old-timers on the Michigan Central. W. H. C.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the universal Father to remove from our midst our friend and brother, Thomas H. Slater; and

WHEREAS, We are deeply grieved at the separation from this good brother, who, in his life, exemplified many virtues; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we extend to his relatives our sincere sympathy in their loss, and that we endeavor to emulate the good qualities which he showed in his life among us, and be it further

Resolved, That this notice be published in our official publication, THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER.

and a copy sent to the brother of our departed friend.

C. E. DEROUSIER,
R. J. WEBBER,
W. H. COMINS,
Committee.

Toledo Division—

On account of the lull in business Toledo Belt telegraph office is closed, and the work is now being done at North Toledo yards. It is keeping Bro. Jackson busy placing the men who have been bumped.

AN OLD-TIMER.

Northern Division—

Bro. F. J. Sutphin, agent Waters, to Swan Creek on bid, relieved by Mr. Muscott.

Bro. Chas. Poole, "DI" Bay City, relieved in "DS" Bay City a few days, but was thrown out when the economy axe dropped.

Second St. Charles and Zilwaukee, second and third Bay City, W. S., Denmark Jct., Otter Lake and Rochester abolished, making them all one-man jobs. Second man put back at Denmark Jct., account of delay to passenger trains later on.

Bro. W. J. Stokes is selling tickets at Bay City, W. S., and Bro. Doc Gilbert taking a vacation since their positions were discontinued.

Bro. F. H. Jones, from Zilwaukee, relieved agent North Lansing two days. Bro. Murray is on sick list.

Bro. W. J. Shaw in timekeeper's office Bay City since one man taken off "DI" Bay City.

Mr. Nickerson relieved Sister Butterfield, on sick list, Saginaw, Gen. ave. first several days.

Bro. Compton, agent Henderson, accepted agency Cairo; Henderson on bid.

Bro. J. L. Kerby, agent Topinabee, spends his spare time fishing, and we hear lots of fish stories, but I am from Missouri.

Bro. C. S. Lauber appointed agent West Branch to succeed Bro. Goldie.

The parcel post is certainly an imposition to the one-man agencies, most especially the ones joined with the express company. We are now practically delivering former express shipments, but are short on the commission part of it. There should be some provision made for this additional work in our next schedule. Bon.

Pennsylvania Ry. Lines East of Pittsburg & Erie, Div. No. 17.

How about you, Mr. Non-member? What is your excuse for not coming into the ranks of those who are working so nobly to bring your organization to the front on the Pennsy? There is an argument from the standpoint of instinct that should bring you to recall several things of note and among those are the following:

Who tells the birds that fly southward every winter that the trees will shed their foliage and the ground be covered with snow? Who tells the birds to come back again in the springtime, when the trees again send forth their foliage and the beautiful flowers again come into bloom?

Who gives the bee the instinct to fly yonward three miles to gather the clover honey and then to return with unerring instinct to their hive? Do you know if the hive were moved fifty feet from its position at the time the bee flew away for the clover patch it would stop at the very spot where its hive was when he left, and straight as an arrow, and would not know enough to go that fifty feet? Who tells the squirrel to lay up nuts in cold climates and not to do so in warm climates?

If instinct tells the bird, the bee or the squirrel what to do to be safe in times of storm and danger, why can not you see what is your duty in the premises and affiliate yourself with an organization that has protected the telegraph operator against storms for the past twenty-five years? Surely you should have instinct to know right from wrong and not only to know it but to do it. Will you? Ah! but you may flitter your time away waiting for this and that thing to come to pass and be like the person who never missed the sweet songbird until he had flown away. Is this not a fact? Now is your time and you may give a mint should it pass from you for another opportunity. I know you can give numerous excuses for not coming in the Order, but not one of you can give a reason. Look at your fellow-brakeman if you please and see what he does when he is eligible to join his brotherhood. Does he manufacture all kinds of excuses? Ah no, he does his duty and this is what you should do. Today is the day of achievement and tomorrow is the day of sorrow and disappointment. The fellow who is going to always do something tomorrow or the day after is the man who is missing much happiness as he passes through life. We have been doing that too long already. During the past few years we have lost many dollars a month, and you know it, by not having a solid organization. How long will you remain in this rut? Wake up, Mr. Non-member, and show the men around you that you are no longer a cipher in this conflict. You have a hard-working chairman and he needs your support and your encouragement and his local board are men of the highest standing in the communities where they live and stand for honesty of purpose and ever stand ready to assist you in any reasonable manner to bring you in the organization. Fee for joining in March is \$7.50 and for April is \$6.75, and pays you up to the close of the term. Get busy. When the division had no chairman and Bro. Miller wrote the two words "get busy" to Bro. Grieb, he grasped the opportunity and gave the ball a kick and started it rolling and it has never stopped, and you should be as earnestly engaged in this warfare as your chairman.

How about the student question? How many of you men are making chopping blocks to cut your heads off? Do you take students because you think the company needs a greater surplus of men? Do you take them because you figure that they can help you out with the work which the company is paying you to do and do you think that they are anyways responsible for any oversight that may occur while they are with you?

Do you figure that they are good friends of yours and that you feel it an obligation to teach them your trade so they may be in a position to take your job? When potatoes are plenty is the price high or low? With these few remarks I will let you figure out the reason why you teach students. CART. 7.

Buffalo Division—

The two joint open meetings of the Renovo and Buffalo Divisions, held in Seger's Hall, Emporium, Pa., were a grand success, and the enthusiasm shown by those who attended, especially by the brothers from the Renovo Division, was simply contagious.

We like to have you brothers from the south end of the Buffalo Division come to these meetings and bring all the nons you can with you. All of you will learn something of great benefit, as to what the O. R. T. is doing on the Pennsylvania Lines east of Pittsburgh.

Bro. Conductor J. Mulroy and J. A. Royan, chairman for the B. L. E., Buffalo Division, gave us a very interesting talk on the co-operation of the five railroad brotherhoods, a number of brother engineers, firemen, conductors and trainmen also being present. Brothers, come out to these meetings, don't let the other four brotherhoods think we are dead ones.

The two open meetings held in Firemen's Hall, on Olean Street, in East Aurora, N. Y., were also a big success, but there were still a number of vacant chairs. Come out to these meetings, brothers, and bring the nons with you. You will all hear something that will help get them in line.

General Chairman Miller and Assistant General Chairman Fidler were present at all these meetings, and gave us some very good talks and advice, and no doubt the nons who heard will get right at once.

"WB" tower is now solid.

Through the action taken by the five brotherhoods, the pass law has been amended so our wives and families can have transportation in Pennsylvania again. Then the nons say the Order has never done anything for them.

Brothers, have the nons read your magazine and see what we are doing for them.

There is a movement under way now to have a big joint meeting with the other four brotherhoods in Olean this month. Brothers, get the nons next to you lined up, so we can show a nice membership when we get ready to co-operate in this great movement.

Brothers, give the company the best of service and show that "the best men" are "the union men."

Bro. Chiglett, third Brocton, spent his relief night in the big tower at "GB." Bro. Goodremote, first there, was off recently attending the funeral of his cousin at South Wales, N. Y.

Bro. Buckley, first Mayville, was a recent Buffalo visitor.

Would like to have Bro. Connors, at Spartanburg, give us a few notes from the south end.

Brothers, keep after the new men over here and also line up some of the old ones.

The recent new members are: Bros. R. D. Bowen, W. C. Bowen, John Foster, Jr., Hinsdale, N. Y.; John Wagner, Portville, N. Y.; L. E. Marriott, "WB" tower; J. F. Phillips, East Aurora, N. Y., and L. W. Hammond, south end chief operator. We welcome them all, and hope the rest will soon follow.

We are glad to see all paying up so well, and there are going to be very few, if any, delinquents on this division.

John Hixon bid in third Jamison road; Bro. H. W. Quested, third "OW;" Bro. Joseph Loftus, third Sizerville; Bro. F. W. Black, first, and Bro. John Phillips, third "AN."

Brothers, send a few notes to Local Chairman C. S. Simmons, Keating Summit, Pa., not later than the twenty-second of each month, for our write-up in THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER.

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Renovo Division—

Seldom has there been a meeting held on the Renovo Division which accomplished so much as the joint affair between the five brotherhoods held at Emporium, February 4th. Emporium is not a very convenient place to hold such a meeting, but the attendance was large, and the spirit that pervaded at both sessions was admirable.

Both sessions, afternoon and evening, were called to order by the local chairman, who, after a few remarks, introduced Local Chairman A. C. Grieb, of the flourishing Williamsport Division, and the brother delivered a very fine talk along organization lines. He explained how he succeeded in getting his members interested by having every brother consider himself an organizer and talking O. R. T. whenever the opportunity presented itself. This is what is necessary to bring results anywhere. If the members themselves do not take any interest in building up an organization, surely the non-members will not. We should all realize what thoroughness in organization has brought to others, and that it is absolutely necessary in our case if we wish to enjoy increased salaries and better working conditions.

Bro. Arendt, the old war-horse organizer and member of the general committee, followed Bro. Grieb. The theme of his address was "Co-operation." The brother has been in the front of the battle here on the system since 1910, and pointed out convincingly that co-operation was the only salvation for the continuance of railroad brotherhoods, and could be made an effective weapon after the plan of the five brotherhoods on the D. & H.

The general chairman in both sessions delivered the final argument with telling effect. As the worthy brother has traveled up and down the system time and time again, addressing gatherings of laboring men engaged in many different spheres, he naturally has the facts at his command, and it is no trouble for him to marshal them. He covered the field completely, touching

upon every phase of the situation as it confronts organized labor today, and stated that he always has been in favor of co-operation among the five brotherhoods. The general chairman deserves the abiding confidence of every telegrapher on this system, for he certainly has labored untiringly in their behalf, and that in the face of a physical condition that would have driven any other from the field long since. Bro. Miller was given a special invitation to be present and address a union meeting to be held at Olean in the near future by members of the other brotherhoods from the Buffalo Division, so favorably were they impressed with his speech.

Besides these addresses almost everyone present had something to say. It certainly is encouraging to attend a meeting of this character when the selfish spirit which at one time marked brotherhood meetings gives way to the broader spirit characterized by each brother realizing that "he is his brother's keeper." Such was the feeling displayed, at the Emporium meeting. Engineers in service for years, conductors, trainmen and firemen, likewise expressed themselves as believing that the time for co-operation of all the railroad brotherhoods had appeared.

Much credit is due to Bro. O'Leary for the success of this meeting, for he was the first to suggest that it be made a joint affair, and did all he could to get the brothers interested and induce them to come out to our meeting. The brother is deserving of the thanks of the members of Renovo Division.

The general chairman displayed his ability as an up-to-date organizer, and wrote up three applications before the meeting closed, one of whom had been considered hopeless. Besides this we have the promises of several who attended the meeting that they will be with us in the very near future, and we know that they mean what they said. The day following the meeting Bro. Arendt lined up five or six and induced two backsliders to pay up again. Bro. O'Leary has four and Bro. Barner three or four, and a few others have one or two new members to their credit this year. Encouraging, indeed. Let us all get into the game and make it still more interesting.

There are some thirty-five extra operators on the division, and it is very hard to keep track of them all. Wish some of you brothers on west end west of Kane would send me a few lines each month.

Div. Com.

Renovo and Erie Divisions—

We were sorry some of the boys could not get out to our union meeting at Emporium, nevertheless we had a good attendance, with Bros. Mann, Miller, Arendt, Fidler and several representatives of the B. of R. T., B. of L. E. and B. of R. C. The co-operative plan was the main issue, and will be further explained at Olean in notices which will be mailed to each member in the near future.

Brothers, do your blocking strictly according to rules and you will always be in the clear.

It is now Sister Walsh, of Johnsonburg, and Bro. Ford, of Sheffield, Pa., also Bros. Tierney, St. Marys; Hoag and Kyte, Cameron, and O'Brien and Hoffman, "GR" tower, Benzinger, Pa. This shows that good old spirit. Welcome!

Bros. C. L. Price, W. S. Barner and J. M. Pfoutz are working extra in the superintendent's office at Renovo. Former relieved by Bro. Reiks, Irvineton; Bro. C. H. Nagel relieved Bro. Barner on message trick at "KZ" Kane; Bro. Pfoutz relieved on Huling first by an extra.

Bro. Mathewson, who joined at our Emporium, Pa., meeting, February 4th, bid in Howard first, vice Bro. B. J. Kane, who gets 5 p. m. trick in superintendent's office at Renovo.

Bro. Jimmy O'Brien bid in first "GR," displacing Bro. Blassy, caused by closing "SB" Strebor, and Bro. Harry O'Brien bid in third "GR," making Benzinger solid.

Bro. Tierney is on first "MA" St. Marys; Bro. Joe Mangie is doing the extra between there and Renovo.

Bro. Arendt has been going the rounds and obtaining good results. Fuller, "RM" tower, and Andrews, first "JN," are the only nons between St. Marys and Emporium, and we hope to convince them that our cause is their's also.

Bro. Burlingame received second "HA" Howards on bid. This makes Howards solid.

Bro. A. L. Goodwin visited Ridgway. Bros. Woodruff and Conley, D. W. Warren, and Bro. Silas W. Johnson and wife, visited Cleveland. Bro. H. Vance, second "OD," visited relatives at Sheffield, and Sister Leah Hamaker, "FN" Warren second, visited relatives at Renovo, on their relief days.

Bro. J. C. Frick bid in first Clarendon; Bro. Burlingame second "HA" Howards, making it solid; Bro. Hildum, first "RP;" Bro. Crawford bid in second "WY" Kane, and John Hartleb, third "SD" Erie.

Williamsport and Susquehanna Divisions—

We closed the most successful series of meetings ever held on this division on February 2nd and 3d, which were in charge of Local Chairman Grieb, and were held in Red Men's Hall, at Sunbury, and in P. O. S. of A. Hall, Lockhaven.

We were favored by a fine, inspiring address by General Chairman Miller at each of the three meetings, and ex-Chairman Herman delivered a very effective address at the Sunbury meeting. At the morning Sunbury meeting the chairman asked all who were members to rise to their feet, and 39 of the 44 present rose, and the other five rose when all were asked to rise who would come in. At the three meetings we had 106 men and ladies out, and everyone went to their several homes alive to the situation, realizing that our only hope lies in thorough organization, co-operation and unity of action.

The members are paying their dues nicely, and new members are being admitted monthly, nearly a dozen coming in during January and February.

The dawn of victory is slowly but surely arising on the horizon, and ere long the boys on

the "Pennsy" will reap the harvest for their faithful perseverance and work. Every deserter "meets his Waterloo" on the road of self-ambition and sacrifice of others, and, one by one, fall by the wayside. The O. R. T. was never so strong and the members so enthused as at present on this division, and we can well be proud of them, both as to quantity and quality.

Let every member put his shoulder to the wheel and help our worthy, hard-working local chairman, Bro. Grieb, to bring in the few remaining nons, put more enthusiasm in the members. It is mainly by his untiring efforts that this division is up to its present high standard. Let the slogan be "Everybody get busy," and we will see great results.

Bros. E. F. Biever and C. R. Bailets took in the evangelistic meeting at Sunbury recently.

Bro. N. A. Steffen, third "JN," cracked a bone in his right arm while pulling levers. He has our sympathy.

Bro. H. W. Johnson, second "MA," was off a few days attending the funeral of his brother. Bro. C. E. Beller, first "MA," took in the opera at Sunbury recently, and visited Bro. F. W. Wetzel, who spent his relief day on the farm helping butchering. Bro. C. A. Riland was also a recent Sunbury caller.

Bro. W. D. Mantz, one of our younger live members, is on the sick list at present. We hope for his speedy recovery.

Bro. L. S. Wagner recently visited his parents at Selinsgrove.

There is considerable "bumping" going on owing to the closing of "H," "DE," "BA," "VN," and "PM," and reducing the force in several other offices. STEVE.

Baltimore Division—

The joint meeting at the Baltimore & Ohio and the P. R. R. telegraphers January 16th, to discuss the passing of a law in the State of Maryland to give all telegraphers who receive or transmit orders for the movement of trains, two days' rest per month with pay, named Bros. F. F. Sullivan, local chairman Philadelphia Division B. & O., and General Chairman J. F. Miller, P. R. R., as a committee to handle the measure in the generally assembly of Maryland. They went to work at once and were successful in less than a month's time in having the measure pass both branches of the general assembly and sent to the governor for his signature.

Thus Maryland again has taken the lead in the matter of legislation that will be beneficial to the men of our class. This measure was passed solely by the efforts of O. R. T. men, and shows again what can be accomplished by an organization back of a committee.

We understand that an effort will now be made to pass such a law in every State the P. R. R. covers, and ere long we can enjoy two days' rest on the entire system.

On account of the depression of business many men have been laid off on this division, and several telegraph offices have closed, causing the

following changes to be made: Bro. E. E. Mann, second "FA;" Bro. B. F. Talbott, first "CD;" Bro. R. N. Hetrick, not placed; Bro. W. W. Winstanley, second "CD;" Bro. E. L. Talbott, third "GU;" Bro. R. G. Merryman, first "HK;" Bro. C. E. Smith, second "JA;" Bro. H. J. Yeagy, first "JA;" Bro. L. T. Scally, second "HK;" Bro. I. C. Mayes, first "FA;" Bro. Abe Sirkis, first "CG;" Bro. R. E. Lloyd, extra list; Bro. George Taylor, second "BA."

Beware of the "P. R. R. Employees' Mutual Benefit Association, another dual organization. Be not deceived and warn all employees not to join it.

Attend your regular monthly meetings, there is always something doing that will interest you.

Have you asked the extra men to join the O. R. T.; if not, why? We need them in the organization and they need the organization.

Ask the men that work with you and beside you if they have paid their dues, and if not, see that they do so at once.

Let's make our division the best on this system, we can do it if each member does his part this term. "SELIG."

Delaware Division—

Since our big joint brotherhood meeting at Wilmington, Del., January 25th, all are looking forward for more of them. They should be held often in order that the men in the various organizations could be brought closer together for their mutual protection.

Local Chairman Truitt is now on the Baltimore Central, putting in the D. A. S. bunch. Bro. Kirk, of Delmar, called on Bro. Truitt during his absence. Hope he will call again soon, when the brother is at home.

Our men are paying up in good shape. Keep up the good work boys, and we are sure to win.

Bro. Thorndyke Roe, of the D. & R. G., is east visiting his relatives.

Quite a number of the nons on this division are thinking very seriously of getting cards, and we hope each member will see that they are furnished the necessary information to do so. Keep everlastingly after them, and we will win.

Boys, whenever you hear of any news send it to either Bro. Pusey, at Seaford, or our local chairman, who will see it is properly attended to. **CRAT. 5.**

Allegheny Division—

Brothers and sisters, I have never felt as encouraged in the work as I have in the past month. Recently I have taken men into the Order who have been out several years, and came to the conclusion that the only way to get better conditions was to get into the Order again and stay in because they find by dropping out they become worse off so far as working conditions are concerned, than if they had stayed in.

The families of employees have their passes again, because of the influence of the O. R. T. and other brotherhoods brought to bear on our

lawmakers, and the nons are all reaping this benefit, as well as our members. This is only a few of the things that has been accomplished by the O. R. T., and we must get the nons to understand that the way to secure better conditions and better wages is through the labor organizations.

Brothers, don't simply be card carriers, but appoint yourself a committee of one to get that man working next to you, and don't stop till you get him.

During the month of February I covered the Renovo Division between Renovo and Union City, practically making that division solid between Renovo and Warren. During January I took in nine full paid members on this division and have a few more to add to the list this month. Things are looking more encouraging every day, we are gaining in membership more than ever before and it will not be long until we will win a complete victory on the P. R. R.

It was pleasing to read in the January TELEGRAPHER of such an affair as the Canadian Pacific, O. R. T., second annual banquet at Saskatoon, among those present being the assistant general managers, general superintendents and superintendents all mingling together as men. These conditions will prevail here just as soon as we get together and bring them about as our Canadian brethren have, by thorough organization. We must awaken to our interests and work unceasingly to attain that end. The Southern Pacific's new schedule is another example of what can be done by thorough organization, the men on that road now having one of the best in the United States.

The numerous changes on our division will continue until the double track and the tunnels are completed. Rimerton and Hooks towers have been closed and new tower opened between those points, called Rapids, with Bros. Rimer, first, E. O. Hooks, second and B. S. Hooks, third; Bro. C. H. Roofner, formerly third "HS," going to third "WR."

Bro. F. A. McElhinney, formerly third "CH," is now on second Johnetta.

Bro. P. S. Hilliard, extra, secured the new twelve-hour job opened south of Kittanning called Narrows.

Sister V. D. Snyder, first "KM," spent last relief day in Pittsburg. Bro. C. E. Luttrell spent his in Franklin.

Mr. Armfield from first Sandy to agent-operator, Red House, N. Y., by appointment; Bro. E. O. Cramer working first Sandy until bid in.

Bro. G. W. Logue, Jr., back from his honeymoon trip, is on third Phillipston.

Mr. Wick, a new man, has No. 5 relief, one of the best paying jobs. The solid bunch of O. R. T. men he is working among should see that he makes his promise good soon.

Bro. L. D. Segui, third Driftwood, who bid in third Sandy, now expects to land third "FO."

Bro. Elliston was relieved twenty days by Bro. Johnson from the Renovo Division.

Bro. C. F. Geerhart, second "VS," relieved by Mr. Baker, went to "K" during the rush.

Bro. E. O. Cramer relieved Bro. J. R. Karns two days, on account of the death of his mother at Lower Hillville. We all extend our sincere sympathy to Bro. Karns and family. Bro. Karns desires to thank all those who contributed toward the purchase of the beautiful floral wreath for the occasion, which bore the initials of the grand old O. R. T.; also Bro. Cogley for taking charge of the flowers and seeing that they were delivered promptly.

Bro. W. J. Steele, while visiting friends at Monarch Park, was relieved by Bro. F. L. Watson.

Bros. F. A. McNamara and M. T. Smith have exchanged tricks for thirty days.

Bros. Golden and Lowery have gone in the poultry business.

Bro. J. A. Lowery, while visiting his parents in West Virginia, was relieved by Bro. C. B. McCoy.

Bro. T. E. R. Bevington, second Shops, was off seven days on vacation, and Bro. C. H. Compton spent his relief day in Oil City.

Bro. M. S. McCoy visited his parents in West Monterey recently.

Boys, get after the first trick men at "RD" and "NB," and make these places solid.

A new tower has been installed with fixed signals at the Shops, with Bros. Rhodaberger and Bevington on first and second and Ex-Bro. Aber on third.

Bro. T. A. Hatton, first Pump House, fell recently while going to work and was laid up for a few days, relieved by Operator Redmond. Bro. J. H. Osgood, third Pump House, spent his last relief day in Pittsburg.

Bro. M. J. Cudahy, second "DK," was off recently on account of the death of a relative. We extend our sympathy to the brother. Bro. E. H. Davis, third "DK," visited his parents in Jamestown, N. Y., during January.

Bro. F. E. Wiley, third Sandy, bid in third Siverly.

Bro. C. O. Will, third "NB," while in "K" office was relieved by Bro. C. B. McCoy.

Bro. H. J. Shively, third "SY," laid up with rheumatism several weeks, has returned to duty.

It is now Bro. Joe Lyttleton, second "RO," making Rockmere solid. Bro. C. C. Crawford, of first, spent his last day off in Titusville, and Bro. S. R. Hooks, third, spent his relief day in East Brady.

Bros. Stephens and Thurnquist, second and third Eagle Rock, spent the 17th and 18th in Oil City, Harry attending the Tabernacle and Enoch the several theaters.

Bro. W. E. Upton, second Tionesta, is having good success in the poultry business.

Bro. H. D. Giles bid in third Trunkerville, formerly on second there. Bro. R. E. Billington and son took a trip to Cleveland, Ohio, the first of the month.

The extra set of dispatchers put back on the Salamanca branch for a few days were again taken off. Bro. Hugh Connor, from the B. R. & P. is on first Glade.

Bro. C. R. Seitz, Hickory, visited in Warrea, Pa., on his last relief day. Bro. C. B. Johnson was a Pittsburg visitor recently.

C. F. Brown is traveling for the Oliver Typewriter Co. Brothers, advise him that an up-to-date will get him better business among the telegraphers.

Bro. A. L. Schobey, first Onoville, is off thirty days.

Bro. J. C. Lamb, first Vandalia, spent his relief day with his family at home.

Bro. A. A. Crindler, second Thompson, has been appointed postmaster there. Congratulations.

Bro. A. F. Gilbert was off for a few days recently, relieved by L. L. Brown.

R. B. Callwell has resigned to return to the New York American League. He is one of their leading pitchers.

Bros. Marshall and Arendt, of Foxburg, and W. S. McGeary, agent Foxburg, attended the Tabernacle meeting of Billy Sunday recently in Pittsburg. Bro. E. E. Johns, third "FO," bid in third "PA," relieved by Bro. H. B. Campbell, pending bids.

Bro. G. N. Shoup relieved C. W. Pfaff a few days.

Bro. C. H. Hilliard, operated on for appendicitis recently, is getting along nicely.

Thanks to the brothers who sent items this time, especially Bro. Carey. Come again, boys, it is a pleasure to make up a write-up when you have something to work on. Hope some of the boys from the Low Grade will send some in next time.

The brothers are paying up fine, the majority having already paid their dues for the current term, and I hope what few have not paid yet will have done so before time expires. CERT. 18.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Our heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom, has deemed it best to call to the great beyond the father of our worthy and esteemed Bro. M. W. Larson; in manifestation of our fraternal grief and sympathy, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of Allegheny Division, System Division No. 17, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the bereaved brother and members of the family our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of sadness and sorrow, and commend them to the all-wise Ruler who doeth all things well; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved brother, and a copy sent to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

O. T. ARENDT,
C. A. W. LINDEN,
F. HURD,
Committee.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Our heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom and goodness, has deemed it best to call to her heavenly home the beloved mother of our esteemed and loyal Bro. J. R. Karns, and we bow

in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of Allegheny Division, System Division No. 17, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the bereaved brother and members of the family our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of sorrow and sadness; and be it further

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O. T. ARENDT,
C. W. GOLDON,
J. A. LOWERY,
Committee.

CARD OF THANKS.

To the members of the Allegheny Division: Through the columns of THE TELEGRAPHER I wish to extend the most sincere thanks to all the brothers for the most beautiful floral offering sent us at the death of my mother. It was the most beautiful floral piece I have ever seen, with a silk banner bearing the initials of the Order.

Brothers, this beautiful expression of sympathy was very much appreciated by me and will never be forgotten. It is these mute expressions that sink deep into the heart. Brothers, I thank you one and all.

Yours fraternally,

J. R. KARNS.

Franklin, Pa., January 24, 1914.

Philadelphia Division—

The suggestion of one of the brothers that we hold meetings at various places along the division to accommodate those unable to attend the Harrisburg meetings, is a good idea, but such meetings will be of little intellectual, mutual or brotherhood advantage unless the brothers for whose benefit they are called exhibit a keen interest in and attend them. We have had exceptionally good meetings of late, and if each one will exert himself to attend and get others to come, they can be made a success.

A few suggestions from the brothers in regard to this plan, with a view of propagating some means of entertainment at these meetings, will be heartily appreciated by me. Every suggestion, no matter how trivial it may seem, sometimes goes a long way toward making a success in carrying out our work, usually a difficult task for one or two to accomplish.

Those who are not members of the Order should be intelligent enough to see that they are doing themselves, as well as their fellow workmen, an injustice by overstocking the division with incompetents. There are plenty of good, experienced telegraphers in the country, and the company will hire them if this "ham factory" business is discontinued. When you are asked if you can furnish one of these telephone artists, you should answer "No." Such undeveloped talent inconveniences your brother laborers and depreciates our means of gaining an existence. Unless you

pluck their over-ambitions enthusiasm, they will some day get your job.

"Hit the ball." Make your knocks to the local chairman. He has an excellent amount of superfluous avoirdupois to stand them. I'll sacrifice what little of mentality I have to assist Bro. Melchoir in anything that will be beneficial in aiding him to get everything our schedule calls for.

Our motto is progression, not retrogression; principle, not pelf; evolution, not revolution.

It is equally amazing and amusing to learn that some of the nons on this division started a petition recently asking for shorter hours and longer vacations each year. This antiquated and obsolete method to secure desired results reminds us of the old style of petitioning long before we had an organization to adjust such matters for us. All we ever received has been through organization, and all we will ever receive in the future will be through the same channel—organization and legislation.

Local Chairman Melchoir is still after the nons. Bro. A. B. Hambright, our relief man, is also rounding them up. He will soon land his twenty-fifth man.

Bros. E. N. Stoner, H. M. Shields, N. E. Stoner, W. G. Krall, H. Deibler, L. H. Mohn, commonly called "river brethren," were all at our last Harrisburg meeting, filled with the union spirit that makes a meeting worth attending.

Brothers, the payment of the semi-annual dues is the important thing. Our record for 1913 was 100 per cent—every man paid up—so we hope that our record for this year will be up to par. CERT. 2004.

Trenton Division, Lower End—

The general superintendent recently made a trip over the main line between South Amboy and Bordentown, also over the Trenton branch of the Trenton Division.

Mr. Wilmot's office in Trenton has been abolished, and he is doing clerical work in Mr. Cross' office, Camden.

Bro. Moore has opened a picture show. A non whom he asked to join asked, "What has the O. R. T. ever done?" and Bro. Moore was so overcome with grief that he promptly reported off sick.

We are glad to see N. T. Haines back on second "BU" tower, after a long spell of sickness.

Bro. Raymond Johnson landed first Edgewater Park.

Floyd B. Bennett, messenger at Burlington, is now helper at Beverly freight house.

Bro. Lockwood has been off sick, owing to a nervous breakdown.

Bro. Villenger bid in second "QN," East Burlington. CERT. 666.

West Jersey & Seashore Division—

The boys on this division have paid up more promptly this term than ever before, and we thank them for this increased interest. The few who

have not paid should attend to this matter at once and protect their beneficiaries.

We are adding new members right along. Bro. Rickards, Jr., Woodbury second, and Bro. R. S. McNeil, second Lucaston, we welcome as new brothers, and hope to announce many more next write-up.

We hope the agents will get wise, send in their applications without any further delay, and help us to help them improve their present conditions.

J. P. Lloyd examined us on the book of rules this year and Mr. Mole on the eye test.

Bro. E. C. Hill is now with the Lehigh Valley in Pennsylvania. We hope he will retain his card and show the boys over there why the men should get together. He knows what it meant here, and no doubt left because conditions did not appeal to him.

A wholesale retrenchment has just been made on this division, inconveniencing many of the boys and eliminating about fifteen men in our department. Sewell third abolished, salary reduced to \$57.50; hours now 5:20 a. m. to 3:40 p. m., and 3:40 p. m. to 12:40 a. m.; and Clayton made a one-trick office. These changes will cause many to be bumped. We hope the boys will not bump a brother when another man who has not played fair can be bumped. Several, after being shown this courtesy, dropped out of the Order, thinking themselves secure from further harm.

Reductions also made in "KN." J. P. Lloyd will get a position in "CF," displacing Mr. Justice in "CF."

We are going to have a "ladies' night" meeting, to which we want every married man on this division in our department to bring his wife. All will be welcome, whether they have up-to-date cards or not, and we hope all who can possibly get out will come. It will be simply a social affair to get acquainted, and we hope to have it about May 16th. The matter will be further discussed, and you will all get more definite information later. We want to get acquainted with all our men and their wives and sweethearts. This will bring about more cordial relations and good will among us.

Next meeting March 26th. Don't forget it, and come and bring every non-member you can get to come with you.

The telephone has been put in service on the Atlantic City Division, and the boys are now getting used to their new surroundings.

Pavonia agency was abolished, Mr. Sibley going to Ashland (where the salary has been raised), vice A. D. Plank, who resigned after over twenty years service, after others all around him got a raise and he was not included, his loyalty apparently not having been recognized.

Walter C. Vaughn, Jr., extra agent, has returned to his position at Haddonfield.

Bro. T. J. Albertson, at Franklinville, has been in poor health for some time. We hope he will soon get well. He has the sympathy of all the boys.

Pavonia shops telegraph office abolished, Miss Weiler displacing Mr. Ryan at "PR," on the Camden Terminal Division. We would welcome Miss Weiler as a sister, as the O. R. T. established the rights enabling her to secure that position.

Bro. J. C. Marshall, second Atlantic City yard, "CA," is able for work again, but has not yet received his return-to-duty card. Div. Coa.

N. Y. C. & St. L. R. R., Div. No. 18.

Third District—

Bro. Glenn, who relieved Mr. Holabaugh, second Maple Grove, a few days, also relieved Bro. Wolfe when called to Columbus on account of the illness of his mother. Later Bro. Glenn relieved Bro. Stateler while visiting his parents at Dupont, and also relieved Bro. Lingenfelter at Fostoria and Bro. Walter at Colby a few days on account of sickness.

Bro. Gorham bid in first West Ft. Wayne.

Some men who will not belong to the O. R. T., which makes their living, are obliged to join the musicians' union before they can play in a band for amusement, the difference being that the latter is compulsory and the former is not.

You few delinquents should pay up at once, as our committee has been after another increase for nearly four months and needs your help. A "has been," you know, is not much better in such a case than a "never was." It's the duty of every one of us to back up our committee in every way possible.

The party who has been trying to pose as an up-to-date will have to produce hereafter, or dismount and walk.

The non on this division gloating over his success in bidding in good jobs and refusing to join should be remembered. "No card, no favors."

We owe our thanks to Bros. Cowley and Crisberry for securing us annual passes.

A conductor or trainman does not have to come into your office to sign his orders, and they have no right to come in and use the telephone to get their own orders. Let them use the ticket window or trainmen's room, which in many cases adjoins the office. Secure a copy of any orders they copy and bring it to the next meeting or send to General Chairman Bro. Cowley. We want them for future reference. The window at Fostoria is being enlarged, so the conductors and engineers will have no trouble in signing their orders. The office there is being further improved by putting down a new floor.

Car inspector Wilson, who was injured recently at Mortimer when the local freight backed up and knocked him down, is up and around again, but it will be some time before he will be able to swing the hammer.

Bro. Thompson was recently married at Maple Grove. Congratulations. Cent. 301

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Our heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom and goodness, has deemed it best to call from our midst to the great beyond our beloved brother, M. L. Russell; in manifestation of our grief at this time and fraternal sympathies, be it

Resolved, That the members of N. Y. C. & St. L. R. R. System Division 18, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the sorrowing wife and relatives their sincerest and deepest heartfelt sympathy in this sad hour of their bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved wife and family, a copy be spread upon the minutes of this division, and a copy forwarded to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

F. F. COWLEY,
E. W. FULLER,
R. W. FERRY,

Committee.

N. Y., O. & W. Ry., Div. No. 20.

Bro. Smith, third Cadosia, while off attending the funeral of his father-in-law in the western part of the State, was relieved by Bro. Lyons.

Bro. Terwilliger landed second Burnside tower, Bro. Maybee third Roscoe, and Telegrapher Mulley (soon to be a brother) bid in second Apex.

The meeting at Mountain House, Cadosia, Sunday, February 22d, was attended by Bros. Culinan, Foote, Couch, Wood, Smith and DeGraw, of the Southern Division, and Pfoor, Devany, McAvoy and Reed, of Scranton Division.

Much business of importance was transacted, including the presentation of the annual report of the secretary and treasurer, which shows our division to be in very comfortable circumstances financially and pretty strong numerically.

More of the members who can should attend these meetings, so they may know what is being done.

No one sept in any news items this month.

H. J. DeGraw, Div. Cor.

Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton R. R.,
Div. No. 21.

North End—

Boys, let us try to have a write-up each month. Send all the notes, changes, etc., you can get along the line to Box 1011, Deshler, Ohio, before the 20th of each month, and I will see that they get into the current issue of our journal.

Bro. N. L. Chelf, second Perrysburg, off several weeks on account of illness, was relieved by J. Leydorf.

Bro. E. W. Heyman, second Tontogany, off a few days, was relieved by Mr. Krebs, who later went to North Side.

The telephone has been put in service on this division, and the boys are gradually getting used to it. A spelling school over the phone some night might create a little fun and improve us in that line.

Bro. Mangan, from the B. & O., relieved our new brother, Mr. Cunningham, second Leipsic Jct., a few days and then resigned. We are glad to have him come in.

Bro. J. W. Kelley, second Bates, relieved by Extra Rhoades, later relieved by Mr. Lyons on bid, who worked one day and resigned, and Mr. Rhoades took the job again.

The manual blocks will soon be in service on this division—a good system, which keeps a man on the job all the time, but that is what we are paid for. It will be a little hard for agent-operators to get their work done by having this system, but no doubt they will be given necessary help when business is heavy.

Bro. O. A. Martz is relieving Bro. Martz, second Cairo, for a six months' trip through the West, after a long time in the service. Glad to see Bro. "MZ" back with us again.

Mr. Phillips, who bid in Belmore agency when Mr. Veitch took the cashiership in the bank there, after a month's service disappeared one night, and has not been heard of since. Relief Agent W. J. Kroeger took charge pending bulletin, but no bid received, and R. White was assigned permanent agent. We are glad to see Mr. White back again.

Bro. H. Folk, third Leipsic Jct., resigned to start in the restaurant business at Bellevue, Ohio, was relieved by Bro. Young, second Deshler, on bulletin, and third trick "BU" cabin and second trick Deshler are now on bulletin.

In your notes please show if person named is "Bro." or "Mr." Let us all work together on this end, line up the nons and make it 100 per cent strong, and try to have regular meetings at Lima on this and the Lima-to-Dayton end. If these two divisions would work a little harder we could have meetings there in a short time.

Remember, "No card, no favors."

CERT. 355.

Second District South—

N. B. Miller bid in second Stockton; P. D. Shefing, second Tipp City; F. J. Totten, third Erie Jct.; C. A. Young, second Deshler, and W. H. Roberts, third North Lima. Stockton third, North Lima second and Bellmore agency, first and second "BM" Cabin, second and third "GR" Cabin, second Bates, and third Leipsic Jct. are up for bids.

The local chairman visited Sidney, February 6th, and first trick man relieving Bro. Shine, has promised to get in line.

The new interlocker at "AK" tower is now in operation.

Your local chairmen now have the latest seniority list, and can tell your standing in the service at a moment's notice. On the second district the entire list has been arranged numerically from 1 to 167, showing the number employed by the Toledo Division. No. 1 was employed in 1872 and No. 167 in 1914. This arrangement shows how many men are ahead of you, and how many you are ahead of in seniority. One or two mistakes in the list were

corrected by Division Operator Brant. The revised list due in June will be further improved upon, by an alphabetical arrangement. Each non-member's name in red type instead of black.

Cridersville, represented in a railroad way by Bros. Fischer, Nichols and Sellers, recently organized a rat-killing contest. Divided itself into two sides. The losing side to furnish a banquet for the winners, which came off first week of February. Have not heard which side the brothers were on.

The manual block system was put in operation February 8th, between Erie Jct. and Lima double track. The operators at those points will now handle yard engine movements.

Bro. Shine, first Sidney, for some time a patient in a Columbus hospital, after his recovery, took ninety days' leave, and is now on the State Tax Appraising Commission at \$120 a month; \$4 a day for six hours' work.

Our general chairman has been busy for some time with the committee, and a report has been sent you of the work on our new schedule negotiations by the general secretary and treasurer.

F. G. Shultz, second Anna, is again sick at his home near Lake View, relieved by R. A. Newland.

Mr. Carl, second "GR," Cabin, is now with a telephone company at Troy, his home town.

CERT. 207.

M., K. & T. Ry., Div. No. 22.

Smithville District—

Our general committee has just returned from a long-drawn-out conference with the management, and we are again working under a new agreement and wage scale effective January 15th 1914. I am sure all the boys feel grateful to the management for the courteous treatment shown our committee during the past four months. Now, let's all show our appreciation by rendering better service and make this a banner year for the "Katy." Also show the committee our appreciation by keeping our dues paid up, and living up to the schedule. The increase in pay will more than reimburse us in keeping up our dues.

An invention, usually, when first produced, can be improved upon. The same thing applies to every work of man. Perfection is gained only through untiring efforts. Our schedule is the work of man, therefore it may not suit all of you. But do not be too hasty to criticise. We are not through. By your support we will be able to do more and better things.

We want everyone of you to be an active member. Pick out some "non" and peg away at him until he comes through. A solid division by June 30, 1914, would look mighty good, and it is not at all an impossibility. See what was done with a membership of about 75 per cent. What would 100 per cent mean to you?

I notice some 1913 cards "first out" in some of our brothers' card cases. The year 1913 will long be remembered by the boys of Division 22, but do not hold these cards as relics. Those bearing the date of June 30, 1914, are a much prettier color. They look better and are better; get one, and don't forget the slogan, "No card, no favors." CERT. 3791, Grand.

Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Ry., Div. No. 23.

The mother of General Chairman Bro. G. E. Soyster, of this division, died at the home of his sister in Wagner, S. D., at 9:30 a. m., February 14, 1914, of broncho-pneumonia, after an illness of only eleven days. She left two sons, Bro. Soyster, 403 Drexel Bank bldg., Chicago, Ill., and C. L. Soyster, Willow Brook, Cal., also two daughters, Mrs. E. M. Simmons, Cripple Creek, Colo., and Mrs. G. F. Dresselhuys, Wagner, S. D. March 16th she would have been eighty-two years old. Her remains were taken to Elkport, Iowa, for burial, the funeral being held February 17th. Bro. Soyster was called to her bedside from Avery, Idaho, while on his way to Seattle and reached Wagner at 6:30 p. m., February 13th, the day previous to her passing away.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, In the course of human events the Creator has seen best to remove from hence the mother of Bro. G. E. Soyster, and

WHEREAS, The loss of a mother is irreparable, and we can only express our sincere sympathy to Bro. Soyster and the bereaved family for their loss; and

WHEREAS, Their mother lived to an advanced age, and her life was one of devotion and kindness to her family and friends. This will ever be remembered and can only be an inspiration to her children; therefore, be it

Resolved, By C. M. & St. P. Division 23, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that we do hereby express our heartfelt sympathy to Bro. Soyster and relatives for their loss; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent Bro. Soyster, a copy mailed Bro. L. W. Quick, for publication in THE TELEGRAPHER, and a copy placed with the minutes of Division 23.

ED. R. DERRICKSON,

W. N. UPHAM,

J. J. RELLIHAN,

Committee.

CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to sincerely thank each and every one of the many friends and members of the O. R. T. for their kind expression of sympathy on account of the death of our dear mother, also to thank the Grand Division and Division 23 of the O. R. T. for the beautiful floral pieces which they so kindly sent.

Especially do we thank Mr. Derrickson, general secretary and treasurer, and Mr. Rellihan, local

chairman of the Dubuque Division, for their attendance at the funeral at Elkport, Iowa, as representatives of Division 23 of the O. R. T.

MRS. E. M. SIMMONS,
MRS. G. F. DRESSELHUYTS,
CHARLES L. SOYSTER,
GEORGE E. SOYSTER.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom, to call from this earth Mrs. Mary Derrickson, mother of our general secretary and treasurer, Bro. Ed. R. Derrickson and Bro. Harry I. Derrickson; be it

Resolved, That the most sincere and heartfelt sympathy of the entire membership of System Division No. 23 be extended to the sorrow-stricken brothers and relatives in this their hour of sadness and bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved brothers, a copy spread on the minutes of the division, and a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

G. E. SOYSTER,
B. J. SIMEN,
O. E. FLAHERTY,
L. R. CARREE,
Committee.

CARD OF THANKS.

CHICAGO, ILL., February 25, 1914.

To All Members Concerned:

We desire to thank all, very sincerely, for the many expressions of sympathy extended to us in our bereavement through the death of our mother.

Sincerely,
ED. R. DERRICKSON,
HARRY I. DERRICKSON.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, In the course of human events it has pleased our Creator to remove from hence the wife of our Bro. Alex Smith, and family; and

WHEREAS, In this their loss and grief we can only commend them to our Father, and assure them that they have the sincere sympathy of the membership of Division 23, Order of Railroad Telegraphers; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the members of C. M. & St. P. Division 23, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, do hereby extend their sympathy to the sorrowing brother and family in their bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent the bereaved brother and his family, a copy to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication, and a copy for the files of Division 23.

CHAS. E. HERMAN,
B. J. SIMEN,
ED. R. DERRICKSON,
Committee.

Third District—

We are glad to say that business seems as good again as ever.

We are glad to say that Bro. M. J. Gould, who has been off three weeks with la grippe and rheumatism, is able to be on the job again. Bro. Clayton, Lucas, is especially glad to see him back, as he had to go back and forth on freight, sometimes not getting home until 2 a. m.

We are glad to call Bob Helton brother again. He was off thirty days for forgetting an E. J. and E. order, but had to be called back to relieve his relief Mr. Coffman, who could not stand prosperity, and it was claimed was not attending to business. The chief wanted Bob back as he is too good a man to lose. He also relieved Bro. Benny Simmen a few days.

Bro. Ripple, second Hebron tower, has been appointed agent Shermerville, vice Bro. C. M. Reed, appointed to Union Stock Yards, whom we expect will take the extra job in "CG" general office shortly, as he is the only one from the C. & M. that would go there.

Bro. O. C. Tabbart, extra dispatcher, appointed to "US" yards, later went to Tower A-2 as assistant director, vice Mr. Tuffley, let out there and later bid in Zenda agency.

Wish some "J" line brother would send us some notes once a month, so we could know more about the boys there.

We have most all the nons lined up now, and before long hope to have them all; so everybody watch the new men coming in and advise the local chairman if they are Order men. If not, get after them. No "hard luck" excuses go now-a-days, and it's up to us all to get everybody in the Order, and keep them there because therein lies our strength.

We hear Bro. Fred Mauck's chime-in once in awhile on the line. He will probably be too busy to talk when they start to put in their new \$15,000 depot there.

Bro. Ed. R. Derrickson has our heartfelt sympathy in the death of his mother.

CERT. 1261.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The divine Ruler, in His infinite wisdom, has entered our midst and removed the beloved mother of our worthy local chairman, Bro. Ed. R. Derrickson; in manifestation of our grief and fraternal sympathy, be it

Resolved, That the members of Third District of System Division, No. 23, extend to the sorrowing brother and members of the afflicted family our heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved brother, a copy spread on the minutes of the Division, and a copy forwarded to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

M. R. CORCORAN,
F. J. CORCORAN,
E. R. VOLTZ,
E. J. CARROLL,
Local Board Members.

Rocky Mountain Division—

The boys on the east end and the branch, who were unable to attend the meeting at Lombard, held on February 8th, missed a good deal. Arrangements should be made to hold such meetings at least once a month, and at such time and place as will afford as many members as possible a chance to attend. The officials say they are willing to do all they can to let the men off and get them to and from the meetings. Chief Dispatcher J. W. Ross met some twenty-five of his men at Three Forks on their way back from the Lombard meeting, most of whom he had never seen before, and remarked that he never knew he had such a good-looking bunch working for him.

The meeting was a great success. On account of Bro. Derrickson being called from his duties to the bedside of his mother, Bro. Soyster was unable to leave Chicago in time to be present at the meeting as announced, which was a great disappointment to us all. Bro. Soyster passed over the road on the Monday following on his way to Seattle, when he received word to return home on account of the illness of his mother, which we are grieved to learn resulted in her death. Bro. Kearby, who was also on his way to Seattle on grievance work, returned with Bro. Soyster from Alberton.

Those present at the meeting were: H. C. Kearby, A. F. Faucher, W. A. Horejs, Geo. Redding, C. J. Lynch, F. H. Tyro, E. S. Bleichner, C. C. Gray, J. Z. Ramsey, M. E. Spencer, M. F. Riddell, C. J. Fisher, W. B. Bradley, T. S. Thompson, H. M. Underwood, M. E. Featherstone, M. J. Boyd, J. W. Thompson, J. T. Beiser, S. Z. Curn and O. R. May. We had with us as visiting brothers C. G. Crane and E. G. Piggeon, of the Northern Pacific, and Bro. F. M. Byrne, of the Gallatin Valley.

Several subjects of vital interest were discussed and plans made to have them attended to at once. There were several other matters the boys desired brought before the meeting, but lack of time prevented. It was decided to hold a meeting once each month, to be held alternately at Butte and Lombard or Harlowton.

We hope to hold another meeting at Lombard as originally planned at Bro. Soyster's convenience.

Local Chairman Bro. Kearby's youngest boy, Kenneth Karl, has been selected as one of the representatives from this State in the Temple of Childhood at the Panama Exposition. He took the prize at the State fair for being the most perfect baby in this county and ran sixth in the State out of about four hundred babies shown. The brothers and sisters on this division heartily congratulate Bro. and Mrs. Kearby in the grand showing made by their little boy.

Bro. J. G. Campbell will reside in Lombard and work all the extra he can get, until something permanent shows up.

Bro. R. S. Harrington, extra, relieved Bro. Bleichner at Lombard while Bro. Kearby was away, and also relieved Bro. Phare a few days.

Every member should write his district congressman and ask for his support of the eight-hour

bill soon to be introduced in the house. This bill seems to be our only salvation in regard to trainmen using phones and copying their own orders. We must all use our individual efforts to have it go through.

We now have a brother at Piedmont.

Bro. E. L. Robinson is back on first Sappington.

Bro. J. W. Thompson is working now and then on first and second Janney, since third abolished there.

Butte Relay, "GS"—Bro. T. L. Ballew has returned to third from the South, vice Bro. Geo. M. Massing, now working the Standard press circuit at Butte.

Bros. Gray and Faucher attended the meeting at Lombard, February 8th, representing relay office grievances.

"GS" office is now solid, excepting H. A. P.

Bros. Harrington and Joyner relieved Bro. and Sister Sill, at Summit, for a week, also Bro. and Sister Peacock, at Lennep.

Bro. Campbell relieved H. D. Hughes on second Ringling, while Hughes relieved Bro. Ramsey, agent, on a trip to Butte.

Bro. Bradley relieved on third Lennep by Kathryn Peacock, relieved H. L. Muilddberger on second Three Forks a few days. CRRT. 1489.

The following letter of sympathy was sent to Bro. Derrickson:

BUTTE, MONT., February 10, 1914.

Mr. Ed. R. Derrickson, Chicago, Ill.:

Dear Sir and Brother—Received the sad news of your mother's death today, through Bro. Soyster, and as a committee, appointed by Local Chairman H. C. Kearby, Rocky Mountain Division, Division 23, we hereby extend to you our sympathies in your sad bereavement and offer the following resolutions:

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, has seen fit to take unto Himself the beloved mother of our brother and secretary, Ed. R. Derrickson; and

WHEREAS, In full realization of his great loss we fail to find words to express our sympathy, but direct him to our Creator, the ever-ready Comforter; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the members of Rocky Mountain Division, System Division 23, extend to Bro. Derrickson our heartfelt sympathy in this his sad bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved brother, a copy to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication, and a copy be spread on the minutes of the division.

ARTHUR F. FANCHER,

CHAR. C. GRAY,

DAVID G. GOGGIN,

Committee.

CARD OF THANKS.

Mr. C. C. Gray, Butte, Mont.:

Dear Sir and Brother—The resolutions of sympathy from the members of the Rocky Mountain

Division received, and needless to say I appreciate deeply your action. Of course, nothing can mend my loss, but knowledge of sympathy among friends alleviates the sorrow somewhat. Kindly express my sincere appreciation to Bro. Kearby and the membership on the Rocky Mountain Division.

Yours fraternally,

E. R. DERRICKSON.

The following letter of sympathy was later sent to Bro. Soyster:

GRACE, MONT., February 22, 1914.

Mr. G. E. Soyster, Chicago:

Dear Sir and Brother—Received the sad news of your mother's death today, through our Local Chairman H. C. Kearby, and as a committee appointed by him, we extend to you the profound sympathies of all members on the Rocky Mountain Division in your sad bereavement and irreparable loss, and offer the following resolutions:

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our heavenly Father and all-wise Ruler of the universe to call to her reward the beloved mother of our General Chairman G. E. Soyster; in manifestation of our grief and fraternal sympathy, be it

Resolved, That the members of Rocky Mountain Division, System Division 23, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the bereaved brother and members of the afflicted family their sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their greatest loss, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved brother, a copy spread on the minutes of this division, and a copy forwarded to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

E. L. LIPSHIELD,

GEO. REDDING,

FRANK H. TYRO,

Committee.

Southern Minnesota Division—

A very interesting and instructive meeting was held at North LaCrosse, January 18th, about thirty-five being present, including a number of visitors from the Burlington. Bro. Geo. E. Soyster, general chairman; Bro. W. N. Upham, local chairman of LaCrosse Division, and Bro. Geo. B. Turner, local chairman Southern Minnesota Division, gave us very clear talks on the needs of the men in our class, and how to secure what we want. Everybody enjoyed the meeting and all declared they had been greatly benefited and well-paid for having gone, and unanimously voted to sustain the committee through thick and thin.

Bro. Geo. B. Turner, local chairman, had an all-day meeting at Madison, South Dakota, Sunday, January 25th, which was also well attended. Among those present were: Bros. C. A. Berg, F. N. Canfield, R. G. Langen, R. F. Gunderson, W. E. Campbell, Fred Severson, Bob Newton, M. E. Gilson, J. C. Palmer, W. A. Sellman, E. N. Bucklin, P. Blackster, Jos.

Snyder, W. A. Sellman, J. E. Felker and Lud. Olson.

Bro. Turner gave one of his clear and forceful talks on O. R. T. matters in general, and all declared the meeting a great success, and voted unanimously to sustain the committee to the end.

A joint meeting of the I. & M. and So. Minn. Divisions was held at Austin, Minn., Sunday, February 8th, which was well attended. Among those present were: S. J. Bennett, J. C. Whalan, A. M. Fried, F. M. Meyers, D. C. Jorgerson, Jim Sheehy, E. F. Swehla, H. Mathison W. H. Siemers, J. O. Malley, W. A. Gason, W. O. Burnett, E. L. Barlow, L. H. Grow, G. B. Turner, S. Parker, C. Stephenson. The other brothers present will please pardon me for being unable to recall their names when writing this up.

Bro. L. H. Grow gave a very interesting talk on our need of thorough organization and what we may accomplish with 100 per cent membership. He also discussed a number of grievances and how to handle them. He handled his subjects in a clear and forceful manner, which will be of great benefit to those who heard him.

Bro. Turner discussed the progress the subcommittee had made, and what he hoped it would be able to accomplish in the present negotiations. He also dwelt on the hours of service and the penalties for violation, and what the men along the line could expect in case of trouble through such violations. He handled the subjects discussed in a clear and intelligent manner, and we predict it will be a long time before any of those present are caught on duty outside of their regular assigned hours.

Everybody present enjoyed every minute of the meeting and want another at an early date, and voted unanimously to sustain the committee.

Bro. John Lieser, of Grand Meadow, Minn., fell dead on Wednesday evening, January 22d, of heart failure. This was a terrible shock to his wife and children, his brothers and his many friends. His remains were taken to his old home at Brownsville, Minn., for burial. Bro. Geo. Lieser, of Iona Lake, and Bro. Chas. Lieser, of Reno, Minn., are brothers of the deceased.

On February 7th, Bro. John N. Solberg, of Hokah, Minn., died of Bright's disease, after an illness of but a few days. His remains were taken to Wells, Minn., February 10th, for burial. He is survived by his wife, one son and one daughter.

Bro. H. E. Brann, Egan, South Dakota, has resigned to follow farming in Montana. We all wish him abundant success. Harry was a loyal member, a jolly, whole-souled boy all around whom we will all miss at our meetings, and elsewhere. His address is Jordan, Mont., 80 miles from a railroad. Any of the "SM" boys who go out in that country should be sure and call on him, as he will surely be glad to see you.

Recent changes: Bros. J. W. Malone, to Jackson first; F. R. Bloom, Jackson second; B. D. Cornell, Wentworth "SD" agency; R. G. Langen,

Grand Meadow agency; Lyle W. Stevens, Jackson third; R. H. Solberg, Houston second; T. W. Burke, Dexter agency. Bro. Roy A. Peterson is relieving at Welcome while Bro. Harmon is out selling his "jag" cure.

H. H. Berg, Isinours agency, resigned to engage in farming in North Dakota, succeeded by Bro. Ed. Langen.

Bro. Arthur G. Lehman goes to Vienna, South Dakota; Bro. Robt. C. Pratt to Garden City, S. D.

Bro. Lucius, Hurlburt, who spent two months in Colorado for his health, has returned; was relieved by Relief Agent Lambert.

Bro. F. A. M. Frost, who was visiting a son at Fruit Land, Ida., has returned.

Bro. Robert Spriggs, of Winfred, S. D., resigned, to engage in the insurance business at Madison, S. D.; succeeded by Bro. Roy S. Miller.

Bro. Fred Severson, of Erwin, S. D., was married recently and is visiting at his old home, Winnebago, Minn.; also Bro. Leslay, of Alpha. He can well afford it since his station was placed in the schedule.

Bro. J. H. Bradley, of Edgerton, is the happy father of two of the nicest, brightest babies we ever saw.

CERT. 324.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Our heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom and goodness has deemed it best to call to the great beyond our beloved brother, John Lieser, and in manifestation of our fraternal sympathy, be it

Resolved, That the members of the Southern Minnesota Division of Division 23, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the sorrowing wife and family their sincere and heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of bereavement, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved wife and family, a copy spread on the minutes of the division, and a copy forwarded to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

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F. J. FOGARTY,
D. E. WALKER,
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CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to the brothers and officials of the Southern Minnesota Division, and our many friends for their sympathy and aid, also for the beautiful floral offerings during the death of our dear husband and brother.

MRS. LILLY LIESER,
Grand Meadow, Minn., and
GEO. JOS. AND CHAS. LIESER,
Iona and Brownsville, Minn.

January 26, 1914.

Kansas City Division—

Bro. Richardson, at Farson, off some time on account of sickness in his family, relieved by Mr. Crandall.

Mrs. Allen, wife of Bro. S. A. Allen, who died in Chicago, was buried at Linby, Iowa, where her father was buried a short time ago. Bro. Allen, who recently moved to Chicago where he has a position in the government mail service, has returned to Linby agency.

Recent assignments: Moravia agency, to Bro. W. E. Linsay; Rathbun agency to Mr. L. W. O'Neill; Sigourney agency temporarily to Bro. English; third Linby to Bro. Gus McCarthy; Sewal agency to Bro. W. H. Rowe; second Sub Jct. to Bro. Jim McCarthy; third Polo to Bro. J. B. Fisher.

Bro. Ralph Riddell, who resigned Moravia agency, will move to his farm early this spring, and bid good-bye to railroading. Sorry to lose such a good railroader and such a good "Indian" as Ralph, but all wish him luck.

Bro. Meredith is off on account of sickness, relieved at Webster by Bro. John Chase.

Dispatcher John Niman, off a week, was relieved by Tom Nolan, and he by Bro. J. V. Tuomey on side wire.

Bro. J. W. Guy, Sewal, and Bro. Walter Abbott, Rathbun have resigned.

On account of the death of a relative, Bro. Griffing, of Gault, was relieved a few days by Bill McCue.

Bro. H. F. Owen, traveling auditor for several months, has resumed charge of Excelsior Springs station.

Bro. R. E. O'Neill, extra Ottumwa, has resigned, relieved by C. T. U. Bro. H. C. Robinson, who also relieved at Linby and Chillicothe.

Bro. Knight, not finding the situation very promising in the Southwest, returned to Hayesville agency, vice Otto Schendell returned to second Excelsior Springs.

Div. Cor.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Our heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom, has deemed it best to call to her

heavenly home, the beloved wife of our esteemed and worthy brother, S. A. Allen, in manifestation of our fraternal grief and sympathy, be it

Resolved, That the members of Division No. 23, Kansas City Division Order Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the bereaved brother and members of the bereaved family their sincere and heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of bereavement, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved brother, a copy spread upon the minutes of this Order, and a copy forwarded to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

R. D. ADKINS,
J. L. WRIGHT,
J. V. TUOMEY,
Committee.

CARD OF THANKS.

LINBY, IOWA, Feb. 19, 1914.

TO THE BROTHERS OF THE K. C. DIVISION:

I hereby desire to thank the brothers of the Kansas City Division for their kindness shown me during the sickness and death of my beloved wife, and also for the beautiful floral offering which they made as a token of their sympathy.

S. A. ALLEN.

I. & M. Division—

A joint meeting of the I. & M. and S. M. Divisions was held at Austin, Minn., February 8th, with a good turn-out. On account of the death of Bro. Derrickson's mother, our general chairman, and general secretary and treasurer were unable to be present. Bro. Turner, local chairman of the S. M. Division, occupied the chair and gave the members one of his interesting talks, after which the meeting was turned over to the members for general discussion, and the way the men went to it shows that they are alive to their interests. While the attendance from this division was fairly good, if the members had made a little more effort it could have been better. These meetings will show good results if a larger number of the men will attend. We intend to hold several this coming summer, and hope the members will make as great an effort to attend them as they do to get out to the "safety first" meetings.

It becomes our sad duty to announce the death of the mothers of both our general chairman and general secretary and treasurer. Bros. Soyster and Derrickson have the sympathy of the entire membership in their bereavement.

Bro. Goertz, agent at Thielman, was a caller at the Austin office between trains February 19th.

Bro. Conklin, agent Medford, off for a few days, was relieved by Bro. Motweiller.

Brothers, when you hear of any news please drop a line to Bro. C. R. Parker, 2721 East Ave., South, Minneapolis. Let us make a combined effort to get a good write-up for this division.

DRY. COX.

River, C. V. and Wabasha Divisions—

Bro. Enke should have enough muscle developed to enter the lists at Hudson before long. He is the heavy man on baggage for all trains after 6 p. m. at Wabasha.

Bro. Ferrier, first signal tower, is on vacation, relieved by Bro. Pat Corcoran.

Bro. Coddington, first Chestnut street, who was relieved on vacation by Bro. Feelemeyer, was later called to Ft. Worth, Tex., on account of the serious illness of his brother, relieved by Bro. Corcoran.

Bro. Wilson, third St. Croix Crossing, called to Michigan to attend the funeral of his grandmother, was relieved by Mr. Ward, from Hastings yard, relieved by Bro. Soules, who has been relieving Bro. Paul Haman at Winona.

Operator Pickle, relieving Dispatcher Renshaw, was relieved for a while by Mr. Pickle, relieved by Bro. Gallinval, from "C" office.

C. B. & B. train No. 80 January 21st broke a wheel at St. Croix Crossing and was badly derailed, tearing up the plant and putting it out of commission for ten days. Trains being governed by hand signals during that time.

Bro. Marron off twice with rheumatism the past month, Bro. Feelemeyer and Bro. Soules relieving. Bro. Latourelle got a chance to say "hello" to some of the road men again when he relieved Bro. Marron one day at Lower Yard.

Bro. W. H. Hanson, Lake City, was elected local chairman and will receive the support and hearty co-operation of all the boys on his division.

Bro. G. J. Leahy, attending a trial at Hastings, was relieved by Bro. Feelemeyer.

Bro. J. F. Sainsbury gets first Hoffman ave., vice Bro. D. J. Clifford, third there, who has been holding it sixteen months, ex-Bro. O. C. Peed, third Chestnut st., working third Hoffman ave. during this time.

Bro. Jimmy Kennedy, "C" office, while on a trip to Florida, was relieved by Bro. Mason, from the Rock Island.

Bro. W. Winters goes to third Minnesota City.

Please be a little more liberal with your notes next time. I am indebted this time to Bro. J. H. Marron.

CERT. 1941.

Dubuque Division—

Superintendent Stapleton is spending the winter in California, relieved by Chief Anderson, Crawford, first, acting as chief; Rampson, first; Morgan, second, and Bro. Wright, third; McCurdy, day operator, and Worster, nights.

We all regret the sad news of the sudden death of Bro. Lieser, agent Grand Meadow, Minn., and extend to Bro. Lieser at Reno, his brother, our sympathy.

Bro. Drum is back at Clayton. Bro. Degnan returning to third Guttenberg.

Bro. E. W. Christ, agent Turkey River, on sick list, was relieved by Bro. Webb, assigned to Preston, a new telegraph position recently opened.

Agent Lund, Brownsville, off a few days with a dislocated knee, relieved by Bro. Boeckh, La-Crescent second.

Bro. Yohe, agent Gordon's Ferry, off for a week, was relieved by Bro. Wilkinson.

Bro. Intlekofer, agent Waukon, now has to work from 6 a. m. to 8:30 p. m.

We are all glad to hear that the wife of Bro. Burns, agent Green Island, is improving rapidly.

Let us all help Local Chairman Rellihan to round up the nons and make a good showing for our division.

General Chairman Soyster's mother died February 14th at Wagner, S. D., and was buried at Elkport, Iowa, on the 17th. Bro. Soyster has our heartfelt sympathy. Div. Co., Cert. 844.

C. & C. B.—In Iowa—Division—

Learn the old adage: "United we stand; divided we fall."

Bro. P. S. Mozeney, Louisa, has been on the sick list.

Bro. L. S. Dove has returned to work at Indian Creek.

Bro. O. J. Atkins relieved J. G. Etzel, Ferguson second, on a month's vacation visiting friends in Seattle.

Bro. J. R. Millett, Van Horne third, on a month's vacation visiting friends and relatives at Slater and Jewell Jct.

Bro. A. A. Hottle is back on Slater tower second, after a serious attack of ear trouble, relieved by Mr. Trichler, from the H. & D.

Bro. P. H. Alberts, Green Island second, was mentioned in a recent issue as a non, which was a mistake. Bro. Alberts is a member in good standing.

Bro. C. A. McGuire, formerly of this division, is back for a visit. He reports all the roads as having plenty of men, and it's hard to get a job.

The family of Bro. M. W. Lawbaugh, Manning second, has been quarantined with scarlet fever, and Bro. Lawbaugh had to board at a restaurant. We are glad to note their recovery.

Bro. T. M. Phee, Cambridge second, visited in Des Moines, February 24th. H. V. Lewis, on Cambridge third pending bulletin, promises to join in the near future.

Bros. A. A. Jordan and T. L. Coughlin are with the M. & St. L., the only road which seems to be shy of operators at present. Bro. Jordan also relieved Bro. Sawyer, Templeton second, on vacation; Bro. H. H. Dollarhide, Aspinwall, while visiting friends and relatives in Douglas, Neb., for three weeks, and Bro. E. D. Brady, agent, while at Stone City on business for three days.

Recent appointments: Bro. W. E. Ervin, Council Bluffs yard third; Bro. C. A. Conklin, Dedham third; Bro. C. R. Kassel, Covington second; C. Lewis, Coon Rapids, first; Bro. A. J. Gibson, Neola second; Bro. E. H. Claussen, Elberon second; E. T. Corbett, Covington third; Bro. H. C. Van Dyke, Manning third; Bro. O. P. Byrd, agent Dunbar for six months; Bro. L. M. Warner, Dawson second; Bro. T. L. Howlett, Dedham second; Bro. O. J. Atkins, Ferguson second six months, and Bro. T. M. Phee, Cambridge tower second.

CERT. 1408.

Trans-Missouri Division—

Bro. Frank R. Hoesley wishes to express his thanks for the honor conferred upon him in electing him local chairman, and promises to faithfully attend to his duties, and hopes the brothers will all help him by keeping up to date and getting in all the desirable nons on this division.

We have asked Bro. Hoesley to shoulder a big task, as this is a large division and his station is a heavy one, which most of the time he handles without assistance.

Bro. Thompson's wife, at Isabel, recently made a trip to Aberdeen, and Bro. Hoesley's wife, at Timber Lake, made an extended visit at her parents' home, Charter Oak, Iowa, and while there attended the wedding of her sister.

Mrs. Hopkins, wife of Bro. E. M. Hopkins, agent at LaPlant, recently returned from the hospital at Rochester, where she underwent an operation. We are glad to hear that she is recovering nicely.

Bro. V. E. Smart, agent Trail City, recently spent Sunday at Timber Lake with his family.

All the Mobridge relay office "chief's" positions except that of wire chief were abolished January 3d, putting Bros. McCaulley on first, with Bro. Robertson and Bro. Mosher on second. Bro. Walter was relieved on third by Bro. Youngman, who returned from an extended vacation, attending to the duties of a "city father" and running the Pastime Theater. Mosher, Walters and Dispatcher Babcock all welcomed baby girls in their homes recently.

Bro. Kail and family, from Moreau Jct., recently took in the sights at Mobridge, relieved by Sister F. M. Holmes, from Mobridge.

Among those who attended the recent meeting at Lemmon were: Bro. Weatherly, agent Walker; Bro. Smart, Trail City, from the branches, and Bros. Chase and Kelly from McLaughlin; Duval, Fuller and Magner, from McIntosh; Halverson, from Watauga; Sister Blanche Hale, from Morristown; Bratsburg, Simms and Bullert, from Lemmon; Zurbrick, from Hettinger, and Earle Leighty, from Bowman; also L. W. Dousman, agent Lemmon.

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p. m. in the rooms of the Commercial Club. V. E. Smart was appointed temporary chairman, Bro. Duvall was elected chairman of the meeting, and Bro. Bratsburg secretary. Bro. J. B. Duvall made a few opening remarks, and General Chairman Soyster, who made a special trip from Chicago to be present at this meeting, gave a very interesting explanatory talk on matters pertaining to the Order.

After the business of the meeting had been concluded a light lunch was served. Chief Dispatcher J. P. Rothman stopped trains to allow brothers wishing to attend to get to Lemmon, and allowed them to return on the most convenient train. We should appreciate such courtesies, boys, by giving "John" our best efforts for the service.

Bro. Gahr is now agent at Gascoyne, and Bro. Blethen at Haynes.

Bro. Raines, at Hettinger, trying for an O. R. T. ring, has two members to land yet. We hope he will succeed.

Bro. Merrick relieved Bro. Frundel at Reeder for a month while Joe and the frau visited relatives in Iowa.

Bro. R. W. Cornell and wife, of Scranton, spent several weeks traveling in Florida, relieved by Bro. Olson.

Bro. Carolin, of Reeder, is now on second Marmarth; Bro. Holman third, and Bro. M. A. Tripp is the agent.

Bro. Strong, agent Wakpala, relieved by Bro. Merrick until Bro. Olson bid the agency in.

Bro. Bernie Campbell, formerly agent Faith, has returned from a trip in the far West, and is now at Buffalo Springs.

Bro. Chas. Fielder, first at Bowman, recently took a trip East, relieved by Mr. Stevenson, from Marmarth.

Mr. Dickson, from Marmarth, who recently underwent a serious operation in Mobridge hospital, will soon be out.

The writer wishes to thank Bros. Simms, Leighty, Wendorff and those who contributed items by wire and mail. I hope some brother from the S. R. Line will give me a few items for next issue.

Bro. Winship recently relieved Dispatcher Doud ten days, called away on account of sickness. The family of Bro. Joyce, agent at Mott, has left him for a few weeks. CERT. 744.

Musselshell Division—

Bro. E. L. Morrow, after several months spent in Florida, has returned to Roundup, relieving Bro. S. A. Stover, who relieved Bro. J. H. Cook, third Shawmut, on sick list.

Bro. J. H. Jesser, second Mildred, on Miles City a few days, relieved by J. W. LeRoy, who later relieved Bro. C. H. Richards, Terry, a few days, and then relieved Bro. P. C. Dedrick, second Shawmut, three weeks while visiting relatives in Milwaukee, and Bro. J. H. Fischer, agent Shawmut, while in Harlowton on business.

Claud Mitchel is in Miles City hospital with a broken leg.

Bro. J. B. Fuller, on vacation, called to Roundup as a company witness, relieved by Bro. T. R. Cedersten, while he attended a safety-first meeting in Miles City.

Bro. R. T. Wilson, first, and Bro. M. L. Beach, third Melstone, have exchanged tricks.

Bro. G. C. Heise, after relieving Sister Mrs. J. F. Hayes, second Sumatra, and Bro. McIntyre, second Musselshell, went East on vacation.

Bro. H. J. Patterson, on three weeks' vacation, was relieved by Miss Mary Corcoran. Bro. and Sister Sharp, on vacation, visited in Nebraska, Illinois and other States.

Bro. A. K. Edmunds, second Harlowton, was off sick a few days, relieved by a man from Lombard.

Bro. O. Hurlbut, agent Terry, relieved by Bro. J. A. Sisson pending bulletin.

Dispatcher T. E. Corbett, called to Indiana by death of his sister, was relieved by Extra Dispatcher A. C. Kohlase. CERT. 2446.

Missoula Division—

I want to congratulate the members of this division on the grand work they have been doing, and Local Chairman Bro. G. L. Dean also thanks you most sincerely for the assistance you have given him. The division is in better condition and stronger than at any time since its origin. Bro. Dean has put his whole heart and soul in the work. Let us continue to lend him our aid.

Rousing good meetings were held in Missoula both afternoon and evening, at the Palace Hotel, February 9th. Those present were: Bro. and Sister Ray, Bro. and Sister Mrs. Dean, and Bros. M. J. Brien, G. B. Aldrich, H. H. Brown, W. H. Glover and General Chairman Soyster, who called the meeting to order, gave us much valuable information, and discussed many interesting points.

Bro. Soyster and other members went to Avery the following day and held a meeting there the evening of February 10th. Those present being Local Chairman Bro. G. L. Dean, Sisters Dean, Mrs. C. M. Van Antwerp, Miss Maud Martin, Misses Kate and Margaret Ray, Mrs. L. V. Maxwell, Miss Zelda Tremble, Sister and Bro. Connie Waters, and Bros. Bennett, A. G. Smith, R. O. Clark, Stanley Van Antwerp, S. McVey and W. H. Glover.

Bro. Soyster presided after Bro. Dean had called the meeting to order, and gave the members valuable information.

The meeting was followed by our first annual ball, which was most successful. There was a large attendance and all enjoyed themselves, and we want to thank the Avery people for their assistance with the dance and their kindness to all the members.

Ten members from the Columbia Division started for the Avery meeting and dance, but their train was delayed and they did not get there.

Our next meeting will be held at Falcon, Idaho, March 14th, at Sister Mrs. Van Antwerp's home. We thank her for the kindness and thoughtfulness in asking us there, and hope a good number will turn out.

On April 25th we will hold a meeting at Superior, Mont., and a dance will be given after the meeting. The people of Superior are co-operating with us for the dance, and many thanks are extended to them.

We are arranging to hold a joint meeting with the N. P. operators at Missoula on May 22d or thereabout, and a dance will be given afterwards. We want a good turn out at this meeting.

Bro. Marquette has gone to Milwaukee on vacation. Sis Kight, East Portal, is also on vacation.

Dispatcher Hanson was off a day sick, relieved by Mr. McGuire. Dispatcher Hill is still tending court, and quite frequent, too.

Sister Miss Margaret Ray was off a week recently, attending a dance and other social functions at Drummond, Mont., and upon the return

of Sister Mrs. S. C. Ray, from Mildred, Mont., January 22d, returned to St. Regis, displacing Bro. Herndon, who relieved C. F. Hughes, at Clinton, who went to Seattle.

Sister Daisy Clark spent a few days in Missoula recently, relieved by Bro. Bets.

Bro. Brink bid in Saltese, worked the job one day and then bid in second Alberton, relieved by O. F. Peterson, pending Bro. Maxwell's return from Oregon. Bro. W. J. Smith relieved Mr. Dunning on Saltese third.

Bro. W. H. Glover relieved by Sister Dean, visited friends at Deer Park, also taking in Spokane and Lewistown, Mont., and Missoula on his return.

Sister Mrs. Van Antwerp, on a trip to Missoula, was relieved by Sister Kent, and she by her sister, Mrs. May Nichols.

Sister Miss Eva Kent and Bro. Connie Waters will take their honeymoon trip the latter part of May, visiting Sister Waters' home at Lima, Mont., and the Yellowstone Park.

C. H. Johnson, second Deer Lodge, has returned from a visit to Minneapolis. J. W. Curry, third Deer Lodge, off thirty days, relieved by Mr. Parsons.

Bro. Jessie Herndon, in Deer Lodge Hospital, is convalescing. We wish him a rapid recovery.

Bro. R. O. Clark is on a trip to Seattle, Lewis-ton, Great Falls and Butte.

Bro. Betts bid in third Haugan.

Bro. Bill Sowden, Avery third, has returned from New York, where he visited his sick mother. She is better.

Sister Miss Vivian Smith is on two weeks' vacation, and Sisters Miss Zelda Trimble and Mrs. Van Antwerp are visiting the coast cities. Sister Miss Maud Martin has gone to Spokane on vacation.

Bro. Van Alstine has returned to Adair from his six months' leave.

Sister Eva Waters is back on third Roland.

Bro. A. G. Smith visited his daughter Vivian at Kyle recently.

Bro. Ralph Hughes, on a trip to Missoula, relieved by Mr. McGuire.

Some of the conductors seem to be taking a personal interest towards getting students to fill phone jobs.

We have signed a petition to donate 25 cents per month for the purchase of a typewriter and desk. Several payments can be made in one remittance if any prefer to do so. The buying of these articles will be left to the committee on local adjustments. As soon as a sufficient amount has been received you will be notified.

W. HAROLD GLOVER, Cert. 2695.

Columbia Division, Puget Sound Lines.

Reduction of force is "getting the nons" as the old heads are all lined up and staying on the job.

Bro. Horne is on second Herrick, having lost out at Rosalia through reduction, and Mr. Barry using his schedule rights bumped Bro. Holland, at Herrick.

Bro. Sorenson, agent St. Joe, off ten days, was relieved by Bro. Smith, relieved on second by Bro. "Slats."

Bro. Vassey is back on first St. Maries, Bro. Walden, touring the East, relieved on second by Bro. Olson, and he by Bro. Mapes on third.

Bro. Coplen, at Plummer, is doing a Marathon between his two depots. Swaizy, Severs and Evans make the new depot there solid.

Bro. Parker, agent, Tekoa, is working a trick again.

Bro. F. L. Hays, laid off at Malden, bid in second, and Bro. "Kirk" is on third there. Bro. Thomas is also working a trick this winter; Bro. Taylor dropping back on second Malden, is being held on the map by the three wire chiefs.

Bro. and Sister Stephens and Sister Tilger make Revere solid.

Agency Ralston is open for applications.

Bro. Holland is relieving Bro. Campbell at Thorp, who is visiting in the East.

Bro. Kinne, second Othello, has returned from a vacation spent on his orange ranch in southern California.

Everything is quiet on the line now that "Fighting Bob" retired to his ranch in Idaho.

Bro. Schlatter relieved Sister Ross at Beverly for a week or two.

Engineer Geo. Perry dropped dead in his cab on the Olympian, January 12th, two miles west of Easton, only a few miles from where his friend Engineer Noble lost his life a year ago, when his engine dropped fifty feet into a ravine. Both engineers were pioneers from the Jim River Division of the old Milwaukee lines, and were highly respected by all who knew them.

Bro. Hartsock is scanning the seniority list, Warden having been pulled off. Branch trains transferring at Othello.

Only one agent on the pike not in. "AF."

Columbia Division Notes—

Bro. E. O. Walden, second St. Maries, visited friends on the coast for three weeks, thence to Kansas City to spend the remainder of a three months' vacation with the old folks; relieved by Bro. Olson, third, and he on third by Bro. R. L. Duell, later bumped by Relief Agent C. F. Mapes. R. B. Jose, awarded the new agency at Dishman.

Bro. A. J. Sorrenson, agent St. Joe, while in Seattle two weeks, was relieved by Bro. H. W. Smith, and he on second by Bro. A. L. Schlatter.

Bro. Carroll is on second Beverly, pending regular assignment, vice Sister Ross.

E. P. Thomas has taken Missoula agency, relieved at Rosalia agency by Bro. F. L. Hayes, on bid, relieved on second Tekoa by O. C. Holland.

Bro. F. W. Kinney has returned to second Othello from vacation.

Chief Jordan was over the division recently, calling on the boys.

Bro. E. A. Rudloff is still at Ralston agency, now on bulletin. CERT. 2644.

Brothers C. M. & St. P. Ry.

Pretzel City Telegraphers' Club now meets third Wednesday of each month at Ladies and Knights of Security Hall (formerly I. O. O. F. Hall), 107 Stephenson St., Freeport, Ill.

International & Great Northern Ry., Div. No. 25.

San Antonio Division—

The engine tank of engine 42, derailed north of McNeil, February 18th, turned over and killed Conductor E. A. Heap, who had been on the I. & G. N. for fifteen years. His many friends along the line were shocked to hear of his sudden death.

A car in a stock train crossing the Sabine River derailed recently and knocked down an entire span of the bridge, with nine cars. Through passenger trains were badly delayed for several days. Fortunately, no one was injured.

Our old friend Gimble has returned from an extended vacation East, and is now at Encinal waiting for something to turn up. Bro. Horner relieved Bro. Caballero on second Laredo a few days.

Bros. Avey and Burson have changed tricks for sixty days to enable Bro. Avey to cultivate his truck garden while working second.

Bro. Wilkerson bid in third New Braunfels.

The clerk-operator at Kyle has been discontinued.

Earl Harris, our crack second trick dispatcher, has developed the "chicken fever." His specialty is white leghorns. He has transmitted the disease to Bros. Burson and Avey, at M. K. & T. Jct., and Bro. Hopkins at Colorado Bridge, and I am catching it myself, and it looks like every operator on the line will soon be raising chickens.

Our Texas political pot is commencing to boil, and it will pay all the boys to study over the matter as to who to vote for next July. Our present State treasurer, Bro. Edwards, is one man you want to be sure to vote for. He is an old Cotton Belt operator, and still carries his card up to date.

Bro. Carroll, from Round Rock, made Austin a pop call the other day.

Cold weather and delayed trains caused some of our older passenger conductors to lay off and Bill Hays and Dick Webb to wear brass buttons a few days.

The stock and onion rush will soon make our hunch hustle down here.

The writer made a trip to New Braunfels between trains the other day to see if the town was still there. It was. MUTT.

Gulf Division—

All news items, etc., should be mailed to J. J. Burns, assistant local chairman and division correspondent, Box 482, Rockdale, Texas, before the 18th, to enable us to get in the next issue of the journal.

Bro. L. W. Sledge is now agent at Rockdale, vice Bro. Richard D. Barnes, going on extra board on account of ill-health. Assistant Local Chairman Burns bid in third Rockdale tower,

vice Bro. E. H. Murray, of Division 54 (temporary), returned to Hebron, N. D. Bro. J. L. Loving, second Rockdale tower, was called to his home in Warren, Ill., on account of the death of his father.

The correspondent called on Bro. Stephens at Gause recently, and found one of the neatest and best-kept stations on the line.

Bro. C. J. Jones, relieved on first Valley Jct. by Bro. Wilson, went to Hearne extra, awhile and is now laying off to do his spring plowing. Bro. Barnes is now on from 4 p. m. to 12 midnight, and Bro. McLean on first, C. H. Hanson on third and Bro. Robinson on second Valley.

Bro. H. S. Owen, of Division 70, was on "RA" second a few days—a good "Hombre" we hated to see leave.

Dispatcher McClure, on vacation, was relieved by Dispatcher Martin.

Bro. V. E. Smith, Grand Division, called, en route to the D. & R. G., at Denver.

Bro. G. H. Lansberry, Trinity first, on sick list a few days, was relieved by Bro. C. V. Lansberry, of third, relieved by Mr. Ballard.

Bro. Taylor bid in second Trinity; W. L. Holloway, with Wells-Fargo for some time, bid in Spring agency; his brother, Bro. F. E. Holloway, bid in first Sellers, and Mr. McGee bid in third there. Bro. J. D. Frank was on Sellers second, Bro. Clarke on first, and Mr. Mallory on third pending bulletin. Grapeland and Dodge nights abolished.

Bro. S. B. Gray is back at Overton.

Bro. W. Murchison, first Conroe, and wife were recent Houston visitors, also Bro. Taylor of Trinity.

Bro. Lowe, from the K. C. S. Division, is assistant depot ticket agent Houston.

Local Chairman Hungate, called to his old home, White Pine, Tenn., on account of the death of his father, Dr. E. W. Hungate, was relieved at Jewett by Bro. R. B. Adams.

Assistant Local Chairman, over the line on business, made a call of a few hours with Local Chairman Hungate at Jewett.

Every member send me all the information possible relative to conditions on their end of the line. Don't be afraid to say what you want. I will publish only what is fit.

T. L. Davis assigned to operator-clerk position at Tyler, and Bro. J. B. Davis, Jr., to Neches, made vacant by the death of his father, Bro. J. B. Davis.

Bro. Z. N. Robbins is on second Dodge, Bro. Roy Robbins agent, and R. G. Hatfield third there.

I want to thank all the boys who so liberally contributed news items for this month's write-up. Use the stamped addressed envelopes I send you, and we will have a good write-up each month.

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IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Our heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom and goodness, has deemed it best to call to the great beyond the beloved father of our

Local Chairman Hungate; in manifestation of our fraternal sympathy, be it

Resolved, That the members of Gulf Division, International & Great Northern Ry. System Division 25, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the sorrowing brother and family their heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved brother and family, a copy spread on the minutes of the division, and a copy sent to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

R. B. ADAMS,
J. J. BURNS,
H. C. BERRY,
Committee.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, to call home our beloved brother, J. B. Davis, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Fully realizing our great loss, we feel unable to express in words our heartfelt sympathy; therefore be it

Resolved, That the members of Gulf Division, International & Great Northern R. R. System Division 25, extend to Mrs. Davis and family our sincere sympathy; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to Mrs. Davis, a copy spread upon the minutes of the division, and a copy sent to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

R. B. ADAMS,
D. D. HUNGATE,
J. J. BURNS,
Committee.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Death has entered the family of our brother, J. L. Lovin, and removed therefrom his father; therefore be it

Resolved That Gulf Division No. 25, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to Bro. Lovin and family our sincere condolence in their sad bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon our minutes, and a copy sent to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

R. B. ADAMS,
D. D. HUNGATE,
J. J. BURNS,
Committee.

Missouri Pacific Ry., Div. No. 31.

Southern Kansas Division—

If all of you will mail your notes to Bro. Lucy at Leroy, Bro. Garton at Conway Springs, or myself here at Coffeyville, we will have a fine write-up each month.

Get after the few nons on this division. Remember the old motto, "No card, no favors," and live up to it.

It was the writer's pleasure to hear Superintendent Carden give an address on the subject of

"Safety First," at one of the social entertainments held by the wives of the railroad men at the Y. M. C. A. His talk was very interesting and closely followed. Among other things he spoke of was regarding the men not taking their proper rest, therefore making it dangerous when they went out on their runs. All of us should take our rest, so when we come on duty we will be on the alert for anything which may come up and have our minds on our business. I have been told, however, by the dispatchers that they have a good set of both day and night men, who answer calls promptly. Keep up this good work, boys. It will show up well for us later on.

Bro. Andrews, of Seward, bid in Tyro agency. Westphalia agency is now up for bids, vice Bro. Stein, who bid in Cedarvale.

It is now Bro. H. L. Rearick on second Altoona, whom we are glad to have with us.

Bro. N. Certain is off thirty days, relieved by J. C. Holleran on second Garnett.

Bro. Sandborn, Arkansas City, is off thirty days, relieved by Bro. Sawyer, and he by Bro. Lacy, from the U. P.

Mr. Willingham, agent Larned, called home on account of the serious illness of his mother, was relieved by Helper Dodown, from Kingman.

Bro. C. C. Crone, third Buffalo, was married January 22d. The cigars are going around. Congratulations. He was relieved on his honeymoon by L. F. Brandon.

I have up three cases now entitled to vacation pay for 1913, which I am sure will be settled satisfactorily, and I am under the impression that three or four more of you have had your vacation allowance cut out. This should be taken up at once for settlement. Those who have not received their vacation allowance, write me.

The train dispatcher put out an order at a telegraph station the other day with instructions to operator on duty to phone to train when they called for same. The conductor of this train called up from a station where the company maintains an agent, but only pays him about half an operator's salary. This practice is strictly against our contract and should be reported every time it occurs.

Bro. Crites assigned to Westphalia agency, relieved at Hudson agency on bid by L. A. Strange. Hudson and Dexter telegrapher are both up for bid now.

Bro. Hanks bid in Dexter, and Bro. Manning bid in Seward, putting Turon and Niotaze agencies on bid.

Bro. Sandborn has resumed at Arkansas City, after a short vacation.

The new depot at Garnett is now ready for occupancy.

Each one of you do your best towards lining up the very few nons that we have left, and let's make the Southern Kansas the best in Division 31.

T. F. JAMESON.

Wichita Division—

We note with pleasure the interest taken by a number of the members in writing to the nons. Keep the good work going. If every

member would write the few nons left and let them know how they stand it would accomplish wonders. Several on the east end need your serious attention. One of them here for years continues to promise, but when pay day comes "just can't make it this time." Keep after him until he lines up.

Each one of you can help your committee by being on the alert to secure applications. Do not hesitate to write me; I will be glad to advise you.

All 12-hour telegraphers should remember that vacations will not be allowed those on leave of absence more than 30 days. Be sure to claim time for making transfers from one position to another, also remember that the management promised us a liberal application of the Sunday rule. If you think you are not being given as much time on Sunday as you are entitled to, furnish the facts in the case and we will see if the matter can not be remedied.

Paste this up and don't forget to furnish the local chairman a copy of every verbal or written order being sent to a train at a non-telegraph station. There is too much of this kind of work being done. The trainmen would have a just grievance should some of us run a train out, and we have an equal cause for complaint when they keep telegraphers out of employment by voluntarily performing their duties. In spite of the fact that the organizations have passed resolutions against this practice, some few are so zealous of putting a feather in their own cap that they go out of the way to take the place of the telegrapher. F. O. Morr, Local Chairman.

Wichita Division Notes—

Bro. S. G. Huddleson, of Clearwater, is looking for a location south, relieved by a new man.

We have only had five nons on this division. Boys, get after them. If you don't know who they are ask Bro. Mott, Bro. Mohler or myself. We will be glad to furnish application blanks to write them up.

Bro. D. E. Twiggs, of Redfield, who bid third Eldorado, later bid in third 25th st. yard, vice W. H. Dean. Bro. J. M. Blackman, of Hazelton, agent at Redfield for about 11 years, goes back there again, after about a year's absence. Bro. Byington bid in Neal second.

Bro. Chas. Bodle, of Benton, is on vacation, relieved by Mr. Engel.

Bro. Jones, at Lyons, is being relieved by J. W. Sheas, and he at Eldorado on bid by F. H. Jenkins, from 25th st. yard.

W. A. Schreier assigned Argonia agency. Brothers, keep after him until he joins.

Second Trick Dispatcher Samuels is in St. Louis Hospital. We hope for his speedy recovery. Extra Dispatcher Jarson relieving him goes to "H" office, on his return putting Mr. Ellis on extra board.

G. E. T., Div. Cor.

Eastern District—

Brothers, paying your dues and carrying an up-to-date card is not all we are required to do. We must all pull together, try to get new members, and hand in a few items each month for the journal.

Several of the boys have been let out on account of so many night offices closing. St. Aubert third being recently added to the closed list, but Grand Pass second has been reopened again, and that is some encouragement.

Bro. H. McClain, off several months, was relieved by H. Fleming. T. D. Malkley, off 30 days visiting friends and relatives in Colorado, bid in third Lee's Summit, and Bro. Canfield bid in first Boonville.

Bro. Butter drew first, Mr. Wilson second, and Williams third Sedalia; Bro. Haub bid in Osage agency; Glencoe on bid.

Bro. Burlingame bid in Pacific second, vice T. L. Healy pending transfers, and Bro. F. F. O'Bryan drew third.

St. Aubert agency and Glencoe on bid.

Bro. J. D. Keithley, on third "GR" 23d st., St. Louis. Bro. Glynn on second, and Bro. Davis on first.

Mr. Stahlman, off on account of his mother's death, has our heartfelt sympathy.

Bro. J. T. Carter, Labadie nights, relieved by A. L. Fox, while off getting married. Congratulations.

There was quite a sore and disabled bunch around Cole Jct. for several weeks. Bro. Pulliam with a vaccinated arm; Bro. Adams with a nail-punctured foot, and Mr. Church with the la grippe. He and Bro. Adams were off several days.

Mr. Lewis, third Myrick, while laid up with the mumps, was relieved by Mr. Tally. Mumps and smallpox are getting as fashionable as the tango.

Bro. H. L. Dare, second Eureka, now closed, is visiting home folks in Indiana 30 days.

Second Trick Dispatcher Henry, Jefferson City, our relief chief, is off for 30 days, on a trip to Washington, D. C.

Bro. C. W. Cole, Centertown nights, bid in St. Aubert agency; Centertown open for bid.

Block phones are being installed on the River District, where several day and night offices will probably open up in a month. Everybody get that new card, and be protected in landing one of these new jobs.

If the good brothers will aid me we will have a write-up in every journal again. Look at the nine-page write-up of the N. P. Division of the January journal, then look at our division, and see the difference. Let's try and make this old pike solid. Every brother who has a non at his station keep after him until he gets him in, then we can stand a better show to get a good schedule at our next committee meeting.

Let me hear from some of our good brothers with some news for our next journal.

"AD" at "BJ," Cert. 2747.

Valley Division—

Bro. Gyssen assigned to Portland second, and Bro. Bryan to Blissville second, pending last bulletin. The former was a recent Portland caller, and the latter a recent Blissville caller. Cliff Harison, clerk Portland, is now cashier in the bank there. T. R. Bradford, formerly clerk at Portland, later at Dermott, is attending school at Tyler, Tex.

Bro. A. C. Seaman, first Dermott, was off a week on the sick list, relieved by Bro. Cook, of second, and he by Bro. J. T. Walker, from Colorado.

Assistant Local Chairman Bro. Barker, attending court, relieved by Bro. Guise on third Montrose, a few days, and he on third by L. L. Levett from the R. I.

Bro. Butts, former agent Barkdale, called on the office force at Montrose, February 15th, en route for Lake Village.

It is now Bro. F. A. Yagger, agent Morrell.

Bro. J. T. Cook assigned Benita third, pending last bulletin.

Bro. Butts, agent Barkdale, transferred to Eoline, relieved by Mr. Gilbert, of the Cotton Belt. H. H. BRYAN.

Central Division—

Bro. J. E. Brown, agent Knoxville, was off several days recently, account having run a nail in his foot.

Bro. D. V. Wood, relieved by Bro. J. H. Pugh, has returned to second Palarm, made a hurried trip East, on account of his mother's illness, whom we are glad to say is better. Bro. Wood and the agent have to "bach," as there is no place to board at Palarm. Bro. H. C. Farmer, of Palarm, is attending school in St. Louis.

Bro. A. M. Hensley, from Russellville, one of the oldest men on the system, is now on second Gore, succeeded by Mr. Hobbs, who decided not to take it, after he had bid it in.

The fine, modern brick depot at Conway will soon be ready for business. The old one has been moved across the tracks for a freight depot.

A nice addition has been made to the Knoxville depot on account of the growing business at that place. Bro. Brown is assisted by Bros. S. M. Rorex and R. R. Henderson—all mighty fine boys.

Bro. "Tom" is relieving Agent R. M. Wildman, who has gone away for an operation, which we trust will be successful. Bro. H. L. Bidwell is on first and Bro. O. G. Milton on second.

Bro. L. L. Garrett was called to Hillsboro, Ohio, last month on account of the sudden death of his father.

Bro. C. H. Haskins, of Atkins, is carrying his arm around in his hand, having been vaccinated the other day, and it "took." Bro. L. D. McCoy, on second, accompanied his sister-in-law to Little Rock where she is taking medical treatment.

Bro. A. C. McCollum, assistant cashier in the Merchants' and Farmers' Bank of Adkins, drops in to see the boys about every day, and to listen to the hum of the wires. He's a mighty good man wherever you put him.

Bro. C. Edmonson, of Mulberry, put in some time working out by a telegraph pole recently, when a freight train went in the ditch from a broken axle.

Quite a number of changes were made in the block offices last month. CERT. 79.

Louisiana Division—

Bro. McDougald has appointed me division correspondent and I hope all the boys on the division will send me all the news they can, so we can have a good write-up each month.

Bro. Brown, Farmersville agency, bid in Wisner agency.

Bro. Mathis, off since October, 1913, has been reinstated, bumping Mr. Bernard at Grayson, who bumped Mr. Gordy, El Dorado days, until Bro. Iverson was reinstated there, when Mr. Bernard bumped Bro. McGuire off second Georgetown, and he bumped G. L. Tooley from third there, who returned to Monroe as extra dispatcher, and later went to the G. H. & S. A. in Texas. Mr. Gordy went to the L. & A.

Bro. Walter Boswell relieved Mr. Hunter, Pollock days, who relieved Bro. Beardslee, while in Oklahoma on a vacation, then relieved E. Noise, agent Clarks, resigned.

Bro. B. F. Selvidge, Simms nights, relieved a few days by Mr. Cline, a new man, now at Huttig days.

Bro. S. B. Davis, agent Olla, owing to the illness of his brother, relieved by J. W. Miller, third there, and he by Bro. D. J. Lewis, a new man.

Bro. Bell, joint agency Georgetown, has gone to L. R. & N., at Alexandria, relieved by F. W. Schaefer, from the Cotton Belt. Ex-Bro. Bush relieved on third Georgetown by Bro. McGuire, from C. I. & S. Mr. Harris, second Georgetown, relieved by C. E. Rutledge, and he later by L. M. Evans, from Simms. It is now Bro. Bernard, on second Georgetown again, and will soon be Bro. Schaefer, agent there. We hope the other few nons and delinquents will soon do likewise.

Local Chairman McDougald should be advised promptly of all changes. He has appointed an assistant on each district, and we will now be able to keep better posted all over the division, and work together better than we have ever done, and have vacancies bulletined promptly, if you will all do this.

Bro. Mathis, on the Monroe District, has compiled a statement showing how all the boys on this district stand; showing that we have only three nons, one of whom will soon be with us, and we should be able to get the other two without much trouble.

I hope to get a list from all the districts showing how strong we are, in the near future.

Let us all get to work together and do something on this division. CERT. 1941.

Baltimore & Ohio R. R., Div. No. 33.*New Castle Division, West End—*

The government mediation board is now working on the differences between the telegraphers and the company. All stand true to the committee.

The few nons west of Akron are keeping a close tab on the working rules of the schedule. Now is a good time to line them up. Let's organize a Ladies' Auxiliary and get the women after them.

Bro. Lane, first "MR" tower, took the examination for postmaster at Homerville; J. J. Dieter relieving him.

We are glad to welcome back to the fold as brothers: C. F. Adams and C. H. McConahey, of Lodi. The third trick brother should be made to ride the goat.

The local chairman has received the new seniority list from the division operator, and will have them printed soon. When asked to pay your share don't kick out, as he has troubles enough without having to pay the printer's bill.

It's worth your time, brothers, to attend the meetings, just to hear McLaughlin's stories, some of them acted out, too.

The retrenchment in progress on the Cleveland Division reduced the telegraph force about thirty men. Among the offices closed was the end of double track Seville, compelling trains to get their orders at Sterling.

F. E. Gary, Sterling third, who went firing on the "Nickel Plate," is now on first Newton Falls, and Bro. Jones is trying out a position in the local bank.

Remember, "No card, no favors."

CERT. 758.

Cleveland Division—

Bro. Kilbowe, third Columbia, resigned, is now with Penna. Co., Wooster.

Bro. K. D. Kelly is with the Postal, Chicago.

Bro. McCully, our "51" man for past two years, has resigned and gone to the W. & L. E.

Brothers, keep up the good work in regard to the service law and telephoning of orders.

Brothers, send me all the news you can, before the 20th, so we can have a good write-up every month.

Our local chairman will call a meeting as soon as he meets the general committee, and will have some good news for us.

Brothers, let's "hit the ball" and show the company that the Order men are always on the job.

Assistant Trainmaster Chas Hahn, resigned, is now temporary examiner on new book of rules.

General Manager Thompson and other officials recently paid this division a visit.

Double track has been started between Hollway and Piedmont.

Bro. O. F. Weaver and wife were recent Cleveland visitors.

Thanks to Bro. Billings for news items.

Bro. C. B. Blythe, Howard St., Akron, is on leave of absence.

Akron Jct. and East Akron closed on account of reduction of business.

Mr. J. H. Baker, relief operator, has taken a position with the Newburg and South Shore at Cleveland.

Mr. F. Mowery and Mr. Robinson working days at "CS" office, and Mr. Wagner on nights; they expect an eight-hour shift in spring.

Our old-time dispatcher, Mr. Trisch, has taken a furlough, Mr. Jackson taking his vacancy. Mr. J. F. Wagner on second and Mr. D. B. R. Lucas on third at Cleveland.

Belt Line crossings: Changes—Cleveland: Bro. N. E. Reese, of Lake Jct., closed, bumped H. N. Brown from third; F. Scholes, second, bumped by Mr. Fitch, from "CS," with Bro. C. R. Billings still on first.

J. H. Spence, South Park second, bumped Mr. Akers, from Willow. Bro. A. C. Lampe is agent and operator at South Park again, after working on some western road several years. We are glad to see him back.

Bro. O. F. Murray has taken the relief agency, relieved by A. C. Gamble.

Bro. C. W. Meiser, agent Everett, was on the sick list several days.

Bro. S. B. Shafer, who is spending the winter with his brother in Homer, Mich., is greatly improved in health.

Dispatcher O'Leary has returned from a sixty-day leave in the East, putting Dispatcher Johnny Wagner back on third.

Brothers, don't forget the motto, "No card, no favors." Backsliders and nons all look alike.

It is now Bro. G. G. Tope. We hope more of the nons will soon follow "Red's" example. "VI," Cert. 2685.

Monongahela Division—

Bro. L. W. Graham, agent Kanawha, who underwent an operation for appendicitis at St. Joseph's Hospital, Parkersburg, and has been removed to his home in Kanawha, can rest assured that we are all interested in his speedy recovery.

Bro. Rinker, agent Ellenboro, was relieved by Bro. Donohue, while passing on the colors.

Bro. C. M. Baker, on third Petroleum, later relieved by Bro. C. O. Stevens, during the absence of Clyde Joseph.

Bro. W. W. Powell, first Brydon, calling on his old friends and passing on the colors, relieved by T. Bradford. F. E. Shoultee is on third Brydon, Stanley Fleming relieving Fred England, who relieved Bro. H. McDowell, agent Bridgeport, while looking over his new farm.

Bro. A. G. Harbert, third "D" tower, visited Cumberland recently.

Bro. J. E. Maxwell is back at Wolf Summit; Ray Wrick goes from third "MO" tower to agent Wolf Summit.

Bro. Loudon was on second "D" tower while Hargett attended court.

Bro. G. W. Drainer bid in Petroleum agency. We wish him success.

Bro. C. M. Baker has been relieving a few of the boys while they are being examined on sight and hearing.

Conductor B. F. Ward recently found a pocket-book at Salem containing a photo of a boy, evidently about two years old, and it clearly seemed that the pocketbook belonged to Bro. D. L. Coyne. Bro. Graham, at Long Run, demanded an explanation which, no doubt, proved satisfactory to all concerned.

Bro. B. S. Marshall is on third Cornwallis, relieved by Bro. L. B. Ferrell, at Central.

Bro. W. M. Donohue is on second Smithburg during the absence of Mrs. Cahill.

We are all thankful that the winter is about over; also that we have been doing a little missionary work and keeping our wives and babies warm. We have been lightening the burdens of poor wives and babies of the undeserving nons. By paying your dues in the grand O. R. T. you made it possible for those nons' wives and children to have a little warmer fire, a little warmer clothing, a better pair of shoes and many other comforts that they would not have had if it was not for the efforts of the O. R. T. We wonder when they sit around the fire with their families, if they remember that a few years ago \$45 a month was the salary paid on this division, and twelve hours a day's work. The credit for the great change in these conditions did not just happen, but were brought about by our organization. Let us see that they come in and keep the good cause along.

After a brakeman is on the road a few months he joins the B. of R. T. and stays with it, he don't drop out with some flimsy excuse when it is time to pay his dues, that is why their check is so much more than yours. The nons with us never fail to take everything they can get their hands on. Our committee has been in conference with the management for some time, and although up against a hard proposition, we expect good results. It is an outrage that men who claim to have normal intelligence have to be begged and pleaded with to join the union labor movement.

As an organization we are the family of that society, as that family our interest should be so bound up in each other, that while we might have differences of opinion, yet that difference should never allow us to forget that one is necessary to the success of the other and injury to one effects us all. Brothers, keep in mind our golden rule, "No card, no favors," and see that the non you are working with gets an up-to-date.

"BILLY," Cert. 1369.

Pittsburg Division—

Bro. R. B. Dillinger, our efficient extra, and Bro. A. O. Kyler, both joined last month.

Bro. Davidson bid in Schenley third, relieved at "DU" by J. W. Giles, and Bro. Morgan bid in first trick at "VA."

Bro. Marsh, third "RD," was off a few days recently on account of sickness. Bro. Willings, first "R," was also off several days lately.

Bro. Douglas, first "GN," attended some of the Billy Sunday meetings in Pittsburg.

Bro. J. Liston, third Washington, is on six months' furlough, managing Postal Telegraph office at Washington, Pa.

Bro. J. H. Heath, transferred from Division 14, worked and bached with Bro. Yeager, on the A. C. L., in the wilds of Florida ten years ago.

Bro. P. M. Gear, "DS" Pittsburg, is on a furlough to California with his wife and daughter.

Bro. L. L. Williams, agent Evans City, is now on Rand second, relieved by Bro. McElhinney.

Bro. H. C. Rison, second "GN," recently visited relatives at Van Wert, Ohio, relieved by Bro. Fair.

Sister Smart, off a few days on account of sickness, relieved by Bro. Kepler.

Mr. Jarrett, at Bryant, and another Mr. Jarrett on the river were brothers when they quit the business, and now that they are back should be lined up again.

Bro. Fescmeyer, agent at Wildwood, has resigned, relieved by a brother of Bro. L. L. Williams. Bro. S. E. Fescmeyer, at Vonwinckle, and Bro. W. H. Painter, agent Bruin, have also resigned. Bro. I. C. Halderman, of B. R. & P., appointed agent Bruin.

We were pleased to hear from our Bro. C. V. Harbison, now with the Atlantic Ref. Co., who still carries an up-to-date. He has a warm spot in his heart for the old B. & O. boys, and is always glad to get his journal each month and read the Pittsburg Division news.

Bro. Yeager, local chairman, returned from the general committee meeting in Baltimore the latter part of January, and was taken ill soon after reaching Pittsburg, and was unable to get around among the boys. He had not fully recovered when he left for Washington, D. C., February 15th, to serve on the general committee, reconvening on the 16th, the Government mediators having promised to meet both parties there on February 17th. Remain loyal and be patient, brothers, and keep after Mr. Non.

Wish to thank Bro. Yeager for the items he furnished this month. CERT. 159.

Wheeling Division—

Bro. W. M. Killen, second Bridgeport, Ohio, was off a week visiting relatives in Newark, Ohio, relieved by Extra Pugh.

Bro. C. W. Linn, extra copier, is on second "HN" Benwood. Relief dispatcher in "Q" cut off temporarily. Bro. J. C. Mellott, agent Benwood Jct., was off several days on account of sickness, relieved by Bro. Edw. Voight, from "HN." Bro. M. F. Teathers went to first "BN" during the illness of T. A. Daisy.

Automatic block signals between Wheeling and Benwood Jct. went into effect January 22, 1914, relieving "WR" and Benwood Jct. offices of blocking between those points. They still block east on main line, making plenty of work.

W. H. Johnson, who bid in Tunnel Siding, has moved from Klee to Flushing, Ohio.

Three new members already this year, several others paying up and others promised for next pay day. A little effort by each member will complete the organization on this division.

If the report is found to be true that a certain member on the Ohio side has two students, his

name will be published and charges preferred against him.

Bro. Van Fosson has been appointed postmaster at Holloway. Bro. W. H. Kinney, of Holloway, is in Miami, Fla., and Bro. L. E. Kinney, of "HO" tower Holloway, on six months' leave, Extra Jackson relieving.

Bro. L. B. Tennant, of Underwood, can furnish everything in the horticultural line.

Bro. C. L. Allender, while on the Wheeling and Monongahela Divisions during the fourteen days' delay waiting for the mediators to take up our case referred to them on January 24th, initiated three new members, collected \$70 dues, and secured several applications.

A careful comparison of our schedule with that of other highly organized roads shows that the nons are costing each operator from \$7 to \$10 a month. Brothers, help us to complete our organization, and save yourself this loss.

Twenty-five of the Monongahela and Wheeling division operators attended the funeral of Conductor James A. Boyd at Moundsville, February 12th, in company with a large number of railroad men from all departments. Bro. Boyd was deservedly popular, and his loss is deeply felt by every man on the division.

Don't fail to pay up your dues and insurance. If this has not been done, *rush them*.

CERT. 754.

C. O. Division—

Bro. Thomas has resumed on third "NJ," after an extensive leave, relieved by Bro. Sims, who also relieved Miss E. P. Becker while off on account of the illness of her sister, and later relieved Mr. Nash, second Eldon, a few days.

Mr. Huffman, second Media, was recently off a few days, relieved by Mr. Hollingsworth.

Mr. Kinkade has gone to the Western Union, Newark nights.

Boys, get after the nons and send in their applications; also send me some items, so we can have a write-up every month. CERT. 1860.

Indiana and Illinois Divisions—

It's now Bro. Dane, second, and Bro. Rogers, first Lebanon, also Bro. Peachey, second O'Fallon, relieved of the agency there by Bro. Songer, from the Southern Ry.

Bro. F. J. Messig, second Breese, bid in third O'Fallon, relieved by Z. F. Beck.

The new block system is now in operation. Watch your block. The better service we give the company, the better for us.

B. Files appointed accounting agent at Ridgeway, Ill., vice R. F. Jones, to Bridgeport, Ill., days, vice Bro. Brunner, on six months' leave.

Pay up, boys, and keep in line. "No card, no favors."

The sleet storm January 29th put the wires out of commission, tearing down 100 poles east of Breese.

Local Chairman Mead was out a few days recently lining up some more of the boys.

Bro. Rawlins, our general chairman, was over to see us a few days ago, and is expecting a good schedule soon.

C. W. Fritchey bid in third "WC," and F. J. Messig third "FA" instead of third "RN," an older man canceling his bid on "FA" third.

Bro. Stubblefield is now at "Z" instead of the man from Cisne. Our officers always help the men who carry up-to-date cards to get their rights.

CERT. 3027.

Chicago Division, West End—

February 11th I sent a note to all the operators on the west end, asking them to send in notes for the journal, but I have not received any. Boys, if you want a write-up each month you will have to assist me in getting news. I picked up a few notes just by talking to some of the boys on the wire.

Bro. A. G. Lemert, off a few days, was relieved by Mr. Cassidy.

F. W. Savage bid in third "MO," relieved on third "KN" by Bro. J. D. Henry, a new man.

Bro. W. E. Samuelson was married February 2d. Congratulations.

Bro. W. C. Otto bid in third "NA," and is now close to home.

Bro. B. F. Ruckman, off a few days visiting, was relieved by a new man. "CH" at "KN."

Chicago & Eastern Illinois R. R., Div.

No. 34.

Bro. J. W. Begbie, second St. Anne, Ill., has been appointed correspondent for Chicago Division, Danville District. Send him all the items of news you can.

Fraternally,

P. S. LOTTINVILLE, Local Chairman.

Chicago Division, Danville District—

I am going to ask every one of you to send me your news items not later than the 20th of each month, so that I will be able to get them in on time. I can not do very much unless the boys along the line send me the changes, births, deaths, etc.

The splendid schedule obtained by our committee went into effect December 1, 1913, and we all appreciate the better working conditions, shorter hours, overtime, seniority, etc., for which our faithful, efficient and loyal committee have our heartiest thanks.

We should live up to the contract in every respect and show the management that we appreciate it by putting forth every effort at our command, to increase our usefulness to our employers, and do everything within our power to protect their interest as well as our own.

The increase gained will mean about \$2,400 added to the company's roll each month, making the minimum salary \$60 instead of \$57.50. This increase will be placed to the best possible advantage after bringing salaries up to the minimum by applying the balance to a few minor positions.

Owing to financial conditions we were very fortunate in securing anything. As soon as conditions improve we can ask for another increase, which will be applied to positions not reached this time, and eventually all will be benefited.

Those holding positions benefited by the raise this time have been bulletined to contribute their first month's increase to reimburse Division 34 for the amount expended while our committee was at work on the schedule, and we trust all will respond at once. All will receive a copy of the new schedule as soon as it is printed. The revised article on seniority is great, also several new ones that were added. Let us have our general chairman, in the near future, call a meeting some place between Danville and Chicago; everyone attend who possibly can and discuss the many questions of great benefit to us.

If there is a non at your station, make it your business to get his application. Don't let up until you have it with the amount necessary to get him a card. Show him that it is to his own advantage and for his protection as well as yours, to always be up-to-date. Treat him kindly as long as it is possible to do so; try "No card, no favors," and we will then get results.

It will soon be Bro. C. P. Thompson, third "HJ" tower; Bro. Mottern, at Wichert, and Ex-Bro. Miller, at Coaler. We will also call the girls, at Sollitt, Sister before long.

Marceau is solid, even to the agent.

Bro. Olhmkke, while visiting the old folks in southern Illinois, was relieved by Telegrapher McCleskey.

Bro. C. R. Montgomery, second Watseka, off several days, owing to illness in his family, was relieved by C. T. U. Bro. Hubbard.

Bro. Butler, Woodland Jct., off a few days, was relieved by J. S. Selsor.

Bro. W. S. McCoy, third Glover, was off several days with a sprained back.

Mr. McCleskey is relieving Mr. Fogarty at Glover.

It is now Sister Todd, on second, and Bro. "Billy" Hendricks, on third Bongard; another solid office.

Bro. C. E. Hubble went to Goodwine recently, during the detouring of main line trains via Cissna Park branch, on account of the Milford wreck.

Bro. C. D. Smith, first Gerald, off on account of sickness, was relieved by Sister G. R. Smith, of second.

It is now Bro. Snow, ticket agent Chicago Heights.

Bro. Payne and Mr. Hubbard doubled at Watseka during the illness of Bro. Prough's baby.

Many thanks to Bro. Smith, at Gerald, for the items he sent in. The rest of you take the hint.

Local Chairman Lottinville, on a trip to the city recently, called on your scribe.

A more genial and efficient set of officials, dispatchers, etc., could not be produced anywhere than we have here. Let us give them the best of service by answering our calls, always being on the job while on duty and looking after the company's interest as you would your own.

Notice of dues were mailed to all, and dues should have been paid on or before February

28th in order to place you in good standing until June 30th. Delay causes extra work for our force in headquarters. Be prompt always with your dues, as it only costs the same amount whether you pay them sooner or later and prevents your insurance from lapsing, an important matter. Those who have not yet paid, do so at once.

Fraternally,

"BO," Cert. 572.

Illinois Division—

Bro. J. H. Harkey, agent Westervelt, off a few days recently, was relieved by C. F. Leigh, who also relieved Bro. F. M. Johnston, second Johnston City, one day. Mr. Leigh will soon be wearing a wreath and sounder.

Bro. L. Finn, third "WF" yard, has returned from a vacation in California; relieved by Bro. R. C. Dffenbaugh.

Moccasin second and third are now bulletined as "temporary." Owing to this station being closed recently, Bro. Sneed bumped Bro. Goodman, third Hall.

Mr. Petler, second "B" tower, on a visit to Cypress recently, was relieved by J. F. Dunn.

Bro. F. D. Stephenson, second Benton, who bid in second Salem yard, making that point solid again, was relieved at Benton by Bro. J. T. Carroll; Bro. F. H. Huser on second Salem yard while on bulletin, vice G. W. Green, who bid in third Kell.

Bro. Turner relieved J. O. Bryant, third "Q," Villa Grove, resigned, until bid in by Bro. J. A. Winkler, extra, since "VE" tower was made a one-man night job. Since then a block signal has been put up at "Q," making a little more work for the brothers there.

Bro. Clark, at Findlay Jct., off a few days on account of sickness, was relieved by Bro. Goodman.

Bro. W. E. Hicks, local chairman, attended a business meeting of Division 34 at Danville, February 14th.

Bro. G. H. Huser relieved F. E. George, first "TY" tower, several days recently.

Brothers, did you put the last TELEGRAPHER where the nons could read the write-up from our division or mail it to them? If not, it isn't too late yet.

Div. Cor.

Pere Marquette R. R., Div. No. 39.

Some brother on each division make it his duty to forward to his local chairman or myself notes for his division each month. This will keep us posted as to what is going on and help us with the write-ups. W. R. ADAMS, G. S.-T.

Chicago and Muskegon Districts—

The practice of placing the telephones in booths outside of the stations and also installing them at all passing tracks is an ominous one, and the matter of trainmen using this means to get their trains over the road and handling train

orders after having been on duty 13 hours, and longer, is a subject for some legal action with reference to violating the nine-hour law.

Bro. N. E. Tillison secured Grand Junction hooking his winter supply of meat through the ice, is being relieved by Bro. A. H. Thatcher.

Bro. N. E. Tillison second Grand Junction agency, vice Bro. C. A. Stapleton resigned.

Bro. Ward, of Bridgman, bid in first Michigan City, relieved on bid by Bro. G. E. Morris, of Hudsonville agency, which with Hartford agency and operator and clerk at Hart are now on bulletin.

Bro. Peterson taken off at Laporte, the agent doing the business alone. Bro. Peterson relieving Bro. Jackson, agent McDonald, who is ill.

Bro. S. E. Marshall is relieving Bro. A. J. Sadler at Stevensville, owing to illness in his family.

Bro. N. E. Tillison, Zeeland, and Bro. Plummer, Grand Junction, have traded agencies.

J. J. Waite, agent Porter, resigned, relieved by Bro. C. A. Thomas.

There have been many changes on the north end, as well as on the Muskegon District, and several operators have been pulled off on account of reduction in forces and closing of offices. The Detroit Division has been likewise affected.

If some of our brothers who have time to write for the M. P. Magazine, would give a few minutes of their valuable time in writing something for our journal, which should be first in their minds at all times, the north end and Saginaw and Detroit Divisions could be well represented. Many who are not with us today would be glad to hear what is going on along the old P. M., and if all divisions were represented it should make a nice write-up each month. Brothers, please let us have a few notes from these divisions every month before the 20th.

The January issue birth list reports a son to Bro. and Mrs. H. W. Smith. The boys along the line, thinking it was our "Harry," were all very liberal in their gifts for the baby, and he is now looking for the other party who carries his name, in order that he can send the gifts to the proper party. He's sorry he is not the right H. W.

Bro. Jacob made a short trip over to Holland and up to Hart, visiting all the boys, as the train made the station stops in both directions, and report all wearing their buttons, and a fine lot.

Bro. Shanner, for many years agent at Berry, died of apoplexy, February 5th, in Hackley Hospital. Flowers were ordered sent by Bro. Jacob, and Bro. Terrel, of Muskegon ticket office, were sent with them.

Mr. Kingen relieved Bro. Shaner when he was taken to the hospital. Ex-Com.

CARD OF THANKS.

The family of our deceased brother, E. S. Shaner, wish to thank the members of P. M.

Division for their remembrance in their hour of sorrow and for the wreath sent to the funeral.

A. A. J.

Petoskey Division—

We have but six nons on this division, and all have promised. Brothers, see that they keep their promises.

Bro. Cross, Northern passenger agent, is back on first Petoskey. Third there discontinued for the winter, vice M. R. Drescher, on extra list.

Bro. Burch, Bay Shore, after the death of his father, visited relatives in Buffalo, N. Y. He has our sympathy.

Agent and Mrs. Gonser are spending the winter in Florida, making the trip by automobile, relieved by G. B. Marsac.

Bro. Clark, Ellsworth, is on vacation, relieved by Mr. Dell, Boardman yard.

Bro. W. E. Hastings, Central Lake, resigned and is doing nicely with his greenhouse at South Lyon, relieved by Bro. R. L. Hoyt.

Bro. Benton, Bellaire, has had his warehouseman taken off.

Bro. D. Vanderhill, who resigned Rapid City agency, relieved by Bro. Guileman, to go into the grocery business, has given that up. We will be glad to welcome him back.

Barker Creek and Wallin stations closed, and those boys are visiting relatives on the farm.

Bro. Rosenbrook is back at Elk Rapids, after a vacation.

We are very glad to learn that Bro. John Vanderhill, agent Kalkaska, is able to be at work again, after a long illness.

Bro. Henderson, Boardman, was away on a short vacation. Bro. Smith took several weeks' treatment at Grand Rapids and recuperating at Alden with Bro. Keller.

Bro. Robinson was relieved by Bro. Corbett, of Elk Rapids, at Interlochen agency, while engaged in business awhile in southern Michigan. Third temporarily discontinued, and Bros. Rhodes and Milne are dividing second trick between them, as both have their homes there.

Thompsonville brothers have had additional burdens put upon them by the closing of Wallin station.

An operator each at White Cloud and Kaleva have been laid off, and Bros. Hopper and Todd are required to cover a trick in addition to their duties as agents. Bro. Becker, White Cloud, went to Grant, but Bro. Birum, Kaleva, has not landed anything yet.

Dublin station closed. Bro. Rooney is visiting a month in Chicago. Bro. Dennison, Peacock, is visiting his brother at Benton Harbor a month, relieved by M. R. Drescher.

We are glad to hear that Bro. Harrison now has a solid line-up at Bitely, and that business at that point has greatly increased.

Brothers, you will do me a favor by giving me any item of news, also changes at your stations, and if any new men on the line are nons, so we can get them lined up. R. M. B.

Chesapeake & Ohio Ry., Div. No. 40.*Hinton Division—*

We had a very good meeting at Hinton on Thursday evening, January 15th, but the Alleghany District was not very well represented. General Chairman Hicks was sick and unable to meet with us. Both of our local chairmen were present, and several very interesting subjects were discussed. We hope to hear of Bro. Hicks' speedy recovery. He has attended our meetings faithfully the past year. His presence and talks always livens up the boys, and his enforced absence was very much regretted.

Boys, try to attend the meetings. Your assistance and presence are especially needed now to help us prepare for better conditions in the near future. Pay up your dues promptly, urge the brothers you meet to do likewise, and keep after the nons, and with the assistance of each brother and sister our competent chairman will soon be able to make our division 100 per cent solid, which means better working conditions.

Bro. C. E. Frazier, first Alleghany, bid in third White Sulphur, vice Bro. Rucker, on six months' leave to Florida in the real estate business. Alleghany first and Escles agency advertised, Bro. J. M. Phadt going on extra list.

Relief Dispatcher Gwinn relieved on Quinimont third by Bro. E. R. Shanklin while at Raleigh a few days. "MQ," Cert. 373.

Erie R. R., Div. No. 42.*Cincinnati Division—*

The new automatic signals between Galion and Marion went into effect January 19th, and "BX" tower, "CN" Caledonia and "W" Slicks were closed. The operators at "A" tower, Galion, "RM" Martel, and "Q" tower Marion are handling the work by the electric dispatchers' blocks and short line telephones, so trains can report in the clear, etc.

February 3d the dispatching districts were changed: Kent to Marion on phone No. 612, and Marion to Dayton on the wire as before; the dispatchers on the Fourth Division doing the message work, including the car report. The additional work on the 612 telephone from Galion to Marion keeps Dispatchers Dressler, Welch and Ballenger hopping. All message work possible should be handled on the 613 circuit. Sherrock is on days and Nelson nights.

Murphy, formerly in the dispatcher's office at Galion, is now assistant to Car Distributor Scudler.

Vacancies have not been advertised for several months, due to bumping. Let's see that our local chairman has this remedied now.

Roebuck, first Tallmadge, displaced Osterman on second Akron when "GE" closed, and R. C. Stone, second Caledonia, displaced W. O. Wilkins, third Martel. J. P. Wilson, first "CN," bid in Broadway agency, vice our beloved Bro. J. F. Lary, whose death occurred recently. W. W. Kepler, third "CN," is laying off; J. E. Berry,

first Slicks, took Marion "H" nights, vice Todhunter, going switching.

J. P. Overshiner relieved C. E. Bombarger a month on second Marion Jct. tower while recovering from injuries by his motor car running off the track.

Boys, answer calls promptly and help out Wire Chief Smith all you can during the bad weather.

January 5th trains Nos. 10 and 11 were discontinued Cincinnati to Youngstown, and Marion to Cincinnati and Green Camp: Broadway and Kennard nights taken off.

Fox, first "Q" tower Marion, while off owing to illness in his family, was relieved by W. H. Bender, of second, and he by I. F. Petty, from Green Camp, who later relieved J. C. Simonton on third for a little trip up the line.

Roster issued January 1st had no dates showing when services began, and several names were in the wrong places. Look up your seniority, and if not correct, take it up with the chief dispatcher. One man eight years below his proper position had it adjusted to his satisfaction.

Several jobs are being worked longer hours than specified in our schedule. We should take this up with our chairman at once. Also get after the nons and keep after them until we land them. Send in all the news you can from your part of the line, and let us have a good, newsy write-up in THE TELEGRAPHER each time.

CERT. 20.

CARD OF THANKS.

I want to thank the members of the O. R. T. for the beautiful flowers they sent when my heart was breaking. They were indeed beautiful. Also the Freight Agents' Association of Cincinnati for their beautiful offering. I thank you all.

MRS. L. F. LARY AND SONS.

Mahoning Division—

Batchelder, second "SP," resigned to accept a position with the W. & L. E. in Cleveland, Ohio.

We are glad to learn that the wife of Herrington, "WR," is slowly improving in health.

Kerr, absent from the "old reliable" for several years, is back again, working extra at "JU."

Saltsman, third "WA," off on account of sickness, relieved by Kerr. C. F. Lewis, first "SP," bid in second there.

R. G. Lewis, first "YO," recently purchased a typewriter. All you can hear from that office is: "Cut her loose."

Green, third at "DY," off on account of sickness, relieved by Copier Smith, and he by Lewis. "YO," relieved by Carris, closing "VY."

Sherman Hart, elected assessor for Warren City. Mrs. Jenkins (nee Dean), now with the Northern Pacific, is in Warren visiting her parents and calling on the boys.

Miles, second Niles, off a few days on account of sickness, was relieved by a ticket clerk.

Jackson, second "UR," was a recent Lowellville visitor, relieved by Laughlin.

Dr. S. S. McDermott is in Cleveland attending the doctors' clinic, relieved by Mohon on second "YO," closing up "VO."

Marshall is getting to be a regular Warrenite of late. Must be some attraction.

Bacon, second "SB," bid in agency-operator at "SP."

Ours is an age whose big problems are not the getting but the fairer distribution of wealth and the equalizing of opportunities. Man by instinct is selfish. Be a life wire, and don't get stepped on; it is the dead ones that are used for floor-mats.

Marvin, first "GS," on ninety days' leave, is going to try "back to the soil." We wish him success. SLATS.

Main Line—

Bro. E. J. Bucher bid in fist "NJ." Second there and third "BJ" up for bids.

The regular meeting at Jersey City, February 16th, was very poorly attended owing to sickness of some of the brothers, including Bro. Coleman, and bad weather. A few of the old reliables were on hand as usual.

The passenger station at Mahwah was totally destroyed by fire on the night of February 15th, cause unknown, and Bro. Fansewic now has a day coach for an office.

Bro. Whirtner is slowly recovering from a sore leg.

Our new division operator has promised us an up-to-date roster, which we have been needing for some time. We miss Bro. Green at the meetings, and hope he can soon arrange to be a regular attendant.

Bro. Horton has been having a strenuous time with the snow and sleet lately.

Div. Con., Cert. 85.

Canadian Northern Ry., Div. No. 43.

Twenty-six new members received in Division 43 during January—fourteen by initiation, twelve by transfer.

G. H. PALMER,

General Secretary and Treasurer.

Western Division, First District—

Quite a few changes on this district on account of staff reduction, but no agencies closed. Mikado agency, closed for several weeks, reopened, and stations closed on other districts have all been reopened.

Bro. Parkinson secured Wadena agency, and we will have to have a new relief agent in the spring.

The prospects for heavy business this spring are very promising. We look for our through connections from east to west also to open up this year, which will increase the strength of our division and put it among the foremost in the Order.

CERT. 52.

Western Division, Second District—

Bro. Cavanaugh lost out at Saskatoon, "SJ," through reduction of staff, and relieved Bro. H. E. Thompson, at Big River, for a few days, then went to Rosthern until relieved by Bro. Wilson, on bid, relieved at Hanna by Bro. Grosch, of Rose-ton days.

The new Battleford Prince Albert Line has been opened. Bro. L. S. Bussey going to the new station at Hafford, and now it's a familiar call that sounds like half "HF." Hafford station was secured by a brother from Third District.

Though we liked to hear the ring of the noise "SU" made in Saskatoon, still we are glad to welcome back our old standby "D."

We, on the north end, regret losing the genial "Ben," but all wish him success in his new station.

The wires have been cut into North Battleford, and when the big rush comes and Bro. Hindley breaks a wire on the south end there is another loop to be used for tests.

The boys on the north end were glad to see our old Bro. "G. A. R." formerly at "DC," now at home in Edmonton, taking in the sights in Prince Albert, with his newly-made partner recently.

The reduction leaves agents on "The Goose Lake Branch" without their usual number of assistants.

Bro. Binnette, of Darcy agency, bid in Aylesbury agency, on bulletin, vice Relieving Agent Brown, who relieved Bro. Meals, at Neitherhill, on a trip to Ohio, who advises us not to waste any money on rice.

Bro. Milloy secures Cereal, and Bro. Berube, Davidson days.

CERT. 111.

Western Division, Third District—

Bro. Bennett, agent Lamont, is on sick leave, relieved by Bro. Leroy.

Athabasca days abolished, Bro. H. J. Wilson going to Radisson days.

Bro. Fallow, agent Maymont, relieved a few weeks by Bro. Grant, Radisson nights, and he by Bro. Potts, returned from two weeks' leave.

Bro. Christmas was at Lavoy while Bro. Bingham was on the "Homestead," and then bid in Meota agency, vice Bro. Prevost, who bid in Hafford agency.

Bro. Mike Farrell, assigned Vegreville days, and Bro. Elliott nights, and Bro. S. J. Harrington to third North Battleford.

Regret the recent error in regard to Bro. Bruce. He is up-to-date and is now caretaker at Rumsey station, several of the younger ones being laid off.

It is now Bro. A. T. Henry, caretaker at Delmas, on account of reduction. Bro. Christmas went on the extra list when that station closed.

Calgary station is now open with A. C. Thomas, from the east end, as agent, and Bro. Potts as operator.

A mixed train is to be put between Hanna and Calgary. Bro. H. M. Bennett, Big Valley, days, goes to Rocky Ford on the Calgary Sub. to open

the station there, relieved by Bro. Wert, from Warman nights.

Bro. Fizer, relieved at Lashburn nights by Bro. Loop, is at Marshall, vice Bro. McKeller on leave.

Bro. Hamilton, Vonda nights, has been transferred from the Grand to Division 43.

Lamont station is open for bids.

Bro. Dowler appointed night operator Humbolt.

Bro. Rock appointed second trick dispatcher branch lines Edmonton.

Brothers, send your notes to "FD" before the 18th of the month, so we can have a good write-up.

"HN," Cert. 986 and "J," Cert. 938.

Winnipeg Division—

The meeting in the Empire Hotel, Winnipeg, Sunday, January 25th, was called to order by Chairman Bro. J. R. Williams, agent Belmont, Bro. H. E. Davidson acting as secretary. Some fifty-one members being present, including General Chairman "Frank" L. Munsey, who is always a welcome visitor, as he always has something interesting for the members. Matters pertaining to the work on this division were thoroughly gone into, and a general understanding to all was given.

Bro. Munsey, during his speech, showed that the Canadian Northern was well to the front with all roads in Canada and United States, both as regards wages and conditions. During the course of the meeting we were all pleased to hear that some of the old agents had returned to the O. R. T.

Bro. A. L. Bougher, Division 7, Neepawa Jct., relieving "Romeo" Desmeras, spending a month at his St. Anne, is dreaming of the \$11,000, Kerchenko money, which faded away, obliging him to return to Russell nights at \$73 per.

Bro. Somerville, agent White Plains, closed, is visiting his brother at Ninette.

Bro. W. H. Dench, of "H," Winnipeg, has returned from a visit to the Southern and Eastern States.

Things on the Oak Point subdivision must be picking up, as Bro. G. O. Taylor and Bro. J. A. Ryan are spending the winter months in California and Florida.

The new seniority list, showing every member up to and including December 31, 1913, will be mailed to each member. Ask for one if you do not receive a copy promptly.

Rainy River, "DI" office, has been abolished, and trains on Rainy River and Ridgewill subdivisions are being handled by Chief Dispatcher Helston and his staff from Winnipeg, "H" office, who now have a mileage of fifteen hundred miles.

Bro. H. E. Davidson, of "WP," Winnipeg, made a trip over the Rosburn subdivisions recently, looking much relieved since his return.

Bro. Fenity, on account of Carman Jct. days closing, goes to Neepawa nights, and Bro. Brown to Carman Jct. nights.

Bro. Raven is relieving agent McLain, at Gladstone, on sick leave.

Bro. J. A. McGreavy bid in Langruth, a new station on Oakland subdivision just opened.

Bro. T. J. Hamlin is relieving Bro. Ryan, at Deerefield.

Geo. Richens opened Holmfield permanently, and Mr. Marshall, of Altamont, bid in Swan Lake.

Bro. Glenn, of St. Laurent, is billing fish, and does not forget his friends with an odd "sucker" once in a while, for which we are all very grateful.

Bro. G. Mann has taken to skating to reduce his weight.

Following places up on "23" and appointments: Angusville, Bro. J. N. Bottomley; Brunkild, W. F. Lea; Clanwilliam, Bro. "Honest" J. T. Dorsett; Gypsumville, Bro. Kerfancho Bougher; Isabella, Bro. W. O. Davies; Kelwood, Bro. Frank White; Myrtle, Bro. L. A. Graham; McCreary nights, Bro. E. A. Newport; Neepawa days, Bro. W. H. Henderson; nights, Bro. R. B. Graham; Paddington days, Bro. H. W. McCarthy; nights, Bro. H. H. Knoblauch; Russell nights, Bro. M. Hutter; Rosebank, Bro. F. H. Sommerville (thanks for the cigars); Warren, Bro. R. W. Cawley, and Wroxton, Bro. H. W. Fee.

Boys, send your notes to Bro. T. J. Murphy, first "FG," by the 20th of each month, so they will appear in the current issue. Bro. Depew has turned this over to me, on account of being so far away from headquarters.

Dispatcher's office Winnipeg lined up with Bros. Fink and Crooker on first; Bros. Skelding and Ladd on second; Bros. Clarke and Dench on third; regular relief, Bro. E. P. Seivers. Can you beat this for a dispatching office? Dispatcher's office, "Ry," River, closed, extra territory now handled by this office. Main line dispatchers working 325 miles and branches over 1,100 miles. M. B. Murphy, superintendent; M. Helston, chief dispatcher.

Extra Dispatchers Bro. Simpson and Knoblauch are now at Emerson Jct. and Paddington nights. "Ed," Cert. 630; "UN," Cert. 931.

Central Division, Fourth District—

Several stations have been closed until business improves.

Bro. N. R. Brunnsden, agent at Willmer, on vacation, relieved by Bro. Tustin, from Algar. This station closed. Bro. T. Tustin bidding in Methven Jct. agency, vice Bro. C. R. Trann, who relieved Bro. Williams, agent Belmont, while attending meetings in Winnipeg, and later relieved Bro. W. B. Howes, at Forward, on vacation. The boys at Forward are waiting with hands full of tin cans and pockets bulging with rice, and watching every train for Bro. Howes' return.

Fairfax is open for bids. Bro. Brunnsden now handling the station.

Bro. G. Milliner is now at Lampman. A good man on a good job.

Bro. W. Gibbons, of Traux, is on vacation in the Eastern cities.

Bro. J. G. McLeod has returned to Dummer, from an extended trip to Chicago, New York, Buffalo and the other large cities. We are glad to see him back amongst us again.

Bro. F. S. Thompson, of Elgin, and wife, are East on holidays, relieved by Bro. Crosby.

Bro. H. E. Squible, Moose Jaw, has moved to the new depot at South Hill, and is in a better position to look after increasing business.

Bro. N. S. McAdil bid in Fairlight agency, vice Bro. W. G. Stimpson, returned to the Northern Ontario wilds.

Bro. S. Fair, removed from Carlyle on account of reducing the staff, is now at Kipling nights.

Rockyford agency, on Calgary subdivision, is now open. A good opportunity for some brother wishing to go West.

The correspondent is much indebted to Bro. Trann for this write-up. He will be glad if he can get notes regularly, and will appreciate the assistance received.

Keep the lamp burning, some one out in the darkness may be led to the haven of brotherhood.
CERT. 827.

Central Division, Rosssburn Subdivision—

Bro. Prior, at Rosssburn, who has been on the sick list, is around again.

Bro. Hughes, at Elphinstone, has been "backing" while Mrs. Hughes spent a short vacation at Somerset.

Bro. Foster's wife, at Russell, spent several weeks at Rosssburn.

We all appreciate and thank our good chief, Mr. Helston, for granting so many of us relief to attend the meeting in Winnipeg, January 25th. This subdivision was represented by Bros. Foster, Abergast, Stornoway; Fee, Wroxton; Oswell, Russell; Dow, Calder; Hughes, Elphinstone; Rhien, and Blair, Oakburn. All had the time of their lives, and will be there again. Bro. E. Davidson, of "WP" office, entertained us handsomely.

Clanwilliam station was burnt recently and all the records lost.

Bro. Foster has our thanks for securing Mr. Henery, at Shellmouth.

M. B., Cert. 962.

Hallifax & South Western Ry., Div. 43.

Our revised schedule, which went in to the management September 1st, was, after about three months of negotiations, turned down by the management, and the matter referred back to the organization. Our officers have not had the time since then to proceed with the formation of a board of adjustment, but it will be taken up now before long.

When our management is approached for express commission and other conditions, we are always met with the contention that as the road does not pay big surpluses or dividends, we should be satisfied to wait for these conditions to occur before asking for more money.

The cost of everything has steadily increased until it's quite a problem how to make ends meet without some increases in present salaries. If the brothers will exert all the influence of them-

selves and their friends in our behalf, our fight might not be so hard. The old saying that "the pen is mightier than the sword" could well give place to "the ballot being the supreme king."

Bro. Barter has resigned to sell sewing machines, and Bro. Merry bid in "HO."

Bro. Amiro bid in "R," Bro. Baker taking "SY."

Bro. Smith, of "KR," on a few weeks' holidays, was relieved by Bro. Patterson, relieved by Sister Wyatt at "SK."

Brothers, don't forget we must have a write-up every month, so send in your items. CERT. 958.

Central of Georgia Ry., Div. No. 46.

Columbus Division—

Bro. Darling, of Roanoke, off thirty days doing agency work, relieved by Mr. Bolt.

Bro. Belk, of Union Springs, was promoted to Columbus city ticket agency. We all wish him success.

Bro. Jeanette, of Margaret Jct., while attending his uncle's funeral, was relieved by Bro. Featherston.

Bro. Sides, who relieved Second Trick Dispatcher Casey while on the sick list, also relieved Mr. Ellison while off.

Understand Mrs. Kidd, of Childersburg, is to be made cashier at Sylacauga.

Boys, when you hear of anything happening along the line, advise the local chairman, so we can have a write-up every month. All the boys from the Columbus Division working elsewhere will enjoy reading the notes in our journal as well as those on other roads.

A kick is being made on the assignment of Mr. Perry to Union Springs ticket agency. He is the youngest man on the division, and at least two older men bid for it. We should see that we get what is coming to us under our contract and have this matter thoroughly investigated.

CERT. 717.

Chattanooga Division—

We are glad to have Bro. Jeb Martin back at Chickamauga, after several years' absence in south Georgia. The two new men at Senoia and Bowdon Jct. are both true blue.

Bro. S. O. Addison still continues very low at Carrollton, and it is feared he has little chance for recovery. His family has our sympathy. Bro. King relieved Bro. Allison.

We have lost several good men on account of "boozing." This should be a warning to "let it alone." The Order can do nothing whatever for a man let out on this account.

I am in receipt of a card from Mrs. C. N. Allen stating that she has received \$1,000 for Bro. Allen's O. R. T. insurance. This convinces me more than ever of the importance of our keeping our dues paid up at all times and thus protect our loved ones, should we be taken.

Am very glad to note a substantial improvement in the showing of agents rendering correct ac-

counts. This is a very important matter and deserves our best efforts each month.

Any who have not yet paid dues for the current term are urged to remit same to Bro. Travis, Route 68, Atlanta, or to your local chairman, who will be glad to remit them for you. And don't forget your mutual benefit dues.

CERT. 69.

Denver & Rio Grande R. R., Div. No. 49.

First Division—

There has been a great deal of moving during the past month on account of reductions in force and closing offices, but everyone is about settled now, and it looks like "the board" has been cut to the limit. "XN" Denver yard office closed, Jenkins going to "DN" Union Depot first, E. F. Debrell back on second at "DN," and Wagoner to Littleton third.

A. H. Dahlberg and F. C. Hogue are on second and third Palmer Lake.

Colorado Springs third up for bid, vice Mr. McGowen.

Buttes and Eden reduced to "day only" offices, with F. L. Reynolds and Frank Rogers; Vaughan from Buttes to Cuchara Jct.; Roudebush from Eden to Pinon nights; J. M. Arnold to Fourth Division as agent LaVeta; W. R. Phillips and "Andy" Anderson are with the C. & S. temporarily; Vallie closed. Swallows and Parkdale also reduced to "day only" offices; Reed from Swallows to Carlisle nights, and Sam Rohr from Parkdale to Sample nights. Lots of extra men on hand now in all departments.

Former General Chairman Frank Aiken was a recent Pueblo visitor.

Our popular chief dispatcher, R. L. Brown, is laid up from the mumps, relieved by Night Chief Ed Eichar.

CERT. 41.

Second Division, First District—

It is now Bro. Sheehan, agent Tennessee Pass; Bro. Foley, second Tennessee Pass, and Bro. Collins, third Granite. We are all glad to see the gentlemen come in. Mr. Barrow, third Tennessee Pass, promises to be with us in the near future which will make that point solid.

Bro. McGaw, pulled off at Wolcott, making Bros. Homan and Brown do the split-trick stunt, later bid in third Tennessee Pass, but took a short visit back East before assuming duties.

Bro. Wilson, third Malta, was called to Illinois on account of the illness of his father. We hope it will be nothing serious. He was relieved by Ex-Dispatcher Gaddie, who also relieved Bro. Hawkins, second Buena Vista, a few days, and Bro. Alton, third Salida, several days, owing to the illness of his father.

There are still a few nons on this division, and some of the brothers are working in the same offices with them. Brothers, we need a new schedule. Our old one is away below par with almost any of the eastern roads, but we can't expect our committee to do much unless it has the solid backing of all the divisions. Get after

those nons and see if we can't make our division 100 per cent by the end of this month.

Plenty of snow falling over the division, and the flanger is making daily trips between Min-turn and Malta.

Bros. Blackwood and Erickson, agent and second Granite, captured (?) a herd of wild donkeys.

Ice train again put on at Pando, after several weeks' idleness on account of the ice not up to the standard (24 inches). This will help business along some.

CERT. 599.

Second Division, Second District—

There have not been very many changes in the last few months.

Bro. Roach, second Shoshone, is now in Missouri on account of his wife being seriously sick, relieved by Bro. McGaw, cut off at Wolcott on account of reduction of force, later bid in Tennessee Pass, relieved by Bro. Donahoo.

A heavy snowslide recently near Red Cliff required all the section men to clear the line, a caboose being knocked down an embankment injuring the rear brakeman. Trains were delayed for some time.

We have just received a copy of the new seniority list, which shows quite a few new men and a bunch of the older heads missing.

The time for new cards is up. Boys, all remit and try to get a new member.

Now that the parcel-post package weights are fifty pounds, some of the boys will have to get a horse and wagon to handle the mail from the depot to the post office. Bro. Swearengen, third Eagle, is handling everything on his little stage line from a spring chicken to Sears & Roebuck's largest threshing machine.

We still have a few nons scattered over the division, and as we want to revise our schedule in the near future, it is the duty of every member to get after these boys and get them to see the benefit it will be to them, as well as the rest of us to come in at once.

CERT. 567.

Fourth Division—

As there has been no write-up in THE TELEGRAPHER for several issues, I will appreciate it if each member will send me an item or two by the 15th of every month.

Bro. P. E. Aylsworth, second LaVeta Pass, has gone East on account of the reduction in force. We wish him success in locating another position.

Bro. E. F. O'Brien, second LaVeta, relieved by Bro. Hunter, Durango second, who went to Alamosa as extra dispatcher, later bid in second Antonito. Bro. Bailey is glad to have him there.

Bro. V. M. Odel, transferred from Lumberton to Garland agency, was relieved by O. G. Cummins, who promises to come in this month, also Mr. Jarret, second Chama; E. R. Wasson, Aztec. L. S. Lively, Durango, and Mr. Wallace, Embudo. Bro. Martinez, first Chama, will remind Mr. Jarret of his promise.

There is a new man at Blanca. Some one out that way line him up, if he is without an up-to-date.

Bro. R. W. Ogle, cashier Monte Vista, who relieved agent Rafter for a month, was relieved by D. E. Smith while at Del Norte.

Bro. Martin, formerly a conductor and brakeman on this division, now telegraphing at Jem, Kan., on the Rock Island, spent the holidays with relatives at Monte Vista.

Mr. Grace, relieving on this division, visited Bro. C. L. Tucker at Monte Vista during the latter part of January.

A modern depot is promised at Ignacio this coming summer, also a new waiting-room and larger office at LaVeta.

John Norton, brother of Bro. Norton at Ignacio, is the student telegrapher and helper at Farmington.

Our old friend and Bro. Stookey is now married and comfortably located at Hesperus.

Osier was opened December 5th for the balance of the snow season by Telegrapher Smith.

Bro. N. R. Lively, brother to Bro. C. R. Lively, of Cumbres, who visited there lately, is now on the Colorado Midland. Bro. C. S. Lively is also located there. Both are old-time brothers on this division.

We are glad to have Bro. Roy Ogle, cashier from Monte Vista, back on this division. He is now relieving the agent at Del Norte.

J. W. Rafter, Del Norte, is on a month's vacation to New Orleans, Tampa, etc., everywhere but Mexico.

Bro. A. H. Wasson reports the most severe winter at Creede for many years, the mountains and valleys being under more snow and the thermometer lower than zero for seventy-two days straight. He is shy a helper now on account of reduction in force.

David Phelps, Blanca, was married in December, and depot robbed in January.

Bro. Tucker, joint agent Monte Vista, is now furnishing free freight transfer for the new San Luis Central Road.

Silverton Branch was snowed up from February 1st to the 15th. Bro. Pirtle will have to dig in harder than ever, now that the embargo is lifted. We have also had considerable trouble with snow on Cumbres, but it has not been as deep as usual at this time of the year.

We have a fine set of boys in "RM." Help them out brothers; by so doing you help yourselves; also keep after the nons working with or on either side of you. They reap the harvest as well as we and ought to help to pay for the seed and to till the soil. Don't expect the local chairman to do it all. He is right there and will lend a helping hand.

Thanks to Bros. Norton, Ogle, Wright, Watson and Richards, for the most of the notes we have this month.

Remember our motto, "No card, no favors," and remind the nons of their promise this pay day.

FRATY, Cert. 108.

Green River Division—

Price—Bro. Williams made a trip to Denver, relieved by Bro. Brown, from Green River. Bro. Livingston, from I. C. Ry., working third dispatcher, and Mr. Snyder on second, promises to come in soon. Mr. Alderman resigned.

Green River—Operator Lowery, from Kyune, on third; Mr. Jones on a trip to Nevada.

Westwater—Bro. Severson returned from Mack third, vice Mr. Blythe, gone back East.

Cisco—Bro. Wesner bid in second trick, and it is now Bro. Church on third, making Cisco solid. Bro. Moore, helper, second, is another new member.

Mack—Bro. McCowen bid in third trick, vice Bro. Severson.

Sunnyside—Mr. Grubbs has promised to come in next pay day.

Fruita—Mr. Imhoffe, working as clerk, is now in Salida Hospital with a poisoned arm.

Bro. Hopkins advises that as soon as Fifth Vice-President Manion is through with the O. R. N., he will be with us to look after the revision of our schedule. Do the right thing, brothers, and stick with the committee.

Boomers are not so numerous as of late, and no extra men in sight now.

Bro. Babb, on third Mounds, vice Bro. Johnson, who bid in Kyune second.

Lord and Lady Decies Gould passed over our lines for the coast on a special train recently.

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Oregon-Washington R. R. & Nav. Co. Lines, Div. No. 53.

The first meeting of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers on the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Co. lines was held at Pendleton, in the Pendleton Commercial Club Rooms, on January 18th, 1914, under the auspices of the O. W. R. R. & N. General Committee, which is composed of three veteran telegraphers in the service: Bro. J. H. Young, general chairman, of Hermiston; Bro. C. C. Thompson, Gibbon, Ore., of the Second Division Oregon Lines, and Bro. A. O. Miller, Tekoa, Wash., of the Fourth Division Washington Lines.

We were more than pleased with the outcome of the meeting, and despite the fact that train service was unusually inadequate on this date, thirty-five enthusiastic members turned out for both meetings. The success of our first meeting was largely due to the interesting talk made by our popular and efficient Vice-President, Bro. E. J. Manion, who devoted an hour on the subject of fraternalism and co-operation in the telegraph service. We are proud to have Bro. Manion in our midst at this crucial moment of the career of our organization on the lines of the O. W. R. R. & N., when our future welfare and prosperity depends upon the best effort we put forth and the quick thinking we must display at the right time, and we feel that without him we would be as sheep without a shepherd.

We have been negotiating with the O. W. R. R. & N. Co. officials for a month and a half, and

have now reached a point where we feel that a settlement is near and the hardest portion of our journey to a solid organization level on this line has been almost completed. We feel that a turning point in conditions will soon be brought about from the results of our labors here, and we are looking forward to better working conditions on the line and a higher standard of efficiency which always follows co-operative organization.

The meeting was called to order at 2:50 p. m. by General Chairman Young, who read our proposed schedule and the company's counter-proposition, and quite a discussion followed. All members present were heard from and all of them expressed hearty approval of the schedule as submitted.

The working of split tricks was an important topic under discussion, and Bro. Manion explained to the brothers, who were in doubt about whether or not our proposed schedule covered this point, how our "Hours of Service" rule covered the working of split tricks.

Bro. Hunter, of Echo, talked for some time on the effect of parcel post competition on express commissions, and another discussion quite as important as the split trick question followed.

Bro. Compton, our pleasant and active organizer, talked at some length on conditions as he had found them, and also his past experiences on other lines, which proved of much interest to all.

We were well pleased at the interest displayed by some of the members. Bro. J. C. Hoffner, of Pilot Rock, pumped fourteen miles on a speeder to attend the meeting. The evening meeting was announced and the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p. m.

At the evening meeting Bro. Manion again spoke along the lines of co-operation and also the progress we have made up to the present time, and also talked of the merits of the S. P. schedule which everybody knows is one of the best in the U. S. A., and in the securing of which he was largely responsible.

Bro. Young again read our submission for the benefit of some of the members who were not able to attend the afternoon meeting, and another discussion somewhat similar to that of the afternoon meeting followed.

Bro. Starcher, of Unatilla, talked for some little time along the lines of co-operation and expressed himself, as well as did the rest of the boys, as being behind the general committee to the last ditch.

A vote of thanks was extended to the Commercial Club for the use of the hall, and an announcement of our Portland joint S. P.-O. W. R. N. meeting to be held at the Multnomah Hotel on Sunday, January 25th was made.

We want to have more of these meetings and expect to have them, and sincerely hope that the boys will not lose interest in this work. You will hear more of the progress of our work in the next TELEGRAPHER.

CERT. 2149, Correspondent.

Southern Pacific Ry., Div. No. 53.

Portland Division—

A joint meeting of the O. W. R. R. & N. and S. P. lines was held in the club rooms of the Multnomah Hotel in Portland, Jan. 25, 1914, called to order at 3 p. m., with Bro. Young, general chairman of the O. W. R. N. committee, in the chair, who read a letter of regret from Bro. Boyd, local chairman of the S. P. Oregon Division, stating that it was impossible for him to be present on account of sickness. Telegrams of regret were also read from Bros. Lang and Gilbert, Tacoma, regretting their inability to attend.

Bro. Young introduced Bro. E. J. Manion, Fifth Vice-President, who with the O. W. R. R. & N. general committee is negotiating a schedule between the employes of that line and the company. He talked for thirty minutes on his past experience in schedule work and the results of our progress on the O. W. R. R. & N.

Bro. A. O. Sinks, member of the board of directors, gave us an interesting talk concerning the upward climb of the organization from its infancy and how much fraternalism meant to all of us.

Bro. Compton, our organizer, also gave us a very interesting talk along the lines of organization on all railroads that he had been connected with in his work, and Bro. Miller, committeeman from the O. W. R. R. & N. Washington Division, and Bro. Thompson, committeeman from the O. W. R. R. & N. Oregon main line, also gave short talks on co-operation on the lines.

After discussion in all branches of the work, the evening meeting was announced and we adjourned at 5 p. m.

The evening meeting was convened at 8:20 p. m. by Bro. Young, who again introduced Bro. Manion, who spoke for some thirty minutes on schedule matters as he had found them on other roads, and of the success of the committee on the S. P.

Bro. Sinks again spoke very interestingly for twenty minutes relating his experiences of schedule work on the S. P. in years gone by, when the struggle between employer and employe was by no means easy, and the odds were in favor of the employer.

Bro. Graham, local chairman of the N. P. at Woodland, Wash., spoke for fifteen minutes regarding conditions on that road and the obstacles they had been confronted with.

Bro. Compton spoke again at some length concerning the progress of our organization and the benefits derived on neighboring roads. Bros. Miller and Thompson again spoke and asked for the support of the men on the line of the O. W. R. R. & N. The S. P. members spoke briefly concerning their new schedule and extended best wishes to the O. W. R. R. & N. committee for success in their efforts to obtain a good schedule on that road.

Bro. Sinks suggested that a telegraphers' club be organized in Portland, and quite a discussion followed as to the advisability of same. In view of the fact that six or seven different rail-

roads come into Portland, and at least a hundred members could enjoy the benefits of this club, a motion was made and unanimously carried that after the O. W. R. R. & N. matter was cleared up, a club known as the "Port Club" be organized. This club would serve to bring members closer together and give them a chance to express their views amongst themselves, and as this is unfortunately the one great drawback in our organization and something that probably has retarded our progress, to a certain extent more than anything else, we think that the organizing of this club would be a great asset to us.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p. m.

G. M. LESLIE, L. C.

Portland Division Notes—

Bro. Geo. E. Darrow, extra Grant's Pass, took his wife to her home in Stockton to undergo an operation. We all hope for her speedy recovery.

Mr. Nicholas, extra Drain, to Grant's Pass, relieving Mr. Mahoney, who had blood poison from having a tooth pulled.

Bro. J. F. Knox, extra Woodburn, to Dallas, relieving Bro. J. F. Kinney, who has accepted a position as dispatcher with the S. F. C. & W. at Dallas. We all wish him success.

Bro. L. Shinaberger has to do the telegraphing on the morning trick at Hillsboro, his operator being taken away, and the job abolished.

The brothers will be glad to hear that Bro. M. L. Shinaberger is at his home in Hillsboro, much better and is gaining in weight, after spending some time in Arizona for his health.

Bro. Whitefield, extra third Leland, is relieving Bro. S. J. Hill at "JR," who is on the sick list.

Bro. S. L. Smith, Leland, has taken his assigned position. Agent Whiteson relieved by Bro. C. Domaschofsky from Jeff street.

Bro. F. Dolan, from "KC" office, relieved Bro. R. E. McNeeley on second Leland.

Bro. F. G. Morris, bumped by Bro. E. A. Miller, third Jct. City, has gone to his assigned third Leland.

Bro. Mast is back on second Brooklyn. He and the rest of the boys should report to the local correspondent when they go away.

Bro. Simpson, West Fork agent, has been on the sick list.

Bro. Newell, second Glendale, off a few days, was relieved by Bro. Waldron.

Bro. Olson has had two new men to break in, in as many days.

A. C. Powers, who worked for this company some seven years, was at McMinnville for awhile, but has been lost. Somebody put out an O. S. and D.

Sister M. R. Rice is now on the Shasta Division, Ashland nights, to accommodate Bro. Ruth, who has been quite sick and takes Mrs. Rice's assigned position as agent at Siskiyou for sixty days.

Bro. Geo. Rice, Drain, is back, after a week of sickness.

Oregon City is now solid, with Bros. Liven-good, agent; Ed. Maddox, second, and Divens

on third. Too bad there are not more stations like this one.

Bro. Tibbles, Cottage Grove, was recently married. Congratulations.

Bro. Ed. Maddox, Oregon City, is baching while his better half is on a visit.

Bro. F. E. Divens has gone to Pendleton to prove up on his grazing land.

Mr. Mulligan, clerk Oregon City, the only single man in that office, will soon take out a card. Welcome to our ranks.

Bro. R. Grate, agent Tillamook, has returned from his vacation, relieved by Bro. Beer, and he by Bro. Ghormerly, who later relieved Bro. Bradley, agent Comstock, on vacation.

The new seniority lists were delayed a little in printing.

I hope the boys who have neglected to pay the special assessment of \$2.00 to meet the expenses of getting our new schedule, will remit at once, also any who have failed to pay their dues for the term ending June 30th, as after February 28th you will be dropped and will have to make out new papers, to get back in.

This month I sent out eleven requests for news from the branches, but received no replies. I can take care of the main line where I have the wires, but not the branches.

I wish to thank Bros. Knox, Gaines, F. C. Morris, Divens, M. L. Shinaberger and Whitefield, who contributed news this month, and hope they will keep up the good work, so Portland Division will always be seen with a good write-up.

G. M. LESLIE, Div. Cor.

Coast Division—

Considerable construction work was necessary to repair the damage from the recent floods. Salinas River cut in on the track at Harlem, necessitating putting in a new 400-foot bridge. The bridge at San Miguel on the Nacimiento River went out; also the one crossing Neponsett Creek near Del Monte Junction, and both had to be practically rebuilt. The Neponsett bridge on the Monterey branch cutting off train service to Pacific Grove and Monterey, brought all of that business to Salinas via auto and kept us hustling with our night ticket clerk being taken off.

If you boys will let me know when there's a change it it will make this job a whole lot easier. Bro. Smith, at Gilroy, is the only one outside of Bro. Werner who gave me any notes. It only takes a second to call me on the wire after 2 p. m. and say some one moved or came back today; you will not have to waste any time calling. It doesn't make any difference if three or four of you tell me about the same change. I want to see a write-up from this division every month, but I must have help to get one in.

San Ardo opened again as twenty-four-hour office after the rains started. Bro. Feldt on third.

Bro. Morebeck, second San Ardo, who relieved Bro. Danneberg, agent Surf, on vacation, also relieved Agent Bradley, and later relieved Bro. Westington at Aromas, assigned Gilroy agency.

Bro. Sullivan, extra South San Francisco, relieved by Bro. Haddock, assigned, Bro. Sullivan going to assigned position third Paso Robles.

Bro. Burnett, agent Glenwood, assigned Los Gatos assistant agency, relieved Bro. Werner.

Bro. Merrill on second Santa Cruz, Bro. Sisson doing relief work.

Bro. Kenyon, who relieved Bro. King, agent Santa Margarita, while on vacation, later to Watsonville Junction, "PA," first regular.

Bro. Tophamback, from his vacation, relieved Bro. Shackelford, Del Monte Junction, who relieved Bro. Derr, Santa Margarita, a few days.

Bro. Crofut, third Del Monte Junction, back from vacation, relieving Bro. Moore, who went to "MS," San Francisco, later to Watsonville Junction fourth.

Bro. Day bumped at Watsonville Junction by Bro. Kenyon; Bro. Heistand back to second, Bro. Day to Soledad, twenty-four-hour office during the washouts, later to temporary office Nacimiento River bridge while rebuilding.

Bro. Shackelford, relieved at Santa Margarita by Bro. Derr, went to Sudden temporary office during storms, later to San Luis Obispo fourth.

Bro. Kramer, agent Tres Pinos, off a few days, was relieved by Bro. Kenyon, first Watsonville Junction, and he by Bro. Paul Werner.

Bro. Young, agent Gonzales, laid off a few days, after being relieved at Gilroy by Bro. Westington.

Bro. Doyle, returning a visit with his folks at Kansas City, was marooned by washouts several days at Salinas, but it didn't seem to bother him. There's a reason. "HS," CRR. 1558.

Western Division—

Bro. J. R. Nicholson, third Suisun, called home to Wisconsin on account of the illness of his father, was relieved by Bro. McCormack, second Suisun, and he by Bro. Burns, extra.

Mikon closed as telegraph office and Webster cut to one man days; Bro. Backschies was there for thirty days, when he was relieved by Bro. Alexander, thrown on extra list again and went back to Crockett to await an opening.

Bro. Walker on second Davis until assigned; Mr. Rash still on third, did not fulfill his promise to join January 1st.

It is now Bros. Braun and Harper at Newark, Johnson at Elmira, and Loeser and Burns extra. Sister Robinson, at Elmhurst, sent hers in some time ago.

The position of general superintendent of the Central District, held by Mr. Davis, who has gone to the C. & H. & D., was abolished and the two other general superintendents, Messrs. Platt and Campbell, were made assistant general managers and their territory increased to include the Central District. Mr. Platt gets the San Joaquin and Coast and Mr. Campbell the balance. Mr. Campbell was over this part of the district on inspection the first of the month.

The dispatchers are making trips over the road, relieved by Dispatcher Michelson, from the Coast Division.

More heavy rains caused washouts on the Clear Lake branch, but train service resumed in a short time.

Bro. Eby has purchased a fine home at Calistoga and "CG" agency; will probably not soon appear on bulletin.

Bro. Bryan, at Hayward, was the only contributor this month.

If we would see this the best division on the Pacific System we must keep everlastingly after the nons. Try what a few letters will do on some of the nons you know. After your second or third letter, if you feel you have made no progress put some other brother wise. There are a number whom we could all write one letter to, and that is all that it would be necessary to write. Let us start with R. L. Chandler, Niles second; A. J. Pearson, San Leandro; G. S. Coley, agent Napa Jct., and C. C. Christian, agent Pittsburg, and see if we can not have their applications and money inside of a month; also write A. Leitchammer, Richmond nights. A splendid article to mail to the nons with your letter appears in the *Railroad Man's Magazine* for February, 1914, page 476. Referring to the importance of the railroads and the railroad man, it states that at least one man in every fifty is a railroad man in our 100,000,000 population, and that the great controlling influence that makes the might of the railroad man a resistless force for betterment is the railroad brotherhood. Every man realizes that conditions are not what they should be and they are striving to make them better, every step tempered by a quiet tolerance that does much to help them gain their end. Prosperous and healthy, they are facing problems with thought, not threat. And for this very admirable reason the railroad brotherhoods accomplish much for the railroad man's welfare. This is only quoted in part, but it is a mighty good argument that should do much to convince any hesitating non receiving a number of letters from men who are members of this great brotherhood, showing that they are interested in his becoming a member of it.

The line from Oakland to Tracy via Niles is solid with the following exceptions: Agent and operator at San Leandro, agent Hayward, second trick man at Niles, agent at Lorenzo, first and third tricks at Livermore. Brandt, at Altamont, has an up-to-date C. T. U. A. card. The agent at Newark is the only non from Niles to San Jose. From Oakland to Tracy via Port Costa the agent and operator at Richmond, agent at Martinez and agents at Pittsburg and Bethany are the only ones without cards. Benicia to Sacramento, Davis third. I have the agent's application at Suisun. On the Napa and Santa Rosa branches agents at Napa, Napa Junction and Santa Rosa. On the Clear Lake branch agent at Vacaville, Esparto and Guinda. You all have their names, so get your mill out and get busy. Mail me copies of the letters you write and I will report progress we are making from time to time trying to make this division the nearest solid of any.

I am still looking for some one to act as correspondent for the division.

Don't forget the nons.

L. C.

"BD," General Office, San Francisco—

Bros. J. D. and J. T. Hoell, on two months' vacation visiting their home in Louisiana, were relieved by C. T. U. Bros. Beaton and Steinbeck, of the Canadian Pacific.

Electrician Birt installed a new bridge quad set during January for use on the Ogden circuit.

Bro. L. Rosenbaum and Wire Chief Smith are on vacation.

Bro. D. L. Nichols, off a week, was relieved by Bro. E. L. Mooney, displaced on February 1st, owing to shortage of business, which is very dull on the coast. There is a large surplus of commercial, wireless and railroad telegraphers now on the Pacific Coast. We are visited by men looking for work every day. Better stay away.

Since the new wire test is out we would like to see it used by the men working with this office to find out who they are working with. The office is solid with the exception of two who have promised to come in. We want all the men in this office to carry an up-to-date. No one should have the audacity to stay out after what our committee has done for us.

If any of the boys are sent to the general hospital here, some one on the line advise any one in the general office and we will call on them.

RELAY.

Sacramento Division—

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Our gracious heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom has chosen to call to her reward Sister Flora E. Wood; and

WHEREAS, Sacramento District, Division No. 53, Order Railroad Telegraphers, has lost one of its most trustworthy and efficient members; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the members of this district extend their sincere sympathy to the bereaved mother and sisters in their great sorrow; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved family and a copy mailed to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

H. M. BAXTER, L. C.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to the members of the Sacramento Division for the beautiful floral pieces and for the kind words of sympathy received at the death of our beloved daughter and sister, Flora E. Wood.

(Signed) MRS. C. DONNELLY.

MRS. H. NELSON.

MISS JENNIE DONNELLY.

Los Angeles District—

There being only one nomination for local chairman to fill the unexpired term of Bro. E. Mulvihill, the General Secretary and Treasurer cast the ballot and declared me duly and regularly elected for the remainder of this year and until the regular election is held in 1915.

Continue to give good service, brothers; try and increase the revenue in every way possible, and cut down expenses; do not be wasteful with stationery and other supplies and we will soon convince the officials that it pays to employ Order men.

Bro. J. E. Cowgill, general chairman, has requested Bro. M. Purcell, agent Rutherford, Cal., to audit G. S. & T. Bro. D. W. Koppikus' accounts according to our constitution.

On Sunday, February 15th, at 2 p. m. a meeting was held at Colton, Bro. Paul Walter in the chair, and Bro. Hammond as secretary. It was a decided success and important topics were discussed. There were some brothers from west of Los Angeles, which makes it look bad for those in the immediate vicinity of the meeting who did not attend. It is my intention to call meetings at different places all over the division about a month apart. Would like to hear from the membership regarding this.

On January 20th San Fernando Tunnel caved in, making it necessary to detour all valley trains via Montalvo. An extra set of dispatchers was put on Coast end, one set working from Los Angeles to Santa Barbara, other from Burbank to Saugus and Montalvo. On account of heavy traffic on Coast end several offices were opened nights. All extra men are busy, and several were borrowed from the San Joaquin Division. Offices opened three tricks: Montalvo, Bro. W. W. Moore, first; Bro. C. R. Weitz, second; Bro. H. F. Mead, third. Santa Paula, J. B. Tomer, first; Bro. Jerome O'Neil and J. W. Brace, second and third (both from San Joaquin Division). Piru, Bro. M. H. Goodlander, first; L. M. Holman and Bro. Davis extras. Tunnel station, Bros. E. C. Nichols and C. D. Corzine and G. T. Brown.

Washouts between Los Angeles and Santa Barbara tied up traffic two days and nights, January 27th and 28th.

Bro. A. H. Ernst, from Ventura to Ontario third, relieving Bro. R. E. Loomis, resigned; G. T. Brown to Declez, relieving J. L. Mandeville, to Imperial Junction, relieving Bro. H. P. Wilkinson, on leave to San Diego, riding the big boats between San Pedro and San Diego.

Bro. J. M. Hodge gave up his assignment at Brawley for the extra list, relieved by H. R. Wyberg, a new man.

Bro. Hodge to Beaumont, relieving Bro. D. P. Smythe on thirty days' leave, then to Highgrove, relieving Bro. Doc Gill, to San Francisco leave, then to San Bernardino, relieving Bro. W. A. Post, to hospital San Francisco, on account of heart trouble, where he is still confined. Bro. W. S. Barton relieved at Santa Ana by Bro. C. G. White, to Beaumont, relieving Bro. D. P. Smythe, to San Bernardino on bid, relieving Bro. J. M. Hodge, returning to Beaumont, relieving Bro. W. S. Barton, to Redlands Junction, relieving Bro. C. E. Hart, leaving the service.

Bro. H. L. Earl relieved on second Beaumont by Bro. J. R. Blake on bid, to "NG" office extra, then to Redlands Junction second, on assignment,

relieving L. M. Holman, to Palm Springs second, relieving Bro. H. H. Brannon, on leave.

Remember the seniority lists will be printed in January only each year in future, but the local chairman will be furnished a revised copy during July by superintendent's office. Those wishing their lists corrected will please forward them to me the first of July; will correct and return.

Am indebted this month to Bros. J. M. Hodge, C. R. Weitz and A. H. Ernst for news items. I appreciate the interest these brothers show in keeping me advised as to changes, etc.

The four brothers at Imperial Junction are a credit to any division. They are always active. I am glad when I hear of a non going there to work because when he leaves he is a union man. I wish we had more offices like that.

New members: N. S. Gillum, Summerland; J. R. Blake, second Beaumont; C. C. Yater, Imperial; Opr. D. C. Gale, Imperial agent; C. L. Friddell, second Edom. These new brothers have joined the campaign for new members. The movement is becoming general and in a very short time the desirable non will be a thing of the past. Each man get one new member.

Bro. H. H. Brannon has returned from Alabama with his bride after a trip to Santa Barbara and Los Angeles. They will be at home at Palm Springs. The members of this division extend congratulations.

Get in the campaign for the 100 per cent on the Los Angeles Division.

The extra message operator at Colton has again been taken off and the "world's news" and space messages are being handled by El Casco. Bro. B. L. Webb, second El Casco, still off on account of sickness of his wife in the East.

A. M. HAMMOND, L. C.

San Joaquin District—

An interesting meeting was held at Tehachapi, Sunday, February 8th, although there were only three members present besides those working at Tehachapi.

One of the worst storms on record visited Southern California, February 17th to the 21st, washing out the tracks of the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe between Mojave and Los Angeles, and completely suspending traffic for four days, and all wires were down except one from El Paso. Telegrams from points within 100 miles of Los Angeles had to be routed via San Francisco and Chicago for Los Angeles. The Coast Line was also so badly crippled that it took two weeks to repair it.

G. H. Frederick relieved G. H. Doyle at Brown; Bro. Ivy Krum relieved Bro. Vaughn, agent Searles; Bro. F. M. Bushy relieved Bro. J. O'Neil, night agent Searles; Bro. F. L. Moorman relieved Bro. Paddock at Inyokern, and Bro. J. H. Shay relieved Bro. McKnight, agent Owenyo, while these brothers were taking the examination at Mojave. Bros. O'Neil and Moorman were held at Mojave to work fourth and fifth tricks, respectively, due to excessive business caused by washouts.

Bro. V. E. Watson, fourth Mojave, and Bro. S. S. Bigger, sixth Mojave, last out account reduction of force, just before the storm, and at the time original force was restored, they were in Los Angeles, and could not be reached.

Local Chairman Blume has mailed a copy of our latest seniority list to all telegraphers whose address he has. Should there be any who have not yet received one, write Bro. W. E. Blume at Cameron. The regular monthly meeting will be held on Sunday, at the time, or just before the full moon of each month. Notices will be mailed to each member stating the time and place.

Bro. Geo. W. Urie, agent McFarland, on fifteen days' vacation to Los Angeles and the deserts, was relieved by Bro. E. E. Eaton.

Bro. H. B. Hendry, relief agent, is at Clevis. Bro. Edson, of Selma, bid in Famoso agency; second and third Selma abolished.

Bro. F. B. Lardner, agent Ravanna, is on vacation.

Bro. E. D. Myers has returned from Pennsylvania with a wife. Congratulations.

W. B. McMULLEN.

Tucson Division—

At a recent conference between Local Chairman Cull, Committeeman Butler and the Superintendent's chief clerk, in which several cases of disallowed overtime was the issue, we were instructed that the overtime not allowed was on account of the dispatcher not being notified at the time it was made, so that it could be put on the train sheet to be checked again by the timekeeper. No instructions had been issued to do this, and the disputed overtime was allowed. A bulletin, Circular No. 2122, was issued January 28, 1914, covering this. For a copy, write the superintendent. Give all the reasons possible on the back of your overtime slip, so should the dispatcher fail to mark it down, it can be checked against the train sheet. This will save you trouble, and also the local chairman in taking up such cases.

When going to assignments as per bulletin, instead of claiming mileage, claim one day for transferring, to which you are entitled.

Eight new members on the division in January, with those given in last journal include O. Wilson, Wilna; W. O. Warren, Gila; J. T. Perrin, Red Rock; L. J. Lieux, Yuma; D. H. Smith, Maricopa.

F. S. Lewis, from Santa Fe, relieved F. H. Young, fourth Lordsburg, who relieved W. W. Brinley on first, gone to his assignment fourth Yuma, vice W. O. Warren, second Gila, relieving W. B. Estes, resigned.

H. F. Albert, from vacation to second Sibyl, new position.

Bro. J. F. Ewing, ticket agent "CY" Yuma, relieved F. V. King, on vacation.

J. E. McNeil to Wilna nights, vice O. Wilson to Mohawk third, vice R. J. Sutherland, resigned.

R. P. Flynn, returning from Portland, displaced L. J. Lieux on sixth "UN" Tucson, who

bumped B. W. Doyle, second wire chief, to Lordsburg first, vice F. E. Young, resigned.

D. H. Smith, agent Maricopa, received, as a Christmas gift from his wife, an up-to-date card.

D. H. O'Brien, who relieved Local Chairman Cull while attending general committee meeting, G. H. & S. A., El Paso, January 25th, later to Tucson second wire chief, vice Lieux, who later relieved Local Chairman Cull, on sick list.

F. S. Lewis, fourth Lordsburg, relieved G. B. Pannell, second Simon, who relieved W. H. Cook, agent, owing to sickness in his family.

R. B. Gutierrez relieved J. G. Roberts, first trick Sibyl, resigned.

Charley Eva is now second on the Stormy; Otto Biddle first.

J. C. Long returned from his Nebraska ranch, bumped A. M. Meacham, first Benson, to Lordsburg third, vice L. L. Anderson assigned to Casa Grande, vice J. F. O'Malley to Wellton second.

R. J. Bachman returned from New Orleans, relieved Butler, fourth "UN" Tucson, Butler relieving Manager, Stanley, on vacation.

W. J. Marks, Mescal, a host recently at a Dutch lunch to friends, including F. E. Black and O. L. Spaulding, is to sell his mining claim he has been improving for several years.

C. A. Cates assigned third Simon, vice W. H. Johnston assigned second Mescal, vice O. L. Spaulding to second Raso, new position.

J. F. O'Malley, Casa Grande, relieved W. H. Graham, third Wellton, who relieved L. G. Wake-man, third Sentinel, resigned.

E. W. Sargent, from sick leave, returned to Raso.

J. C. O'Connor, from vacation, displaced G. N. Wilson, Huachuca, who relieves Shreve, Maricopa while Agent D. H. Smith to hospital Tucson.

Bulletin assignments: Red Rock, T. W. Healy, telegrapher's first trick; Lordsburg, L. H. Williams; second Wellton, J. H. Cloonan; Gila, H. F. Albert; Steins, B. R. Pine; Estrella, M. C. Fulton; third Gila, A. G. Phares; Lordsburg, J. F. Bechtel; Willcox, P. V. Burke; Sentinel third trick, J. F. O'Malley, and Sibyl, one trick, W. P. Larcey.

O. L. Spaulding, F. E. Black, Mescal, and W. B. Estes, on way east, were recent Tucson visitors.

B. M. Stanley, from vacation, relieved Butler, who relieved Bachman to sixth on assignment, vice Flynn to extra list. "BC," 2099.

Houston District—

Two interesting meetings were held at Gunter Hotel, San Antonio, January 27th, at 9 a. m. and 8 p. m., General Chairman Bro. Cowgill being present. Bros. J. C. Humphrey, of Luling; Frank Delagoa, of Seguin, and M. V. Burris and A. C. McCown, of San Antonio, were among those at the morning meeting, which was a very lively and interesting one.

At the evening meeting we had: Bros. R. L. White, J. C. Humphrey and R. M. Turner, of Luling; R. E. Stotzer, of Kingsbury; W. W. Chism, of Schertz; Mr. R. V. Chism, of Con-

verse, and Mr. O. H. Besser, of Cibola Valley; Bros. G. C. Cox; of Spofford; M. T. Twomy, of D'Hanis (not now in telegraph service), and the following from San Antonio: Bros. W. Bier and L. H. Wilkinson, I. & G. N.; Bro. Crouch, S. A. & A. P., and Bros. C. C. Williams, M. T. Ney, M. Braden, W. J. Haddon and M. V. Burris, of Sunset East Yard; also Messrs. T. L. Ennis, M. L. Short, W. W. Caperton, and E. R. Finck, of Sunset.

The meeting was called to order by former Local Chairman M. Braden, who stated that it was called for fraternal purposes and to hear the reading of the proposed new contract.

Local Chairman W. J. Haddon then took the floor and read and explained the new and revised articles in the proposed new contract, and after same had been discussed at length, General Chairman Cowgill took the floor and delivered a short, interesting and instructive talk, which was very much enjoyed and appreciated. Owing to the fact that Bro. Cowgill and most of the out-of-town boys had to leave on the 11 p. m. train, the meeting was obliged to close much sooner than was desired.

Bro. Harry Crouch, Del Rio nights closed, took Spofford second. Bro. Cox relieved by Bro. Powell, while on vacation.

Bro. Cone relieved Bro. McNutt, Sabinal third, few nights.

Bro. J. E. Williams, relieved on Sugarland second by Bro. Alsworth, Victoria Division, relieved Bro. Frank Delagoa on Seguin third, who relieved Bro. A. L. Chapas, third Glidden, a few nights, and went to Weimer days.

Bro. Oscar Rosenbush, Seguin second, was off several weeks having his eyes treated and hunting.

Second Trick Dispatcher Johnson was off several days owing to the illness of his grandfather at Waelder, who is reported convalescing.

Chief Dispatcher Bednark while off with pneumonia was relieved by First Trick Dispatcher McClure.

Bro. Frank Fusselman, of Waelder nights, was a Schulenburg visitor recently.

Bro. W. J. Dobbs and wife, of Schulenburg, visited the latter's parents at Weimer recently.

Messrs. Holland and Shatto, agents Schulenburg and Weimar, Bro. O'Farrell, of Waelder, and many other agents, attended the San Antonio agents' meeting. Bro. O'Farrell was relieved by M. C. Meyes from the Santa Fe, who later relieved Bro. Chism, agent Schertz, sixty days.

Bro. L. P. Lester, first trick Schulenburg, has a new Maxwell-25 car.

Bro. W. J. Haddon, local chairman from first East Yard, attended the meeting of the general committee in Houston.

Our new schedule has been approved by President Perham, and been turned over to Mr. Waid for consideration, who will meet our committee as soon as he is through with the Roadmen's schedule. While waiting, let's give the company our best service; pay up our dues and assessments promptly; see that the non next to you gets an up-to-date, and don't forget our motto,

"No card, no favors." Those on the west end should be attended to at once. Bro. Haddon has plenty of application blanks, so everyone get busy.

Div. Co.

H. & T. C., Main Line—

Recent assignments: Ferris, W. M. Moseley; Allen, J. H. Caldwell; Alma, J. H. Carnes; Dallas third, B. F. Billings; Sherman first, H. L. Kelly; Ennis third, R. H. Chapman; Groesbeck, D. H. Finch. All brothers, with exception of Carnes.

Mr. Patterson, at Cypress, is enjoying one of our best agencies. Boys, if you find you can not get in these nons, write Local Chairman Laisure, who will go out of his way to land them.

Remember, "No card, no favors." If this little motto was lived up to, a different air would be assumed by some of these nons.

Bro. Rogers has left for other fields.

Bro. Brumfield was on third Ennis a short time.

Bro. Harris, Bryan first, our "old standby," has been re-elected mayor of that little metropolis again. We are all proud of him.

Several night offices recently closed, throwing out some of the boys.

Bro. H. L. Griffin, who took a commercial job, is with us again, and is on his way for a dispatcher's job now. We all hope he lands it. Everybody will be benefited with his promotion.

Bro. Laisure will call our regular meeting shortly, at some convenient point. Don't fail to attend and learn something. Show your willingness to stand behind your officers. Become interested in the only proposition which will or is interested in you. All who possibly can, be there. Flimsy excuses for non-attendance injure no one but yourself. Let's see twenty-five men on hand at the next call. By attending these meetings you will learn how other men do their work. Probably they can suggest some way that will help you.

All of us should try and give the best service, thereby showing the officials why an O. R. T. man is so far ahead of a non.

By answering the dispatcher's calls promptly, prompt "OS-ing" of trains, etc., we can increase our reputation immensely.

Don't forget to drop me a card about the 23rd of each month to help me to have a nice lineup of what is going on.

Again I say "No card, no favors." Keep it in mind.

Look for the next announcement of the meeting and don't fail to be there.

W. F. DAVIS, Div. Cor.

H. & T. C. District, Second Division—

Bro. W. F. Brown, of Manor, has been appointed assistant local chairman. All the boys on this district between Austin and Hempstead will please notify him of any violations of the contract now in effect, and all the boys from

Austin to Llano and Lampasas will advise Bro. W. W. Holman, local chairman, at Bertram, of any violations for investigation.

Bro. W. F. Suehs, at Ledbetter, has been appointed local secretary. You will please advise him of any changes, etc., taking place on this district. We want a good write-up in the journal each month, and he must have assistance of all the brothers to get it up.

With the application we now have from the agent at Dime Box, Tex., the Dallas line is now solid O. R. T. There are some nons on the line between Hempstead and Austin; let us all work on them and see if we can not make the second division solid in a short time.

Agent W. E. Wade, at Manor, is on vacation, relieved by Bro. W. F. Brown, operator and cashier there, relieved by Bro. H. G. Davis, from the K. C. S., who will stay with us now, and we are glad to have him.

The three-trick jobs at Elgin tower are now on bid and will be filled in a short time. All you boys on this district go after them, they are not as good at present as we would like for them to be, but we have gone up for a new schedule, which should be out and in effect in a short time, and make these jobs worth while.

LOCAL SECRETARY.

T. & N. O. and Galveston Divisions, including Dallas-Sabine District—

Bro. Caldwell, Echo, relieved by Bro. Cantrell, Corsby second, and he later by W. G. Saunders.

Bro. Dunnam, who bid in "HN" Houston third, has returned to second Galveston.

Bro. Buffington requests that we all use our best judgment, and do not bid on bulletin positions unless sure we want them and are capable of holding them. Bidding in jobs and falling down on them or turning them down, results very unsatisfactorily for all concerned, as the company officials use these cases to argue against the seniority clause of the contract, and it also frequently prevents capable men from getting the places; further, it results in the successful bidder losing his own position and also costs him a fourth of his seniority, which is sometimes a very serious thing for him, in bidding on further positions.

Bro. Wedell, owing to being completely swamped with work at Rockland, resigned the assistant local chairmanship, and Bro. F. D. Stakemiller, at Echo, was elected to handle the job.

Bro. E. A. Oliver, from China, in Houston hospital for over a month, is improving slowly.

Bro. Bowser, from Hempstead, who has been at the hospital for about a month, after being operated on, took typhoid fever, and as soon as he recovered had to undergo another operation.

Bros. U. S. Vincent, Harrisburg tower, has our heartfelt sympathy in his bereavement, owing to the death of his father recently at Ft. Worth, Tex.

The new contract has been placed before Assistant General Manager G. S. Waid.

Phones will probably be installed shortly from El Paso to New Orleans.

Stick tight and stand by the committee.

Div. Cox.

G. H. & S. A. R. R., El Paso Division—

Assignments: Marathon agency, Barnhart; Marathon second, Haefer; Valentine first, Barber; El Paso seventh, Smith; Marfa second, Gonzales.

Vacancies: Sierra Blanca agency, Pumpville day telegrapher and pumper, Valentine and Marfa third, and Ft. Hancock second, vice J. B. Cleaver, gone West.

Bro. Baudet, Marathon second, has transferred to Division 53.

Bro. Haas, Valentine second, off a few days, was relieved by Extra Wainwright.

Bro. Wainwright, from the T. & P., relieved Bro. Gonzales, Ft. Hancock third, resigned. Extra Howard on Ft. Hancock second pending bulletin. Bro. R. V. Mabbens, at Ft. Hancock a short time, has gone to Kansas.

Bro. H. G. Fuller is now with the E. P. & S. W. in El Paso.

It is now Bro. Campbell at "RK."

Bro. Broyles, at "RK" for a week, relieved by Bro. N. Kottun, from New Orleans.

Bro. Campbell, off a few days, was relieved by Bro. Graves.

Bro. Lickorish has gone to the Dominion and left his ducks with Bro. Polk at "JN."

General Chairman Cowgill and Local Chairmen Cull of Tucson and Starnes of El Paso Divisions, recently paid the El Paso force a visit. Glad to see these brothers at any time. Bro. Starnes has ordered a duplicating machine, and will get out a circular each month covering matters of interest.

Boys, let's all try to land the one non left on our division.

In the recent fire which destroyed Valentine depot, Bro. Gardner, the agent, saved all the freight, express, stationery and most of the office fixtures and station records, but lost all his own household goods. When the fire was discovered it had already gained such headway in the upper and Brown News sections that it was impossible to enter that part of the building, and the occupants only had time to escape with their lives.

Bro. Floyd, on duty at the time, saved all the company funds, but lost his coat. Bro. Barber, when he learned that his typewriter had been saved, dashed into the burning building, saving the fire extinguishers and bulletin of demerits.

Thousands of cattle are reported en route from Mexico to Ft. Hancock, for shipment to eastern points. Bro. Bush, agent there, drank a quantity of glass from the neck of a ginger ale bottle, and was taken to the hospital in El Paso for treatment. Bro. Sorsby, from Torcer, was sent to Ft. Hancock.

Bro. J. A. Skipper, relief agent was recently married. Congratulations. CERT. 2410.

G. H. & S. A., Victoria Division—

J. J. Johnson, second Victoria, has resigned and is now chief dispatcher for the M. K. & T. at Greenville. He always gave us a square deal, and left a host of friends on this road. We wish him good luck, and congratulate our friend W. O. Smythe on his elevation to a regular dispatcher's trick.

Bro. Toland, at Edna, has had his operator restored to him. Mr. Guthrie, from Illinois, is filling the position.

Bro. Olyer and Mr. Dooley are "VI" copy operators pending bulletin.

Bro. J. D. Harris, former agent El Campo, now wireless operator on a steamship running out of San Francisco, still carries an up-to-date—an object lesson to many around here in the service who never saw a card. Bro. Harris still has the O. S. & D. worries, being "over" and "short" his meals, when the sea runs high.

Bro. Rice, at El Campo, has a sure enough Wells-Fargo horse and wagon, and the office force matches nickels to see which one can get it to take his girl out riding Sunday.

Wish some of you fellows on the west end would drop a line and let me know what you are doing. I'm getting gray-headed fishing for news. If you don't answer my distress signal, I'll have to go into the hands of the receiver.

Have you paid your dues. If not, why?

"1715."

Louisiana Lines—

Trains going to New Orleans for carnival were so crowded that extras had to be run to take care of the crowd. One of our coldest days for carnival was this year, it having snowed in some places and ice everywhere. Pretty bad for September Morn.

L. M. Firmin, second Schriever, relieved by B. Wade, Cheneyville third.

F. Tillotson, third Bayou Sale, relieved by Miss Smith, a new one, went to third Rayne, later relieved by Mr. Bull.

Mr. Perkins, third Patterson, went into the dairy business, relieved by Mr. MatHome.

W. Walker, third Algiers, on sick list, relieved by Mrs. Coe.

E. M. Chapman on third Avondale, relieved on second by Mr. Somerville.

The meeting in New Orleans, Saturday night, February 14th, was well attended. Bro. Cowgill gave the boys a nice talk. Next time there is one (which will be soon), everybody go.

Recent assignments: Agencies—Bowie, H. L. Feske; Adeline, C. J. Norman; Roanoke, W. H. Gates; Bowie second, O. B. Brupbacher; Butte third, A. Champaigne; Vinton third, W. A. Walther; Schriever first, R. Fincher.

Vacancies: Rayne and Eunice agencies; Avondale, Schriever, Morgan City and Bayou Sale second tricks; Schriever, Avondale, Rayne and Cheneyville third tricks.

Your scribe has been successful in landing five nons in one week, and is still after those very

few that are left. Everybody get after them, and let's get them all up to date.

Don't forget, if you haven't remitted, that your dues are past due and must be paid at once.

It is rumored that Raceland Jct. will be closed, and that telephone will be put in "J" and Bowie, making the operators at "CA" handle all "J" business over phone.

The second and third trick operator at "CA" are very anxious for Lent to pass, in order that the wedding bells may ring.

We are glad to have our old friend J. E. Nunz back on the Morgan. He is working third trick and was our night chief for a long time when he resigned to accept the position of chief dispatcher with the T. & P.

J. C. Hill, roadmaster Morgan District, has resigned, relieved by W. L. Hesterly, and he on the L. W. District by J. J. Brodges. The foreman presented Mr. Hill with a fine diamond. They were certainly sorry to lose him.

J. Whitmeyer, agent Franklin, was off a few days, relieved by his clerk, C. A. Landen.

Thanks to Mr. Brooks for the bunch of notes. Come again. Div. Cox.

Northern Pacific Ry., Div. No. 54.

Montana Division—

As our assistant chairman, as well as our correspondent, are on vacation, it devolves on your local chairman to do all the house-cleaning during their absence. Bro. Haines, Logan, is off for two months' rest, Bro. Arnold for six weeks, and Bro. Conrad, our local treasurer, for three months.

Bro. Winters, Laurel yard office, was also off a few days.

Bro. Brown, from first Whitehall, has taken up his duties at agent at Greycliff.

Big Timber is now solid. We are going to crowd the Idaho Division for first honors as to membership very soon.

According to Chief Clerk Maxwell, of the Bureau of Agriculture and Publicity, Helena, Mont., railroad work in Montana will be more than brisk during the present year. He says that the Great Northern has already let contracts for building the cut-off from Fairview to Lewistown, a part of the line from New Rockford, N. D., to Lewistown, and that the tunnel on that branch will be finished before snow flies in the fall. The Milwaukee road, now steel laid from Lewistown to Great Falls, will push on to Missoula, and will continue the branch from Agawam, north of Great Falls, to Glacier Park, and to the big coal fields just across the Canadian line, near the park. The Northern Pacific will also build to Glacier Park from the western part of the State, via Polson. Montana last year built more than 450 miles of railroad, placing it first among all the States in railroad construction, with Texas a close second. With the Great Northern going through Dawson and Fergus Counties, tapping an area as big as the State of Iowa, a practically undeveloped section, rich in resources, a rush of

settlers is expected, and the railroads are making preparations for their coming.

Recent assignments: Bro. Strachan, second, and Bro. Gentry, third Logan; Telegrapher Agnew, second Belgrade; Bro. Perkins, second Toston, and Bro. Lofgren, first Whitehall, who later bid in Waterloo agency; L. L. Riddle, second Whitehall; Bro. Bush, second Red Lodge; Bro. Turver, third Billings depot; Telegrapher Lynch, third Homestake; F. J. Cassidy, third Winston; Bro. Pidgeon, second Lombard; Bro. Klug, first Whitehall; Mrs. Pidgeon, third Lombard; Telegrapher Ayrest, second East Helena; Bro. H. A. Atwell, third Townsend, and Bro. H. C. Riddle, regularly assigned to Bridger.

Your chairman notes that in a great many places there are one and in many instances two members, and the third is a non-member. He will more than thank you to slip him the name of this stranger, so he can write him, or, if necessary, call on him and make that office solid. If your chairman is willing to do this, you at least can send him the name. He gets no compensation for this work, but is willing to do it for the sake of the good of the Order. Will you also do this for the Order? A. A. W.

Montana Division Notes—

Automatic signals will be continued westward out of Livingston as soon as frost is out of the ground.

The Livingston Railroad Club presented to overflowing audiences, February 18th and 19th, a musical comedy in two acts, entitled "The Yellowstone Trail." It was an evening of music, song and dance, and the beautiful costumes added brilliant color to the surroundings. The pony ballet and show girls consisted of some of Livingston's prettiest girls, full of life, with good voices—decidedly pleasing to the large audience. Mr. Babbitt, Mrs. Hunter, Miss Laurens, Miss Brown, Robert Seitz and Joe Lund, principals of the play, did exceedingly well. The splendid dancing by Miss Miles and Kenyon Talcott, interspersed with the beautiful solos by Miss Simpson and Miss Swindlehurst, kept the audience busy with applause. Mrs. Babbitt, Mr. Lund and Dr. Hunter had difficult comedy parts, and, speaking generally, "They were there." The sextet vaudeville travesty made one of the biggest hits of the evening, but the Tango Argentine, by Miss Miles and Mr. Talcott; a dainty Parisian dance by Miss Hogan, and the dancing revue by Miss Laurens and Mr. Talcott, were not by any means surpassed during the evening. Especially pretty songs were: "The Legend of the Butterfly," by Miss Simpson, assisted by the Butterfly ballet; "Summer Love," and "I Love My Old Montana Home," by Miss Simpson, and "I'm Saving My Smiles for Someone," by Miss Brown, Mr. Seitz and chorus. Dr. Hunter was accorded great applause when he sang "It's My Temperament," and Mr. Babbitt's monologue "What Next" was a timely hit. In the first bass of the glee club were included Dispatcher Lund and Bro. Ed

Orman. After paying expenses the club came out with a fine balance to the good.

Bro. Conrad and wife are still in the East, Bro. Cranwill acting local secretary and treasurer in the absence of Bro. Conrad. Sister Sullivan, Springdale, on vacation in Chicago and other points, relieved by Mr. Shumway, who was recently married after being East.

Bro. Spangler, Manhattan, temporary agent on Camp Creek line, relieved by Mr. Hale. Bro. Lueke, of Belgrade, was a Livingston visitor February 16th. Come again.

Mr. Atwood, on his return from the farm, took second "W" Butte, McDowell going to Bridger and Bro. Riddle to second Whitehall.

Bro. Pidgeon and wife returned from East and bid in second and third Lombard.

Sister Turk, Chestnut, is back after a visit with her folks in Missouri.

Bro. Haines, Logan, and Brq. Johnson, Park City, have returned from a pleasant visit East.

Bro. and Sister Douglas, Greycliff, are on vacation, relieved by Powley and Morgan, the latter also relieving Bro. Roberts, Big Timber, while he was off a few nights with rheumatism.

Bro. Talcott, after relieving Bro. Winters, resigned and went East. Bro. Garry is again in these parts.

Yours truly was in "KC" recently, but came home alone. I refuse to testify to further facts of the case. Time tells all things.

Thos. Holker, agent Toston, was a recent Bozeman visitor, where his daughter is under medical care. We hope she will keep on improving. Her mother is with her.

No one sent any notes from the west end. I can't get much of a write-up without help, when I haven't a wire west of "VS." I am indebted to Mr. Bowers for most of the notes of that part of the division, the brothers apparently taking no interest in the work.

Dispatcher Mercer recently returned from a Tacoma hospital, where he was in a critical condition for some time and underwent a difficult operation. He is now at work again. Dispatcher Kane goes to the coast country in the interests of the Dispatchers' Association. We will be glad to see him back.

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Idaho Division—

We, the undersigned committee in charge of the voluntary offering, made for the purpose of presenting our local chairman, Bro. Nason, with a suitable gift in recognition of his efficient and faithful services of the past, and especially as a member of the general committee of 1913, beg to report that the amount of \$45.50 was subscribed, with which the committee purchased a library table and a Morris chair for Bro. Nason. We desire to thank those telegraphers who contributed to this fund.

A. E. ELVER,
E. P. WILCOXON,
GLENN F. DAVIDSON,
E. S. SMITH,
Committee.

CARD OF THANKS.

I desire to avail myself of this opportunity to express to the telegraphers of the Idaho Division, my sincere appreciation of the magnificent and useful gifts presented to me, through your representative committee. We shall treasure these gifts, not only as an ornament to our home, but as a priceless token of the friendly and fraternal spirit which prompted their presentation. Words fall short in expressing my thanks, and I trust that my future services in the cause will demonstrate all that I have failed to convey in this acknowledgment.

B. E. NASON.

All members: I have frequently made request, through these columns, that when bidding on vacancies, or exercising your bumping rights, that you mail me a copy of your communication to the chief dispatcher. This has been done only in a few instances. This is an important matter and it will entail very little labor on anyone to comply. If you do not furnish me with this information, it is necessary to gain it through hearsay, which is not always reliable. Please do not overlook this—mail me a copy of your bid or "bump."

Telegraphers at some of our stations are showing but little regard for the hours-of-service law. I have two letters, from two different points on this division, charging in each case that an operator at each place is working practically fifteen hours a day, while another operator at each place is doing practically nothing to protect their own tricks. I have requested in former issues of the journal that all telegraphers refrain from such practices. I dislike very much to forward such complaints to the division officials, but in the future will be compelled to do so. The hours-of-service law was written for our protection, and for the protection of the traveling public, and there is no excuse for its violation, especially by a member of the Order. I shall not mention this matter again in the journal, but after verifying reports of this kind, will turn them over to the superintendent for such action as he may deem necessary.

The main line is now solid, Cheney to White Pine inclusive, with only three non-members, giving us a percentage of 95. The Fort Sherman branch is solid, and there are but two non-members on the C. W. branch, both promised for the near future. There are still a few non-members on the P. & L., Genesee and Clearwater branches, but I am receiving much encouragement in my work of organizing in that territory, and feel confident that by the end of this term, all branches will be better than 90 per cent strong. I am pleased to report an increase in individual effort; a great many of our members trying to secure the few nons left. I hope all of our members will soon realize that this is their work, and assist us in making the Idaho Division solid.

B. E. NASON, L. C.

Idaho Division Notes—

Recent new members: L. F. Bunge, of Cheney, and J. S. Harned, of Govan. Welcome to our ranks, brothers.

Following are a few of the recent changes: Bro. McGee bumped Bro. Ulven on third Paradise, who bumped Bro. Culler on Cocolalla agency; second and third Plains closed, Sister Mielke bumped Bro. Barton on second Paradise, neither he nor Bro. Schroder, third Plains, have yet claimed positions. Weeksville opened as a 11-hour night trick by Bro. C. O. Thompson. Cabinet second and third tricks closed, Sister Owen bumping Non Dickinson from second Heron, who bumped Bro. Brandt at Davenport; Bro. Bump displaced Sister Stevens on second Kildee, who bumped Bro. Mays on third Eddy, who bumped Bro. Gephart on third there, who bumped Bro. Culler on first Kootenai yard. Eddy second and third closed, Sisters Allgaier and Stevens have not yet exercised their bumping rights. Tuscor second and third closed, Sister Morton bumping Bro. N. P. Matheny, third Nixon, who bumped Bro. Cruser at Heron agency, who bumped Non Dierkes from Reardan agency. Second Moscow closed, Bro. Kreitz bumping Mr. Fenton, second Kendrick.

It is rumored that second and third Thompson Falls will be closed and a night ticket clerk installed, same as at Sand Point and Plains. If the "home guard" on third there ventures out to any other point on the line he will probably learn the value of an up-to-date card.

Bro. Underhill, second Hope, on vacation, relieved by Bro. Bartley.

At Kootenai yard. Bro. Stevens bumped Bro. Wotruba, second, who bumped Bro. Mockross, third. Bro. McGee bumped Bro. Stevens on second, who bumped Bro. Wotruba on third, and Joe "took to the woods." Bro. Griffith bumped Bro. McGee on second; Bro. Partridge bumped Bro. Culler on first, and was bumped by Bro. Gephart.

Bro. Harned, bumped at Govan by Non Dickinson, will go to Coulee City, vice out of service, relieved by Bro. Jackewitz.

Sister McNeerney, second Yardley, has been ill for some time, relieved by Bro. Hope. Sister Cunningham, third Ramsey, is being relieved on account of the illness of her son, by Sister Gephart. We hope for their speedy recovery.

Bro. Nason, called to Spokane to adjust grievances, was relieved by Bro. Garrett.

Three temporary tricks were opened at Cocolalla, on account of the ice harvest, with Bro. King as exclusive agent, and Bros. Thompson, Zielke and Garrent telegraphers.

Trainmen's telephones are installed at west end and Paradise yard, Plains, Weekville, Eddy, Frost, Woodlin, Belknap, White Pine, Childs, Furlong, Tuscor, Vermilion, Marmot, Smeads, Heron, Cabinet, Ozoma, Denton, Oden, Sand Point, Lignite, Algoma, Cocolalla, Careywood, Granite, Hauser, Otis, Orchard, Irvin, Parkwater, Division Street and Hangman. More of them than open offices. Bulletins, posted at all

terminals, instruct conductors to call up for orders when necessary, at any point where an operator is not on duty, and arrange to secure or release the block if they get stuck at a point between offices. This looks like a violation of the Federal law, governing the hours-of-service for "any operator, train dispatcher, or other employe who, by the use of the telegraph or telephone dispatches, reports, transmits, receives, or delivers orders pertaining to or affecting train movements," and should be brought to the attention of the Interstate Commerce Commission and action demanded.

We are grateful to Bros. Davidson and Wilcox for news items this month. Div. Cor.

Yellowstone Division—

I wish to thank you for your support given me during our recent election to fill the vacancy of local chairman. I will try to serve you to the best of my knowledge and ability. Lend me a helping hand, and take into consideration the feeling of others and in time you will understand your misunderstandings.

Let's all get busy and land the nons on this division, and bring it up to the standard of the other divisions.

A brother on the C. B. & Q. recently remarked in the journal, "Our brothers on the Northern Pacific have clearly demonstrated what can be accomplished by solid organization." Let us try to be worthy of such complimentary comments.

I am going to ask every member on this division to get busy and capture these nons, most of them can be landed for the mentioning, or handing them a set of blanks, and showing them how to fill them out. If you haven't any blanks drop me a card and I will be glad to furnish you all you can use. I am not in a position to make any suggestions until I get better acquainted with the work, as it is new to me in a way, and will undoubtedly be hard at first, and I want you all to help me in keeping down any ill feeling on the division. How about holding a meeting in the near future?

Brothers, kindly keep me posted on all changes at your station and on any new man who lands there; find out if he has the necessary credentials to entitle him to your courtesy. In making applications for positions on bulletin kindly mail me a copy so that I may keep a check and see that you are given a square deal. *Help me and I will help you.*

We are short a division correspondent, and a board of adjustment. Each brother should help to select these men as well as the local chairman, and I am going to leave it to you to find these three men.

I wish every member would read the article written by Bro. B. E. Nason, local chairman, Idaho Division, and realize its importance, as it concerns everyone of us.

On the new seniority list mark off numbers 57, 101, 110, and add 116 Hill, Virgil D 9-28-13, 117, Brand, A. E., 10-02-13; 118; Hollinshead, Jessie, H., 10-03-13.

Wish you would all mail me copy of your bid in making application for positions on bulletin—this interests you. J. O. SPENCER, L. C.

Yellowstone Division Notes—

Bro. Bordwell has resigned as division correspondent.

Bro. Don L. Dyer relieved J. A. Kneer, third Wibaux, on sick list.

Bro. A. L. Kitta is back on third Zero after an enjoyable vacation, vice Sherman G. Nye.

Bro. A. E. Brand is now at Hathaway nights, relieved Bro. Richard Lawrence a few days on account of eye trouble.

Bro. E. W. Forsblad is back at Almont, vice H. J. Currier, to Worden as agent, vice Hollinshead, who went to the hospital. Miss Ferguson and Mr. McNabb are still in the hospital. Sister Agnes Haeger, off a few days, was relieved by Bro. Dyer, who later went to Sims.

Several brothers were called in to the superintendent's office lately on various charges. Sleeping on the job may cost your job.

Archie Vaughn, operator at Howard, has resigned.

Bro. Hitchcock, second, and Bro. Green, third Glenullen, called on the Mandan folks recently, also Sister Golden, second Sweet Briar.

Bro. and Mrs. Des Forges, of Little Heart, took in the Trainmen's Ball at Dickinson.

Bro. Lyons, who went to Spokane after being bumped at Dickinson, is on extra there.

O. R. Rich, exclusive agent at Richardson, bid in Myers agency.

Bro. E. H. Murray is back after three months' sight seeing, bumping on third Hebron, vice Bro. Van Pelt to third Medora, vice Bro. Finch to third Hodges, vice Mr. Larson to third Sully Springs, bumping Bro. Dan Evans to extra list.

Bro. H. G. King, in Glendive a few days in the superintendent's office, to third Pompey's Pillar, now on vacation south, relieved by Mr. Hinton from Glendive hospital.

Bro. L. C. Pope, on vacation. Bro. Metzger on first, Bro. Bordwell on second, and Bro. D. L. Dyer on third.

Bro. Dan Evans is now on third Beach, vice Bro. Hayes.

Landed a couple of nons this month, making three to my credit.

Get busy, boys, and help out with the write-ups, I will donate all the notes I can each month. "ONE WHO HELPS."

Tacoma Division—

Recent assignments: Second Roy, Bro. Z. A. Hipke; third Tenino, Bro. R. R. Selfe; third Rainier, W. S. Fisk; agency Rochester abolished.

The heavy rains causing several slides made it necessary to maintain continuous service at Ridgefield and Castle Rock several days.

Aberdeen Jct. closed, Bro. Ed. Carr bumping Bro. H. L. Hugg, second Centralia, and he R. L. Vose, first Chehalis.

Bro. H. A. Carlin, bumped at Copalis Crossing by R. L. Vose, is now agent at Sherlock.

Bro. L. D. Weyand, third South Tacoma, off a few days, relieved by Bro. Z. A. Hipke.

Mr. Waldo, second South Tacoma, while working as second trick dispatcher, relieved by Bro. Hawkins; Mr. Adams, third trick dispatcher, acted night chief, vice Mr. J. F. Thomas.

Bro. J. F. Henderson, second, and Bro. R. R. Selfe, third Tenino, on the sick list several days, relieved by Bro. George Hatton, who also relieved Bro. J. T. "Dad" James, second McIntosh, while on his wedding tour.

Bro. M. Hawkins relieved on first Rainier a few days.

W. D. McClellan on second Chehalis pending bulletin.

Bro. T. G. Runyon, first Kelso, while undergoing an operation for appendicitis, relieved by Bro. Hatton, who later relieved Bro. Gillespie, first Kalama a few days.

Sister Lola Graybeal, third Yelm, has been quite ill in the hospital, but is improving. We hope she will soon be fully recovered; relieved by Bro. Cole.

Bro. Dickerson, first Castle Rock, off several days on account of the death of his mother, was relieved by Bro. Capler. Bro. Dickerson has our sincere sympathy.

Bro. T. H. Kellogg, relief agent, is relieving Bro. N. D. Powers, at Carbonado, spending sixty days in California.

Bro. J. J. Kuhn bid in third 15th St.

We regret the death of Mrs. Thomas, the wife of our popular night chief dispatcher. The Tacoma Division contributed an elegant floral piece and extend to Mr. Thomas and family our sympathy.

It is now Bro. F. M. George, billing clerk Tenino. Although not employed in a scheduled position, he realizes that only through organization can conditions be bettered. We hope the nons along the line can be made to see this in the same light.

The dance given by members of this division in Tenino, February 7th, was a grand success in every respect. Dancing began at 9:30 with a grand march led by Bro. F. R. Bradbury and Sister Nellie Wiley.

The feature of the evening was the prize waltz. Prizes being gold cuff buttons. Mr. Ed. Kack, our popular brakeman, and Miss Larson, private secretary to Mr. Wiser, division storekeeper, were awarded the prizes. The dance was well attended by the members, and the committee wish to thank them all for their hearty co-operation in making it a success. We have been highly complimented, both by press and public, and numerous requests have been made of the committee to give another dance. The members wish to thank our local officials for their co-operation in arranging relief and stopping trains so that all who wished could attend. The members given membership badges are requested to save them for future use.

The following is report of local fund: Total cash on hand, February 1, 1914, \$24.15; expense of the dance, \$66.40.

Cash taken in and remitted \$104; balance on hand from dance, \$37.60; cash on hand February 21, 1914, \$61.75.

There is \$6 or \$7 yet to come in, as all the tickets have not been paid for.

There will be a meeting at an early date to discuss reducing the dues of the Social Fund to ten cents a month, payable quarterly. We hope the members will respond promptly, as only about fifteen in the past have paid into this fund, and we have recently been compelled to call upon the members to contribute to floral offerings. We hope to eliminate this in the future. All who will not be able to attend the meeting, please write Bro. R. F. Graham, Woodland, or Bro. J. F. Henderson, Box 11, Bucoda, giving their views of the matter.

Bro. S. C. Sherwood, third Centralia, off sick a few days, was relieved by Bro. H. L. Hugg, from "YD" office.

Bro. E. A. Collins, agent Wilkeson, on thirty days' leave, relieved by Bro. R. B. Goodwin.

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Seattle Division—

The Cascade Hotel, at Easton, was burned recently, burning the clothing and effects of Bro. Brakhane and Mr. Ackley.

Mr. Wight, third Lester, who injured one of his fingers with an axe, was relieved by Bro. Brakhane.

Sister Fenner, laying off, relieved by Sister Cleo Erdman. Sister Fenner and Mrs. Saxton, wife of one of the linemen, have opened a candy store at Auburn, known as the "F. & S. Sweetshop," located in the Johnson Block, and at any time that any brothers and sisters are in Auburn, they will be pleased to have you call on them.

Bro. Fenner, third Martin, laying off, relieved by Bro. Clubine.

The Auburn transfer yard was closed the 20th, Mr. Isom going to first Upham, bumping Bro. Davidson; Bro. Bell bumping Bro. Floberg, second Auburn depot; understand Bro. Kocher will go to "CF," Seattle.

Bro. Kelly, second Ellensburg, is back at work after spending two months with friends in the East.

Bro. Powell, first Auburn depot, while attending court, was relieved by Mr. Bassett.

Bro. Harper, first Arlington, off on account sickness, relieved by Bro. Hammer.

Bro. Kilhefner is on second Wickersham, pending Mr. Shutts' transfer from Acme.

Our new Bro. Pelzel bid in operator-agency at Redmond.

Bro. Pierson decided Issaquah was too strenuous and bid back Bothell agency, Mr. Worley going to Issaquah.

Bro. E. D. Johnstone bid in Hartford agency, relieved on bid at Acme by Mr. Shutts.

Mr. Amess, first Woolley, off on account sickness, relieved by Jess Barford, formerly on this division.

The First Aid Teams of N. P. Ry. employes, of Cle Elum Mine, No. 7, and Cle Elum Mine, also of Cle Elum, jointly gave a demonstration

meeting at Cle Elum on the evening of February 18th. There were 100 men present, including first aid members and visitors, among the latter being officials of the N. W. Imp. Co., C. M. & St. P. and No. Pac. Ry. The object of the meeting was to show first aid work in general, and to eliminate such dangers as bleeding to death, infection, further injury to tissues by fractures, etc., to show how to properly prepare an injured person for transportation. The N. P. first aid boys wish to see their comrades all along the line take up with this work and organize classes at every terminal and in every shop.

We note that the nons are still reaping the benefits of our schedule, in the way of securing the good things that are under our schedule, such as securing the positions they desire by the "bump" route and better salaries, but will not help the cause along by taking out a card.

Keep after the nons, brothers, and give them no rest until they take out a card.

Secure the non working at your station or on either side of you, and see if we can not make this division solid. "HAPPY."

Pasco Division—

Bro. Ralph Tremble, relieved on bid by Bro. T. N. Holman on second Wapato, bid in Toppenish second, relieved by Vawters, Silah days, relieved on bid by Bro. La Marche, of "CS," Pasco, relieved by Bro. McKeown, from third "PA," Pasco, relieved by Bro. R. V. Peterson, of fifth "PA," and he by Bro. C. H. Mackross, hours changed 8 a. m. until noon, and 3 p. m. to 7 p. m.

F. J. Ellsworth and wife, first and second Yakima, have returned from their trip through Florida and other Southern States.

Sister O. L. Johnson, who recently burned her right hand, is back on first Vista.

Bro. McCann and Sabraski relieved Sister and Bro. Phelps, at Pomona, while they journeyed through the Sound cities.

Bro. Sigman, acting agent at Kiona, pending bulletin, is back on second there.

Bro. E. E. Marche, in Tacoma Hospital two weeks with a broken arm, is now at Boyd, Wis., convalescing.

Many block offices through the Canyon have been temporarily closed. Sister Pickard is now at Thrall days, and Bro. Pickard, at Umtanum nights; Bro. Phelps is at Roza days, and Bro. Stevens at Pomona days.

No write-up in last month's TELEGRAPHER on account of the division correspondent being in the hospital. CERT. 606.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to the members of Division 54 for the beautiful floral offerings and the many expressions of sympathy extended to us in our recent bereavement, the loss of our little boy.

MR. AND MRS. R. F. HICKEY.

Connell, Wash., February 5, 1914.

Dakota Division—

Bro. Joseph Smith, relieved from third Burleigh, is touring the South until business picks up.

J. E. Wetzel, lineman, of Dawson, always has a good word and a boost for the O. R. T.

J. F. Ellis, agent Robinson, on vacation, was relieved by A. F. Anderson.

Bro. A. E. Brock, formerly of Burleigh, writes that his brother died recently at Sacramento, Cal. He has our heartfelt sympathy.

A few copies of the January 1st seniority list are still available. When requesting same, please send a local or two for THE TELEGRAPHER.

Bro. J. W. Tangney, agent Edmunds, made a business trip to Fargo, relieved by Burkett, helper from McClusky. Bro. Tangney was accompanied by Ticket Agent Joe Burkhart, of Jamestown.

Bro. W. K. Reque, agent Flora, who went to Brainerd Hospital for treatment, was relieved by C. H. Hooper. Ex-Bro. A. L. Boelter returned to Adrian agency from Brainerd Hospital, after spending several weeks with relatives and friends East; relieved by Bro. S. F. Morse.

Bro. Morse relieved Bro. Ralph Whitcomb, third, for three weeks' vacation. He spent a few days with his brother, Ross, at Bismarck, and the remainder at his home in Minnewaukan with his parents.

Bro. J. R. Roberts relieved Bro. C. E. Andre, first Dawson, he being relieved by Bro. G. B. Stuart, and going to Flora as agent until Bro. Reque's return. Bro. Andre and wife recently spent a pleasant vacation at Stevens Point, Wis., and other Northern cities, visiting relatives and friends. It is now Bro. A. C. Conover, third Dawson.

Bro. D. C. Poindexter, third Bismarck, made frequent trips to Sterling, during the past month, to concoct a real square for the agent during his bachelorhood. He likewise made several trips to Jamestown to visit his father, who was on the sick list.

Bro. F. L. Caryl and wife had an enjoyable time at a big dance, regardless of the difficulties Bro. Caryl had in getting there.

We would call your attention to the article by Bro. B. E. Nason, of the Idaho Division, in the January TELEGRAPHER, concerning the use of telephones by trainmen. This question is of vast importance to the telegraphers and deserves a thorough and thoughtful reading. Bro. Nason is to be commended for his excellent write-up.

We regret the lack of more interesting news for this issue, but very few notes were received from the line. We attach our "30" and hope for a bigger and better one next trip.

Faithfully yours,

H. H. ELLSWORTH.

Minnesota Division—

Bro. Chapman, third East Grand Forks, who relieved Agent and Operator Smith, at Gilby, appointed postmaster there, was relieved on bid by Bro. Chapman, Grand Forks days.

Bro. Hanna, Pembina, lost one of his little children, and the boys expressed their sympathy,

through the courtesy of Conductor Vincent, by sending some flowers for the funeral. The members of this division extend to the sorrowing father and mother their sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement.

Get after the nons working with you and at the next station, and try to better your working conditions. Be loyal to our Order and keep up-to-date, and see if we can not make our division 95 per cent strong by 1915.

Let's start a local division fund and pay 25 or 50 cents twice a year to our local chairman, so he will have something to do some work with, and get out our seniority list. Every member write Bro. Ash what he thinks about it. Some of the other divisions are doing it, and we should do the same.

Bro. C. W. Taylor, at Grafton, "WD," has been appointed assistant local chairman for the Red River branch, and Bro. R. S. Gates has been appointed assistant local chairman for the F. & B. H. branch.

The "OS" man at Staples has been taken off and "SO" office has to take the car report, and the car distributor has to compile it for St. Paul.

Mr. Clement, second Wadena, bid in third "EG," Forks, relieved by Bro. Hin, from Lake Park, on bid, relieved by Mr. Hanna, from Twin Valley. Second N. Y. Mills discontinued. Mr. Murphy, from the Yellowstone Division, on third Wadena.

When you bid on a bulletined position send me a copy of your bid, so I can see whether we are getting a square deal. I would like everyone of you when you hear of any news to let me know it immediately, so we can have a good write-up each month.

W. O. ASH, L. C.

Wheeling & Lake Erie R. R., Div. No. 55.*Toledo and Cleveland Divisions—*

Bro. Myers, who relieved Mr. Davis, "BX" nights, was later bumped by Bro. Beidler, bumped by Bro. Perego, bumped off third Orrville Jct. by Mr. Spring; Bro. Myers then bumped Bro. Noel, Congress Lake nights, resigned. Bro. Beidler has gone home.

Mrs. E. D. Gier, wife of Bro. E. D. Gier, agent at Milan, was called away on account of sickness, and he is now "baching."

On Sunday, February 8th, about 5 p. m., the station at Sugar Creek caught fire, while Bro. Rice was at supper, and nearly all the office furniture and records were destroyed.

Wanted—A brother located on the west end of the Toledo Division to furnish notes for THE TELEGRAPHER every month.

Let us get together and have a nice write-up in each issue.

Miner and Porter nights closed; Oak Harbor day operator and clerk up for bid.

Chief Dispatcher Conald, who underwent an operation at the Canton Mercy Hospital, December 22d, has recovered sufficiently to allow him to make the trip to Tampa, Florida, alone. He is

gaining strength rapidly and a full recovery is expected.

Bro. F. C. Ames, third Norwalk yard, off a few days on account of sickness, relieved by Harry Woodman, who later relieved "Papy" Ayers, third Clyde, on the same account.

Bro. J. J. Syler, formerly dispatcher on this line, now with the Northern Pacific at Jamestown, N. D., writes that the thermometer there often registers 34 below zero. John is a truthful boy, and we do not doubt his word.

The two new "high ball" runs over the "Big Four," "WC," to Cleveland, keep the "owls" between there and "HO" awake.

Bro. "Pat" Furlong, second Clyde, on the L. S. & M. S., was recently married and left on his honeymoon for Florida. "73." J. D. Wetmore, first trick dispatcher on the east end, was also recently married. Congratulations.

Bro. Jimmy Melson, third trick dispatcher, off sick a few days, was relieved by Goodrich.

Bro. "Fatty" Lance, first Canton yard, now has a full set of cooking utensils and is ready to serve meals at all hours.

I wish to thank all the good brothers who helped me secure items for THE TELEGRAPHER this month.

Div. Cor.

W. S. B. and W. P. T.—

Bro. W. W. Weis, agent Valley Jct., on the W. & L. E., was a recent Pittsburg visitor.

All you W. S. B. and W. P. T. boys send in your news by the 20th.

Received nothing from the W. P. T. this month.

Div. Cor.

Wheeling Division—

Miner nights closed, and Bro. H. T. Welch bumped Bro. M. L. Strickland from second Pittsburg Jct., who bumped Bro. Paregorie from second Pine Valley.

Bro. Tom Lucas, third Jewett, "self-appointed auditor" to check the accounts of the Unionvale agency (poor Miss Lewis), was relieved by C. J. Fisher, who also relieved Bro. C. R. Guthrie, first Jewett, while visiting the boys at Canton.

It is now Bro. E. A. Butler, third Hopedale.

Bro. Walter Weiss, passing through Brilliant on his way to Pittsburg recently, called on yours truly.

Bro. Tom Horton, first Sherrodsville, off on account of the serious illness of his mother, was relieved by Bro. C. D. Endress, relief agent, and later by C. H. McCully, an old-timer just returned from the B. & O.

C. H. McCully, who bid in "D," Canton, promises to come in soon; also F. X. McCaffery, who recently relieved Bro. Geo. Lucas.

Bro. R. Buchanan was off several days recently.

Bro. F. M. Eby, second Mingo yard, bid in Congress Lake nights, relieved on Mingo yard second, pending bids, by Mr. Fisher, who promises to soon get in line.

Jewett is solid again. Boys, we should no longer regard the excuses put up by the nons for not paying their proportion of the expenses

it takes to maintain this organization. We have been lenient with them, given them chance after chance, and handicapped by our local officials in keeping the division lined by favoring them just as if they were members, and it is now time to carry out rigidly our motto: "No card, no favors." We brothers are footing the bill every six months, while they receive the same benefits as we do without paying a cent. We can not afford to relinquish our efforts because we have a fair schedule now, for the benefits we enjoy today are only paving the way for something better. The success of our division depends upon the continuous organization of all, and let every union man become an organizer.

I wish to thank Certs. 177 and 79 for their help in securing these items. Let's have a dandy write-up next month.

Div. Coa.

Southern Ry., Div. No. 59.

Asheville Division—

"To Col. C. C. Hodges, Supt., Asheville, N. C.:

"We report a general walk-out of operators and agents along this line. We have on our trains practically every operator on Asheville Division, backed by their suffragette wives and sympathizers from Danville Division, all bound for Hickory. Advise.

(Signed) "TICKET COLLECTORS, Trains 12 and 21."

It is rumored that the above message, received in the superintendent's office Saturday evening, February 14th, causing consternation in the division offices at Asheville, was only allayed when the office boy mentioned that it was the date set for the Telegrapher's Banquet at Hickory. A sigh of relief escaped several white-faced officials as each remembered his invitation to the function, and later regretted that circumstances were such as forbade their attendance.

On the arrival at Hickory of trains No. 12 and 21, on the above mentioned date, a party of some sixty telegraphers, their wives, sweethearts, and guests, were escorted to the Chamber of Commerce quarters, secured through the courtesy of Mr. A. K. Joy, secretary, by the committee in charge, where they were introduced by Bro. W. R. Little, local chairman, to Hon. John Mitchell, city manager of Hickory, who formally delivered the keys of the city into the hands of the telegraphers, after a warm and cordial welcome, which was responded to by Bro. Little. Letters were read from Supt. Hodges, Chief Dispatcher Johnson, Dispatchers Mullikin and Meacham, Trainmaster King, Block Inspector Gandy, all of Asheville. H. B. Perham, president, of St. Louis, and Secretary Burgess, of Alexandria, Va., expressed regret that various previous engagements, and in some instances illness, prevented their attendance. Fourth Vice-President Dermody, who expected to be present and address the gathering, wined that he was snow-bound after leaving Cincinnati, reaching Asheville an hour or so too late to make connections for Hickory. His absence was very

much regretted by everybody, as a great deal of pleasure was anticipated from his address.

Bro. H. G. Alexander, general chairman Division 59, in his address outlined the achievements of Division 59 for the last fifteen years, which was gratifying in the extreme, and awakened the pride of every member present. Bro. Alexander is a much-appreciated factor in the development and advancement of all the telegraphers on the Southern Railway.

After listening to some further interesting remarks and very excellent music, rendered by a stringed orchestra engaged for the occasion, the entire party adjourned to "The Huffry," Hickory's magnificent hostelry, and were photographed in the act of commencing to mete out full justice to the sumptuous spread prepared by the management of the hotel, who saw that no expense or pains were spared to make everything a complete success.

In simple and fitting words the Rev. A. L. Stanford, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Hickory, besought the Almighty Father to lend grace to the occasion, after which the course supper, then served, was pronounced by all to be beyond criticism by even the most fastidious. Menu cards bearing on the outside cover the emblem of the Order, the place, date, etc., tied with white ribbons; brilliant red carnations at every plate, and pound boxes of finest chocolates for each lady guest, with an abundance of good cigars for the gentlemen, left nothing to be desired.

After each course in turn had been served, Bro. Horace F. Payne, of Morganton, was introduced as toastmaster, and acquitted himself for the rest of the evening with remarkable credit and ability. The keenest wit, rarest humor, and most graceful phrases, were employed by the Hon. A. A. Whitener, Hon. John Mitchell, Rev. A. L. Stanford, Mr. Chas. M. McKesson, Bro. H. G. Alexander, Mr. W. Walden and Mr. E. J. Nottingham, who, in their remarks, paid a beautiful tribute to telegraphers of the Asheville Division.

A more attentive and deeply appreciative audience than listened to these gentlemen could not have been found anywhere.

At the conclusion of the speeches for the evening, a rising vote of thanks was given the management of the hotel for the splendid and efficient service rendered, and the party returned to the spacious lobby and drawing-room to await the arrival of trains Nos. 16 and 35, which, through the courtesy of Mr. D. W. Johnson, chief dispatcher, were stopped opposite the hotel for the telegraphers, with their friends, to board.

Among those present were: General Chairman H. G. Alexander, Local Chairman W. R. Little, Mrs. W. R. Little, Bro. and Mrs. A. O. Kitchen, Bro. and Mrs. F. E. Booth, Bro. and Mrs. G. P. Coulter, Bro. and Mrs. D. A. White, Bro. and Mrs. W. Y. Frazier, Bro. and Mrs. M. F. Winecoff, Bro. and Mrs. O. H. Bumgarner; Miss Della Bumgarner, Bro. and Mrs. L. E. Sigmon, Bro. and Mrs. M. W. Puett, Bro. and Mrs. Jerome Lail and little daughter, Bro. O. C. Wagner, Bro. R. E. Sigmon, Bro. H. L. Wagner,

Bro. H. F. Payne, Mr. B. A. Cowan, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Mayberry, Sister Gertrude Smith, Sister Alice Reamy, Bro. W. R. Slagle, Bro. F. O. LaFevvers, Bro. A. B. Jones, Bro. and Mrs. J. E. Yoder, Bro. and Mrs. P. R. Shell, Bro. J. F. Conniffe, Bro. D. L. Miller, Bro. V. F. Moss, Mr. E. J. Nottingham (route agent, Southern Express), Mr. W. Walden (traveling auditor), Rev. A. L. Stanford, Hon. A. A. Whitener, Hon. John Mitchell (city manager Hickory), Bro. J. N. Heatherly, Bro. J. F. Ribet, Mr. C. F. McKesson, Bro. W. W. Hunsucker, Bro. W. L. Hatchell, Bro. C. E. Abernethy, Mr. R. B. Furlong, Bro. T. A. Simpson, Misses Daisy and Virginia Simpson.

The presence of Sister Alice Reamy and Gertrude Smith, of "MY" office Salisbury, was a great pleasure and delight to everybody—especially those who are so unfortunate as not to possess a better half.*

The number of ladies present was a compliment to the division, and it is hoped that events of this nature will be such as will stimulate their interest in the Order.

May this voice the appreciation of the division for the work performed by the committee on arrangements, consisting of Bros. D. L. Miller, O. H. Bumgarner and C. E. Abernethy. To them is due the credit for the splendid manner in which everything moved forward, without a hitch in the program. In this connection it will be well to remember that it was Bro. W. R. Little, local chairman, who furnished the initiative that eventually led to the success of the occasion.

It is the hope of every member on the Asheville Division that St. Valentine's night will mark in the future an Annual Banquet given by the telegraphers, even rivaling in success and entertainment the one held at Hickory, N. C., February 14, 1914. "R. S."

Asheville Division, A. and S.—

Sister Davis, second Inman, with her friend Mrs. L. B. Stevenson, operator from Uniondale, Ind., on the Erie, are on an extended trip to Florida and Havana, Cuba.

Bro. Cooper, second Campbell, and J. E. Bishop, third Headville, enjoy the balmy climate of Florida for a few days.

Bro. Shands, third Buena Vista, relieving Bro. Cooper, extra Walden, on third "B."

Bro. Slagle, second Tryon, was the only one from the A. & S. whom we heard of attending the banquet at Hickory, N. C., on February 14th.

Someone please send me some notes each month.
CERT. 1973.

Danville Division—

We had a well attended meeting in Greensboro, N. C., January 24th. Among the members present were: General Chairman Alexander, Local Chairman Duncan, Sister Reamy, and Bros. McCarns, Queensbury, Shields, Jacobs, Smith, Whitfield, Sommers, Baxter, Kendall, Milloway, Johnson and Cox. Although the weather was

extremely inclement, there were others who could have attended without any neglect of their duties, and there were other members in town who could not resist the temptation of the moving-picture shows, etc. Bro. W. T. Milloway, from the C. & O., was a welcome visitor at the meeting. An interesting session was held and several important topics were discussed.

Bro. Alexander delivered an inspiring address.

The annual banquet was discussed, but no definite steps were taken in regard to setting a date, etc. We need the banquet and other attractions to draw the members together, but unless the boys show a more self-denial spirit in the future than they have in the past we can not have a good strong attendance at these monthly meetings. Bear in mind the date, brothers and sisters, the 4th Saturday night in each month; tell those next to you and urge them to come out.

Those who deliberately stay away from our meetings are not only cheating themselves of that inspiration which makes them better Order members, but they are weakening the Order itself in this locality, which is no stronger than the loyalty and determination of the individual members make it. You suffragette members, while awaiting an opportunity to vote upon political questions, come to your meetings and show your fitness for the call by voting intelligently upon the difficulties which arise.

We are truly pained to hear of some of the boys being discharged for sleeping on duty. There is no excuse for this when a man is working an eight-hour trick. If he is sick and can't sleep his proper hours while off duty, he should so report, and not go to work in that condition and tie up the road. The company can not tolerate such services, and the O. R. T. can not uphold a man who does such things.

We have a few nons over here, and we must use our best endeavors to get them into the Order. This is the critical time of the year with some of the fickle-minded boys in regard to renewing their cards.

Send in your dues promptly. Put down at the head of your expense account, "\$6.00 due January 1st and July 1st," just the same as your board or grocery bill, and send in the amount without delay.

Bro. O. C. Knight relieved R. W. Wrenn at Stacey, on fifteen days' vacation.

Bro. Gordon Witt, of Lima, spent a few days in Washington this month.

Bro. E. A. Lillard bid in third Dry Fork, vice Bro. J. W. Allen, who bid in Lima second.

Sister Alice Reamer, of Spencer third, after a few days off on account of ill health, bid in Sadler nights.

Bro. C. D. Kendall, of Brown Summit, worked a few days in "GO" recently, where it is now Bro. E. B. Mastin. Congratulations.

Bro. Watt, Shelton, has been on the sick list recently.

Bro. W. P. Ayres attended the Masonic banquet at Greensboro.

Bro. Ramsey and wife, of Jamestown, on their fifteen days' vacation visiting Washington, Raleigh and Roanoke.

Sister Gertrude Smith spent several days at home recently.

I have been appointed division correspondent. We have needed one for a long time, and I would much rather someone more suitable had been selected, but if the boys will send me their notes by the 20th of the month, I will do the very best I can. All take notice, however, that the job is open at any time to anyone who will take it.

C. M. KIRKMAN, Cert. 2819.

Charlotte Division, South End—

We are proud to see Bro. Silby, Benton, back, after an illness of three months. Bro. Silby is the right man in the right place.

Sister and Bro. A. E. Folger, Fallis first and second, have been on a trip to Havana, Jacksonville and other southern points.

Bro. J. C. Utsy, Greenville message side, on vacation to Charleston and other points on the coast.

Bro. B. B. Cheek, second Calhoun, assigned Courelia agency; Bro. A. P. Lawrence assigned Calhoun second.

Bro. F. B. Higgins, Easley first, on a trip to Washington, D. C.

Regular meeting was held at Central, S. C., on February 15th, with about eighteen present. You boys who didn't come certainly missed a good time. New officers were elected for the coming year.

Bro. M. C. Rhodes, Norris agency, on vacation a few days.

Bro. J. G. Blair, second Calhoun, who went to Seneca on 41 (extra), while waiting for No. 35 there, on his way home, February 14th, was held up, robbed and pretty badly cut by unknown parties. We all extend him our deepest sympathy, and wish for his speedy recovery. He was relieved by Bro. J. F. White, extra.

Bro. O. P. Lawrence, Central second, off a few days sick, was relieved by R. P. Gaines.

The regular monthly meeting during 1914 will be held at Central, S. C., on second Sundays. Remember the date and place, and see how many can turn out.

Every member is requested to turn to page 3. January journal, and read, "Vitality Important" and "Get busy." B. W. G.

"QN" Atlanta Relay—

This office is in better shape now than ever before, and we are going to try to make this a banner year. All relay offices come on and give us some dots. CERT. 2159, Div. 59.

Atlanta Division, North End—

At present we have no outlet into the passenger department, as we have no positions wherein the operator comes in contact with the passenger department in such a manner as to acquaint the officials of that branch of the service with his

abilities as a ticket man. Probably many of us desire a chance of promotion through this department. Certainly none should object to having one; so, it seems to me, a way ought to be provided. At present the entire conduct of the office at Dalton rests upon the first trick operator, who might work a lifetime in that position and still be unknown to the officials of the passenger department, while the general agent gets the credit for any increase in sales, or other showing the office may make, in return for the use of his name, which the operator signs to the reports.

It will not detract from the prestige of the general agent to make the proposed change. Why not give the one performing the work credit for the conduct of the office; and with it a chance of some better ticket agency? This arrangement should be to the interest of the company, as it will give it two accredited representatives, who, working in sympathy with each other, could materially increase both freight and passenger business. And it's only a question as to what name shall be signed to the reports as regards any change in the conduct of the office.

Write the local chairman, giving your views, at once, so that he will have time in which to get the matter ready for presentation to the committee.

In accepting the depot position at Rome, one leaves age and all chance at something worth while at other points behind. While waiting for something better an opening elsewhere might turn up, but without age, which was given up on acceptance of that place, one would have no chance. So that can not be urged as a reason against the change proposed at Dalton.

Brothers, get busy. We are entitled to the fruits of our labor. Let's get it. CERT. 735.

Atlanta Division, North End Notes—

I note Bro. R. R. J.'s write-up in the January journal in regard to a man being thrown out of his regular job by its abolishment, or from any other cause, not being allowed to "roll" anyone else in the service younger than he. I think Bro. Jones has "treed the wrong coon," as I do not know of anyone who has agitated the question of a man not being allowed to "roll" another in case a "regular" job was cut off.

What we referred to was "temporary" positions—less than twelve months' duration. If a man takes one of these temporary places, knowing at the time he accepts it that it is temporary, and the position is abolished, then he should go on the extra board until a regular job is bulletined, as he is not entitled to "roll" anyone, because he took the temporary place as a matter of choice. I would not like to see a man with two months' age working a good job, and another with eight years' seniority working a third trick, but the latter has the same chance to bid in that "good" job as the former. If he failed to do so, whose fault is it?

As our contract now stands, temporary positions are bulletined and filled according to senior-

ity by men with regular jobs, some of them probably eight or nine years' age. When these jobs are closed in four or five months, these men are allowed to take their choice of any position their age entitles them to, and I know of several cases where an old man bid in a temporary position with the sole intention of "rolling" some younger man when the position was abolished, which he could not have done otherwise. I do not consider this a fair proposition. I believe in giving the old men preference over younger men, but at the same time I think the younger man should be shown some consideration, too, if he carries a card in his pocket. Because he hasn't got quite as much age as the other fellow is no reason why he should not be considered, too, as well as the old man.

If the proposed change is not a good one, as our brother seems to think, why should the Central of Georgia, our neighboring line, and a majority of other railroads have it included in their contracts? Certainly, if it helps them it will us. Our officials seem to think the change is necessary according to the bulletin that was issued when these offices were opened up last fall. They were accepted with the understanding that when abolished the men affected should take their turn on the extra board until a regular job was bulletined.

It's just a matter of whether or not we will allow the contract to remain as it is, and be run around from one place to another every year, never knowing whether we will keep the same job ten days or three months, and have no chance to buy a home, settle down and prepare for a rainy day, or if we do buy one, after making the first payment allow some man to come along from an abolished temporary job and "roll" us off; or will we have our contract so amended as to cut this out and give us all some showing?

When a position is opened, let it be bulletined, and every man have an equal show, according to his age. Should you or I fail to avail ourselves of the opportunity, then abide by the result, and not disturb a dozen or more men who are contented just because we failed to bid in the job at the proper time.

Should a "regular" job be abolished on account of depressive business, or any other unforeseen cause, then let the men so affected take their rights.

I think if this proposition was put to a vote of the members of this division it would be approved by at least 85 per cent, and I am in favor of the matter being handled by our committee at their next meeting. "RN," Cert. 2850.

Atlanta Division, North End Notes—

Bro. W. O. Davis, East Rome tower, off a few days, relieved by Bro. House. Bro. F. E. Hutchinson, third Longs, off a few days, relieved by Mr. Bulloch. Bro. Ed Williams, from Aragon, gets third East Rome tower on bid, relieving Bro. House, who goes to Oostanula third. Mr. Beaty, second Rome, off a few days, relieved by Bro.

Everets, from third, he being relieved by Mr. S. B. Dickie.

I did not receive a single note from anyone this month, and am not in a position to get all the changes. I would like to receive some news from the boys all along the line. Don't forget that this is the last month in which you have got to pay your dues, and "do it now."

"RN," Cert. 2850.

South End, Atlanta Division, Coast District—

This is our first endeavor to have a write-up from this end since the line south of Macon was formed as the Coast District.

Since the installation of block south of Macon and the opening of several new offices, there has been considerable changing of men.

We have been endeavoring to have a meeting the third Wednesday night of each month at Lumber City, but, on account of the very poor attendance, it has not been as much success as we would like to have it. Boys, make a special effort each month to attend these meetings. They are the life of the O. R. T. when successful, and make the men with up-to-date cards more enthusiastic in their endeavors to keep after the nons on each side of them.

Bro. J. J. Pridgen, agent McRae, is being relieved by Bro. Nipper, clerk-operator.

Bro. Davis, at "GM," will soon be occupying his new quarters, which will no doubt be very pleasant to him after spending several months in a box-car office, since the station was burned at that place.

Bro. Bartee spent several days recently with his father, who was reported very sick.

Bro. Brock, who has been sick for some time, is not expected to recover.

I want to ask the boys along the line to send me all the notes they can by the 20th of each month, in order that the write-up can be in Bro. Quick's office before the 28th. "Z" at "CN."

Mobile Division—

Let us see that everyone on this division has an up-to-date. Make them understand that as a non they are getting something which does not belong to them. When a man out of a job has an up-to-date card we know he is not a regular tramp.

Let's get after these nons now, and send in all notes we can to our local chairman, so we can have a write-up every month.

Bro. R. G. Bulloch, extra dispatcher, now has first trick on the south end, and Mr. York, from the Birmingham Division, the second trick, all the old dispatchers being kept on the north end. R. W. Puckett is on second "XN." Bro. Harris, while having an operation performed on his throat, was relieved by Extra Battle, who later bid in clerk-operator Marion Jet, and Bro. Reedy second, "DS," the new trick there. Bro. Trayler, second Marion Jet, bid in third Wilton. Bro. George Hale was on a few days' vacation recently.

Bro. Stubblefield, from Satsuma, bid in the Randolph agency, relieved by Extra Agent-Operator Bro. O. L. Forte.

CERT. 2324.

Chattanooga, Tenn., "VN" Relay.—

Our force is very small here, only three of us besides the manager, the two who carry cards being Bros. Hanson, "W," and Jones, "F." We hope Night Wire Chief Lancaster will decide to come in later, as we need all good men like him. Our manager is a jolly good fellow and seems to have his hands full amusing his grandson, after putting in a good day at "VN." Our popular messenger is happy now, since one of the picture shows have signed up to work union operators. We are glad to see the write-ups from the other relay offices and therefore add our mite, as every little bit helps.

The Q. & C. hold now regular monthly meetings every third Monday in Central Labor Hall, third floor, Furger Building, on East Eighth and Cherry Sts., and extend an invitation to all of our men to attend. We are trying to organize an O. R. T. club, and hope every member who can attend will help us to get it started. Attend the next Q. & C. meeting, brothers, and we will see what can be done. Chattanooga is a good place for a telegraphers club, and we will do well if the boys will all become interested in it.

The writer would appeal to the men on the line to try and watch out for us and save us from having to call so much, as we are kept very busy and have to keep an average sheet showing what we handle each hour and on what circuit. Having to call an unusual length of time lays out other business and makes it hard for the relay men who never get clear and are always on the go. Keep cut in, watch for us and try to run each other in, we will appreciate it and will always be glad to do anything we can for you. Don't hold the circuit open to answer a telephone or get a train by. This is a dead lay out. If you will close it, we can possibly move one to some one else. We have to make a log of everything that takes place which will show up bad for some one, but if everybody will try to better things, we can save that. Let us discontinue "scrapping" on the circuit or for the circuit. Everybody try to get along, run the students off and keep the live wire going.

We get good service from the linemen into Chattanooga and appreciate it very much and hope to continue to improve as we go. We wish to congratulate our Bro. "BO" in "QN" office, for making good his song, "Gee I Hope it's a Boy." He should be very proud of the dear little "Bad-Order." "WILLIE."

Memphis Division—

Brothers, let each of us get the few nons on this division in line. Explain the benefits of being a member of our Order, and if they stand you off the first attempt, try again with renewed efforts to show them what the Order has accomplished for them in the past few years and what we can do for them as well as ourselves in the near future, if they will come in with us.

It is an easy matter to find out from the local chairman who the delinquents and nons are, and then get after them.

Quite a number of the brothers have expressed a desire of having a meeting once a month at some convenient point, nothing will create more interest than a monthly meeting with a good attendance. Let us ask our local chairman to arrange this, near the middle of the division, so as many as possible can attend.

Bro. Hooker was relieved by Bro. Conover, later by Extra Kimbrough, who also relieved Bro. Atchley, agent Glens, while visiting home folks. Bro. Conover also relieved Bro. Wyatt a few days.

Bro. Monk, on a trip to Memphis, was relieved by Extra Thompson.

It is now Bro. Moore at "V."

Div. Cor., Cert. 2641.

Knoxville Division—

The meetings at Knoxville have been discontinued, and future meetings will be held subject to call, and they will probably be held alternately at various places on the division, when I hope you will attend as it is the proper place to settle all discussions.

The west end of the division reported for the close of the year a membership of 99 per cent up-to-date. The general chairman will make a canvass of a portion of the division as soon as he can find the time, and will make clear to you some of the things talked about recently concerning the distribution of the increase, etc.

The last few bulletins show a number of demerits and a few dismissals. Let us endeavor to reduce these by good service, and never take advantage of good treatment. It has been said that this is the best division on the Southern for revenue, etc. Let us try and make it the best in other ways.

Dispatcher Guy Keister, the operators' friend, has gone to the M. & O. as night chief dispatcher. He stated to me that the telegraphers on this division had given the best service of any he ever worked on. Let us give the other dispatchers the same service. W. H. C.

Knoxville Division Notes—

Two certain conductors on this division show too much willingness to take their own orders over the telephone at Loudon and Athens. The brothers at these points or any other point should not allow trainmen to perform duties that are clearly those of a telegrapher. Telegraphers and station agents do not perform any duties outside of their regular work that would help to throw any train or enginemmen out of employment, and we expect the same consideration from them, and must insist upon getting it. Watch this matter closely and whenever a trainman takes his own orders by telephone report the case to your general chairman and President H. B. Perham, voicing your protests in no uncertain terms.

Every man who failed to pay dues for 1913 should get a card at once. It will mean much to you in aiding the committee to secure better concessions for all of us. Those who fail to do so are against us and should be treated accord-

ingly. Several nons failed to get a larger increase which they would have received had they been members. The committee is certainly going to represent the members hereafter. Individual effort helps. Get the names of these nons and delinquents from your local chairman.

All of these men received increases and vacation amounting to something like \$100 in some cases and more. Get after them, brothers, and show them that it is to their own interest and a good business proposition to carry an up-to-date.

We hope we can have every man now behind renew before the committee meets, and stand with us for right and justice. Div. Cor.

Birmingham Division, East End—

In the January issue our brother from Atlanta Division, writing on the "rolling" proposition, only gives one side of the question. I agree with him that it is hard to see a man with two weeks' age working some good first trick, and some old head working third "down in the Alligator District." An old head who will let a new man bid in a good first trick while he remains in the "Alligator District," fails to exercise his seniority rights. When a job is bulletined the old heads can bid on it the same as a new man. A man who has worked on a division eight or ten years has a good idea which jobs will be cut off, and is not liable to remain on that kind of a trick. When a man is assigned a position let it be his as long as he wants it. In case it is abolished let him go on extra list, retaining his seniority bid on the first thing open that he has a right to. Not many men will suffer under this rule. The majority I have talked with believe the schedule needs revising on this line. More of the boys should make an effort to attend our meetings, and discuss these matters. There is no reason why one or two men from each station should not attend. Get acquainted and learn to have a more brotherly feeling for one another.

Bro. Harry Foster relieved Mr. Smith, third Muscadine, a few nights, who says he is not going to telegraph long and can't see his way clear to join. Mr. Smith should pay the O. R. T. the \$4.00 it secured for him.

Bro. Lawrence, the only man with a card in "GS," made us a nice talk at the last meeting. He needs our help in lining up the nons there.

Bro. T. Cannon from first Parrish to second Pell City. Bro. J. H. Hall, second Leeds to second Irondale. Bro. C. R. Tony, second Coalburg, cancelled his bid on first. Leeds and Mr. Davis from second Irondale, secured it. Bro. Sims relieved him while he was getting married. He certainly needs a card now. Bro. R. J. Williams bid in second Douglasville.

Former Bro. J. S. Aly relieved Bro. W. T. Crawford, agent Brompton, a few days; Bro. M. Jackson, first Cooks Springs; Bro. O. L. Haward, second Cooks Springs, a few days, and Bro. J. T. Rhodes, agent Iron City, one day.

Thanks to Bro. M. Jackson for the news he sends each month. I wish every man on the

division had the interest in the welfare of the Order that Bro. Jackson has.

C. E. CRAWFORD, Div. Cor.

Birmingham Division, West End--

The regular meeting was held at Parrish, February 22nd, with fairly good attendance. One candidate was initiated, and several more are on our list. Everybody keep right after them until we get the division solid. We would be glad to see a good sized crowd out next time. Let everyone make an effort to attend these meetings; we always have something new and interesting to all of us.

Bro. Stewart, at Berry, has the promise of an operator the year round, which has been needed for some time.

Sister M. F. Johnson, second Corona, is on ninety days' leave, relieved by Mr. Kincade.

Bro. T. M. Cannon, first Parrish, who bid in Pell City, was relieved by Bro. P. M. Griffiths, who later bid in third trick Corona.

LOCAL CORRESPONDENT, Cert. 253.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, has deemed it best to call to his heavenly abode Mr. Joe Grege, the beloved brother of Sam Grege; and

WHEREAS, We bow in humble submission to Him who doeth all things well; and therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the members of Division 94, on the Southern Railway, in Mississippi, extend to the sorrowing brother and family our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in this sad bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this division, and a copy mailed to the bereaved brother and THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

J. W. ROBINSON,

W. D. PEEPLES,

W. L. SMITH,

Committee.

Washington Division--

Bro. W. E. Berry, of Orange, Va., has been appointed division correspondent. We hope to have a good write-up from the Washington Division in the future, and that all will co-operate with Bro. Berry in getting the changes.

P. McCLEARY,

Assistant Local Chairman,

Queen & Crescent Route (North), Div. No. 62.

Cincinnati to Chattanooga--

Bro. F. G. Gardner is relieving Agent Myers, Georgetown, Ky., while he attends duties as representative (Scott Co.), Frankfort, Ky.

Brothers, this write-up represents the entire C. N. O. & T. P., Cincinnati to Chattanooga, and each of us should contribute items therefor; please mail them to me as they occur. Let us persuade

the nons to get a card, and make the old Q. & C. solid O. R. T.

In order to give all members a chance to attend, a series of meetings were held over the entire division in January; beginning at Birmingham, Ala., January 13th, at 7:00 p. m.; Tuscaloosa, Ala., January 14th, at 7:00 p. m.; Eutaw, Ala., January 15th, at 7:00 p. m.; Chattanooga, Tenn., January 17th, at 7:00 p. m.; Oakdale, Tenn., January 18th, at 7:00 p. m.; Somerset, Ky., January 19th, at 7:00 p. m.; Danville, Ky., January 20th, at 7:00 p. m., and Lexington, January 21st, at 7:00 p. m. The meeting which was scheduled to be held at Meridian, Miss., January 16th, was deferred on account of the general chairman and general secretary and treasurer not being able to get there in time.

The meeting at Chattanooga, Tenn., was a success from start to finish, there being a good attendance, two brothers of Division 53 being present. The bunch of live wires in and around Chattanooga have organized a telegraphers' club, to meet on the night of the 23d of each month. All who failed to attend any of these meetings missed a great deal. By attending we get better acquainted and closer together. Instead of getting out on the street corner and telling your troubles, come to the meetings and tell them, where there can be some action taken in your behalf.

I would like to see every member of Division 62 land one non during 1914. If there is a non working with you, or at the next station to you, don't let up on him until he has a card. "No card, no favors," is our motto. When you show a non as much courtesy as you do a member you make a great mistake. As it is nearly time for our general committee to meet the management again, we should make a general clean-up among the nons.

Bro. G. W. Hatfield bid in third Lancing, Tenn., vice Bro. J. D. Pemberton, who bid in Lancing agency.

Bro. M. O. Buttram, from Oneida nights, third "FR" tower.

Bro. C. B. Grayson bid in second, and Bro. G. C. Keller third "EG," and Bro. Ed. Smith, Citico second.

Bro. Allen, relieved Nelson, "GA" second, a few days.

Bro. "Cody Bill" Grayson, accompanied by Bro. B. W. Grant, from Division 59, returned from a successful hunt recently.

Bro. J. T. Hurt is relieving Bro. O. G. Ramsey, agent-operator Dry Ridge, Ky., on account of sickness.

Bro. Ray Gardner, who recently relieved Bro. F. A. Lewis, agent-operator Devon, while sick has returned to Hinton.

Bro. Vallindingham, second High Bridge, visiting at Science Hill, Ky., was relieved by Bro. Frank Mason.

Bro. E. K. Dumnaway, "UN" Oakdale second off on account of the death of his mother, was relieved by Bro. Owens.

Bro. J. S. Dumas relieved at Nicholasville, while Mr. Webb was on vacation.

Rices Creek nights bid in by Bro. H. B. Griffin; "US" Jct. third by Bro. Dungan.

It is now Bros. Shoppe and Rich, at "DV" Danville, latter relieved on first "UN" Oakdale, by Non Barlow.

Thanks to all who contributed.

Div. Cor.

A. G. S., Chattanooga to Meridian—

I recently made a trip over the Chattanooga and Birmingham Division, and met with much success, and wish to thank the brothers and sisters for their kindness and courtesy. I am contemplating my first trip over the south end, from Birmingham to Meridian, and hope to meet with similar success. This division has only recently been assigned to me in addition to the Chattanooga and Birmingham Division.

I wish to impress on the brothers and sisters the importance of mailing me a carbon of your bids. I can then tell who has bid on the jobs, and see that you get your rights. We have been taught a lesson on this subject recently; I also earnestly urge upon you all the importance of always keeping up to date, so that we will have a strong backing when the committee goes up again. Get the habit of helping yourself and you will help your brothers and sisters, and dependent families. We are working for a common cause, and must stand up for our just rights. Do not allow yourself to become delinquent and work side by side with a good brother or sister carrying your part of the burden. The first obligation to your good family and brother laborer is to pay your dues in the Order. I hope our division correspondent will be able to get in a good write-up next time.

L. C. HIGDON, L. C.

Queen & Crescent (South), Div. No. 69.

N. O. & N. E. R. R.—

We would appreciate it very much if each one would send any changes or anything else of any interest to either Bro. Bilbo or myself. We must have your support to have a write-up each month.

Our committee met the management of these lines on January 13th, but the "thirteenth" proved unlucky for us. After listening to their (the officials) hard-luck story for a good part of two days, it was decided to call the meeting off, and at a later date, when the time seems more opportune, resume our negotiations with them and get our contract revised, but in order to do so it will be necessary to have the entire support of our membership, and we can not impress upon your minds too forcibly the necessity of complete organization. I hope every member will take it upon himself to find out if the man working next to him is a member; if not, ascertain why, and show him the importance of joining.

Our present wages and working conditions, which have been greatly improved in the last few years, are due solely to the efforts of organized labor, and by more thorough organization

we will be enabled to accomplish still better conditions and rates of pay.

The writer was recently in conversation with a member who was very enthusiastic; learned later that he was working between two nons, and thought them up to date, when one of them has never had a card. Brothers, it is your duty to know where you stand and where the man stands who is working beside you, and you should make it your business to inquire into his case.

The nons have no excuse for not being members. If they can not live and have enough spare money with the increases they are getting over the salaries a few years ago to invest in an O. R. T. card, we fail to see how they existed when working on a small salary.

When Homer Evans, of Poplarville, was sick with typhoid fever, our members and employees went to his assistance, and we feel sure he will show his appreciation of this now by joining. L. D. Austin, at Hattiesburg, keeps promising. Ex-Bro. Singleton, at Vossburg, has a much better paying position than ever before, his seniority secured through our organization being instrumental in getting him the place. These men always take their vacations. See them and get them in line.

Bro. H. H. Kamper, of Barnett, on vacation in February, was relieved by Bro. Will Horne.

Bro. Ed. Reed, of Moselle, has been off with the mumps.

Bro. Apperson, of "MY" Meridian freight office, was relieved few days in January by Mr. Poole.

Bro. L. H. Bilbo has been relieving sick men at Lumberton, Poplarville and Eastabuchie.

Bro. Thiele, of "JC" shops, was off few days recently sick, relieved by Mr. Holmes.

Members have been very prompt in paying their dues this term.

Send in the names of the extra men, with their standing, as soon as they alight, so we can put them in this division.

We are indebted to Bros. Bilbo, Apperson and Weems for news items this month. Come again with anything interesting, and "we will have a write-up each month, and remember that it takes every member to make a complete organization.

We very much appreciate the interest some of our members are taking, and would like to see a great campaign made to complete our organization. The responsibility for this rests upon every one. Do not shirk your duty, but lend a helping hand in every way possible.

M. V. HICKMAN.

M. & St. L. R. R., Div. No. 71.

Eastern Division—

Bro. C. O. Davis, at Elrick Jct., has transferred from the Grand to our division. Hope he will line up the agent and third trick operator there.

Mr. Coons, third Brighton, Iowa, was in Burlington recently to take the examination for R. R. mail clerk.

Bro. Heritage, first trick dispatcher, is now car man at "DS" Oskaloosa.

Brothers, we have too much at stake to think of dropping out. So keep in line and get our profession up to a living wage. Let's all get busy and help the good work along. Send in your items, boys; none in this month.

W. C. M.

C. and W. Divisions—

J. E. Dwyer, who bid in third New Prague, will come in soon.

H. S. Wolters bid in Winthrop agency, vice C. A. Carnes, resigned, now in a bank there.

Some of the old-timers are getting in line, and several nons have promised. Keep after them until they are all cleaned up.

C. E. Goethe, former agent Watertown, is now at New Prague agency.

Ex-Bro. Moss relieved S. H. Jones, agent Perry, resigned.

Bro. Allen, of Callendar, relieved Agent Lemberg, at Rippy, while off on account of the death of his father in Minnesota.

Bro. M. A. Sandmier, agent Moorland, visited his brother at Waukeg recently.

Helper at Gilmore taken off and Bro. A. J. Richards resigned.

Bro. E. J. Hughes is now on second Perry.

Sister Mrs. G. W. Hanley is on first, and Bro. G. L. Carr on second Gowrie.

Each member has been mailed a copy of the seniority list. Those who did not receive one, apply to your superintendent or local chairman. In making bids for a position mail a copy of same to your local chairman. Notify the general chairman of any violation of our agreement immediately.

Let's see if we can't make the C. & W. solid by the time the committee goes in. If the nons expect anything they should line up with the rest of us. Everyone make an extra effort to bring them in.

JOG, Cert. 29.

Chicago Northwestern Ry., Div. No. 76.

General Offices "SJ"—

The officials following their usual custom of fairness in recognition of good service during the rush season are now giving the usual summer vacations of ten days with full pay, saving the expense of extra men, and keeping the younger men on the pay roll.

The way the boys are now coming in indicates that our "booster boat" is getting results. Some of the divisions are almost solid, and we will soon be 90 to 95 per cent for the entire system. Get busy with the nons, boys; back the committee up solid and we will be rewarded with a schedule that will compare favorably with any in the country. Sentiment does not enter into a business proposition. Every brother select a non and keep at him until you get his application.

Bro. Lyle Alverson and bride went to New Orleans on their honeymoon to the Mardi Gras. Congratulations.

Bro. and Mrs. P. E. Gray are now enjoying their annual vacation (with pay), visiting friends in Kansas City and Omaha.

Bro. W. J. Early was off two days visiting with his parents in Chesterton, Ind.

Bros. Smart and Briening attended Division 76 special meeting at Victoria Hotel, February 22.

Bro. Geo. A. Flynn celebrated his birthday February 22d, visiting friends in Hammond and East Chicago.

Our able lawyer, Local Chairman Bradley, devotes eight hours to No. 78 wire and the other sixteen to roping in the nons. He is now after that Galena Division bunch.

Bro. Troy was a welcome caller at "SJ" recently.

Bro. Smart, the C. N. W. "Abe Lincoln," extends a cordial invitation to the brothers to attend the Cort Club meeting held in the Masonic Temple, 9th floor, first Saturday in each month; there is always something interesting and beneficial at these meetings.

Only two nons now in this office, and one of them promised his application March 1st.

"F."

Chicago Terminal—

The meeting held in Chicago, February 22d, was better attended than the last, and was very instructive. The boys went away feeling that they understood conditions better than ever before, and willing to abide by whatever the general committee think is best to do.

Bob Crampton, first Division St., off a few days, was relieved by Bro. Goebel.

Bro. Morrison, fourth trick Canal Jct., is on another leave of absence, owing to illness of his wife.

The local chairman was visiting Des Plaines recently transacting a little business with Bro. Ganley.

Bro. W. E. Watt, formerly first Rose Hill, is now on third Main St., vice George Russ.

Brothers, we must wait until our committee feels that the time is ripe for action; perfect our organization, and remember our motto, "No card, no favors."

CERT. 434.

NOTICE.

Pretzel City Telegraphers' Club now meets 3d Wednesday of each month, at Ladies and Knights of Security Hall (formerly I. O. F. Hall), 107 Stephenson St., Freeport, Ill.

Wisconsin Division—

Bro. W. J. Scrimger, a member of Division 76, for many years, highly esteemed by all his fellow workers, died on January 14th.

Bro. E. H. Woodbury bid in agency Hebron, vice Bro. J. H. Arps, who bid in Park Ridge.

Bro. L. I. Price, third Harvard Jct., wrestled with the gripe a few days this month, being relieved by Bro. M. Beck, who later went to third tower S. W.

Bro. F. E. Dickson, agent Hartland, on three weeks' vacation, was relieved by W. E. Soles, of Woodstock.

Sister M. Riel bid in Mayfair depot days. She is a very enthusiastic worker for the Order.

Bro. Burnhart was displaced by Mr. Lamm when he resumed work January 26th, on third Clinton Jct.

Bro. W. Witherspoon, Winnetka days, relieved Bro. Hallade, who relieved Bro. Spilker, extra.

Conductor Gene Dady relieved Local Chairman Coburn on second Harvard while out on the road rounding up the nons.

Brothers, have you paid up your dues to Bro. I. R. Kempkes, at Nevada, Iowa, and your M. B. D. assessment to Bro. L. W. Quick, G. S. and T., St. Louis Mo. If not, do so at once. This is very important, as our committee will soon convene and needs all the assistance and financial help we can possibly give it; also keep after the mons and get them in line. CERT. 262.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Our heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom, has deemed it merciful to call to Himself our esteemed brother, W. J. Scrimger, and we bow in humble submission to his great will in all things; therefore be it

Resolved, By the members of Division 76, Wisconsin Division, that we extend to the bereaved wife and members of the family of our deceased brother our heartfelt sympathy; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased brother, a copy spread upon the minutes of our division, and a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

H. L. SHARER,
R. L. HERRICK,
CHAS. F. O'CONNOR,
Committee.

CARD OF THANKS.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ORDER OF RAILROAD TELEGRAPHERS:

I wish to extend you my thanks for your generosity and kindly sympathy in my bereavement.
MRS. W. J. SCRINGER.

Madison Division—

Recent assignments: Agencies—Buffalo, A. G. Verch; Benton, H. L. Lippolt; Wonewoc, H. M. Schleck (regular); Union Center, W. B. McKil-lip (six months); Dalton, F. Odell; Ashippun, A. C. Deutchbein; North Lake, J. B. McKenzie; South Beaver Dam, J. S. Lewis. Telegraphers—Mt. Horeb, M. H. Keefe; Cuba City, E. J. Lang. Second—Reedsburg, G. L. Abts; Toledo "DO," R. G. Main; tower "BJ," C. A. Hummel; Cutler, A. R. Sorenson; Dalton, M. H. Hendrickson; Friesland, R. D. Peck. Third—Elroy, P. W. Avery; Friesland, W. J. Riney. First Clyman Jct. undecided, and Buffalo agency on bulletin.

Miss Ella E. Matthews, chief clerk and extra agent on the west end, has gone to Minneapolis with her mother for a time on account of illness.

Dr. Thos. A. Carter, of Chicago, recently succeeded in bringing Mr. Evans, of that city,

through a case of bi-chloride of mercury poisoning. Heretofore doctors have been unsuccessful in saving cases of this kind, and we congratulate him on his wonderful success. "Tom" Carter is a graduate from the telegraphers' ranks, having served the C. & N. W. on the Iowa Division and also in the general offices at "SJ" Chicago. He pursued his medical studies while working a shift in Chicago, and is fully entitled to all the glory that may be his through his remarkable discovery. May there be more of us "go and do likewise."

A. C. Dimock relieved as acting agent at Benton by H. L. Lippolt, who bid it in.

E. L. Gross was relieved at "BR" tower Merri-mac a few nights by E. D. Wilson, who suffered quite a loss by fire recently.

A. G. Verch returned to Platteville, after serving as extra agent in several stations.

Several of the old-timers have lately had their rights restored through the offices of the Order and the sanction of the division officials, and some of the brothers are kicking about it.

A. J. Dungan is back at Reedsburg again.

Jack Hibbard, relief at "B" Baraboo, later relieved Russ Irwin on second Elroy a few days.

C. A. Hummel relieved Agent C. L. Graves at Cottage Grove during the latter's illness.

F. H. Main resumed work at Jefferson Jct., after being laid up six months with a broken leg, owing to a mix-up between his motorcycle and an automobile.

J. H. Mueller has resumed at Galena, after an attack of illness.

E. D. Wilson relieved A. B. Steinhoff, agent Merrimac, on vacation.

A. F. Neumann has resumed at Lake Mills, relieving J. Seaman, who, with Mr. Hobart, has gone to the Lake Shore Division.

Jack Holden is now on Deerfield second, vice Hintz.

L. Holley relieved Agent Bass at Barneveld a few days on account of illness.

W. Hesselberg relieved W. D. Johnson at Benton while in Chicago several days.

J. E. Keane was relieved at Deerfield a few days by Hintz. Div. Cor.

Lake Shore Division—

A very interesting meeting was held at Manitowoc, Wis., January 28th, about twenty attending, and matters of importance were brought up and discussed. Bro. F. W. Teidka, local chairman, reported that our division had a 90 per cent membership. Keep up the good work, brothers, and we will soon have a solid division, which is needed before the committee goes to Chicago. Bro. Drengler came all the way from Denmark to attend.

Our hall rent, printing and other things of importance are paid out of our local fund, and every member should pay his local dues promptly.

It is now Bro. Pooler, second Rosemere; Bro. Boex, second Tavil, and Bro. Tesky, second South Yard. Bro. Vose, first South Yard, called home on account of his mother's illness.

Bro. Schrader, third White Fish Bay, visited friends at Chicago recently.

Bro. Sedlock, agent Cleveland, was off a few days sick.

Mr. White, second White Fish Bay, resigned, relieved by Mr. Henderson.

Bro. Smith, first Calumet yard, was off a few weeks.

Mr. Martin, agent Newton, called to Escanaba, relieved by Mr. Gatto, from Green Bay.

Mr. Walsh, from the W. U., on third Oostburg.

Bro. Ross, agent Maribel, was injured recently while trying to unload a barrel of whiskey from a car.

Second Sheboygan open for bids, Bro. Vashinder resigned. Bro. Kaufman working third Shawano.

Bro. Dunlap, from the P. D., is on third Port Washington.

Bro. Knudson was called home to Mason, Neb., owing to the illness of his mother.

North End—

Bro. Allender was relieved by Bro. Bussiere at Long Lake for the holidays, his first vacation in seven years.

Bro. Stransky was relieved by Bro. Reinke a few days on account of sickness.

Conductor Sam Schwartz has been appointed acting trainmaster north of Green Bay.

Local Chairman Teidka was over this end recently, lining up the fallen brothers, and we hope to soon present a solid front.

Log business is now in full swing, continuous service is installed in nearly every station, and 500 cars of ice are being loaded at Cecil and Shawano Lake for Chicago and Iowa points. The Shawano boys are going to have a new freight house in the spring.

Bro. Evans, agent Lyndhurst, was off several days recently.

Thanks to Bros. Stransky and Lindrath for items. Send all you can to F. W. Heinig, Manitowoc, Wis. A few lines from all the boys will give us a good write-up each month.

"FR," Cert. 581.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Our heavenly Father, in His wisdom, has deemed it best to call to her heavenly home the beloved mother of our esteemed and worthy brother, R. C. Vose; in manifestation of our fraternal grief and sympathy, be it

Resolved, That the members of Division 76, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the bereaved brother and members of the bereaved family their sincere and heartfelt sympathy; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved brother, a copy to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication, and a copy spread on the minutes of this division.

F. W. HEINIG,

R. J. GOLDIE,

U. J. BRAASCH,

Committee.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Our heavenly Father, in His wisdom, has deemed it best to call to her heavenly home the beloved mother of our esteemed and worthy brother, G. M. Knudson; in manifestation of our fraternal grief and sympathy, be it

Resolved, That the members of Division 76, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the bereaved brother and members of the bereaved family their sincere and heartfelt sympathy; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved brother, a copy to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication, and a copy spread on the minutes of this division.

F. W. HEINIG,

R. J. GOLDIE,

U. J. BRAASCH,

Committee.

Ashland Division, North End—

Mr. Bessey is relieving the dispatchers on the south end.

Bro. T. J. Severin, Odanah first, bid in Ironwood second, vice Bro. E. A. Manthey, who went back to third there.

It is now Bro. C. V. Mattson, Saxon second.

Cashier's job at Bessemer has been discontinued, leaving the work to the operator as before.

Bro. E. A. Roach, Wakefield, is on vacation, relieved by Bro. Hunzick, from the south end.

In mentioning R. B. Penberthy in our previous write-up, the title of "Bro." was omitted. We find he is an up-to-date member.

D. V. Cronin, Hurley, is on vacation, relieved by H. H. La Fave.

Our new local chairman has been over the division and secured nearly all those who were not up to date. This is good news.

Bro. Ph. Rasmussen, agent, while at Antigo on law business, was relieved by Bro. H. C. Rasmussen, who later visited at his home, Oconto, and Green Bay.

Bro. M. J. Johnson, first Wausau, was off several days, relieved by Mr. Huncosky, first Wausau Jct.

In the last journal Bro. Hunzick, then on third Pelican, was reported as not being a brother, but we find he is carrying an up-to-date, and says he always will. Pardon the error, John.

Two extra dispatchers have been put in Antigo office, owing to the heavy log business. Mr. King is on the night clip job, Mr. Lerquin on days at Yards, and Bro. Gardner on nights, who relieved Bro. McDonough, first Clintonville, while over the division lining up.

Bro. La Fave is on Appleton second, Bro. Hinch having bid in first Kaukauna.

Bro. Barrett, third Pelican, off a few days, was relieved by Bro. W. J. Kumbier, second Hunting Jim Garvey, Kaukauna third, is now clip man in Ashland dispatcher's office, relieved by Mr. Hawley.

The heavy ice business at Norrie has opened up the office days there. Ringle opened nights

by Mr. Leary. Birnamwood opened as a three-man job, with Bro. Schutte on first, Bro. Hunzick on second and Mr. Hills on third. Elmhurst opened as a three-man job, with Bro. Zilmer on first, and Engebreson and Charon, from Omaha, on second and third respectively. Satuit is now a day office.

Bro. Busse bid in second Wausau Jct., leaving second Aniwa open for bids. Second Mercer also pending bulletin.

No notes received from the south end. Wish someone would be kind enough to send me what items they have, so we can have a good write-up.

Div. Cor.

Sioux City Division—

Former Bro. Canady is now reaping his ice harvest at Lake View, the company furnishing two trains for that purpose.

Former Bro. Hays relieving Fisk at Boyer.

Local Chairman Haymond, in Florida, writes of having baseball games there.

J. G. Clayton assigned agency Lawton, and E. E. Baskin to River Sioux.

Mr. McClure has finally succeeded in securing a higher-priced helper for Holstein, and advises that other places are to be taken care of.

Merrill and Sargent's Bluff bulletined, Mr. Guille goes to a farm in Illinois. Understand Bro. Depue is now in the auto business at Morille.

Mr. Barfoot has returned from California.

The electric block signals are now working between Soo City and Sargent's Bluff.

The "Garden of Allah" special passed over this division en route to Council Bluffs.

A circular just out called attention to the Federal Hours of Service Law, that we can not exceed thirteen hours per day at a station operated only during the day. This not only applies to the handling of trains, but also to any other station work where the employe comes under the schedule. All concerned should be very careful, as it is apparently the intention to follow up the matter.

Every member should make a special effort during the next few months to line up the nons and delinquents solid on this division, so that we will not be obliged to send out an organizer, which entails quite an expense. Apply to local chairman for list of nons.

Brothers, be prompt with your dues and save Bro. Kempkes a lot of extra work.

JOE TINKER.

Minnesota Division—

The open meeting called for February 15th, at Mankato, was postponed owing to a derailment on the Watertown line, making it impossible for Mr. Boyle to be with us, but it will take place later on. These open meetings occasionally, where we can have a heart-to-heart talk with our officials, will result in a better understanding, engender a friendly spirit and no doubt lessen causes for grievances.

Our old standbys sent in the usual amount of news for which we are duly grateful.

The recent touch of winter has enabled the company to refill the ice houses for the coming summer, but we will soon be listening again for the robin and other signs of spring.

Bro. W. A. Wagner, of Sanborn, is taking a six weeks' vacation.

Bro. A. Sawyer, third New Ulm, on two weeks' vacation, was relieved by Bros. Hunter and Cady. The former has resigned and returned South.

The brothers who have not yet paid their dues should attend to this important duty at once.

Bro. N. O. Tuberg, first Rochester, was off several days, relieved by Bro. A. M. Thompson, from Mankato Jct.

Bro. A. M. Thompson relieved Agent Delvin, at Havana, a few days.

Bro. H. A. Sterling, agent Dodge Center, was in Minneapolis a few days on a law suit the first of February.

Bro. O. L. Thompson, second Canby, is on a trip to the coast, relieved by Bro. Cady.

Bro. Vaux, second Watertown, off several days, was relieved by Bro. Koelmel.

Bro. F. Meyer, Walnut Grove, relieved by Frank Guth, from Sleepy Eye.

Bro. Orcott, second Dodge Center, has resigned and gone in the moving picture business there; relieved by Bro. Cady. D. J. M.

Iowa-Minnesota Division—

We must keep right after the nons and give them to understand that they are not desirable fellow workmen unless they take out a card. There are places where O. R. T. agents have non operators working for them. There is no excuse for such conditions. This is a business proposition and the nons should be given no rest until they come in. We must keep right after them until they do. They are working against us as long as they remain nons.

Our committee will soon go in for a revised schedule, and we must get right in behind it with a solid membership.

I sent out several requests for news, but the only ones I heard from were Bros. Odlin and Byrd, who I wish to thank for their contributions. Please send in any news you have, no matter how little.

F. M. Gallispie bid in Arkel days; L. B. Walters, Arkel nights, and L. Rhoades, Cartersville.

It is now Bros. R. R. Ridgeway and G. B. Small, third Fairmont.

The extension beyond Miami has been resumed, and the new bridge over the Des Moines River, between Southern Iowa Jct. and Arkel, completed.

Bro. Byrd and family, of Buxton, is spending a few weeks in Florida; relieved by O. J. Rolland.

Div. Cor.

Dakota Division

Our general committee will soon convene in Chicago again to negotiate with the management for a revision of the schedule and an increase in wages. Everyone of us must try and land a

non. The revenue our treasury will thus receive will help considerably towards our success.

We had a very good meeting at Redfield, Sunday, February 22d. The storm cut down the attendance, but those who were there were well repaid for the effort they made to attend. It was decided to hold our meetings regularly on the second Sunday of each month at Redfield, beginning in April. We hope the members of the Huron-Pierre Division, which has not been represented at the last two meetings, will be present, Bro. H. D. Harrington was elected local secretary and treasurer.

Bro. E. W. Carpenter has returned from vacation at Buffalo Gap, relieving Bro. E. M. Bruflat, agent Hetland, who went to Highmore nights, vice Passig.

Bro. A. G. Spies bid in Garvin agency, vice Bro. M. E. Taylor, now at Omaha, where his wife recently underwent a successful operation.

H. C. Palmer, second Centerville, resigned to move on a farm near Waseca, Minn.; relieved by J. C. Murphy.

Bro. W. A. Topp is relieving Bro. N. L. Cass, agent Miller.

Dispatchers Kendall and J. C. Jackson, side wire nights, cut off at Huron dispatcher's office.

It's now Bro. W. L. Boughner, agent Salem.

Bro. R. W. Richardson, who went to South Pekin, Ill., as dispatcher, has returned to Salem.

Bro. F. L. Porter, back from Spooner, Wis., greatly improved in health, is now on second Brookings.

Bro. V. Postal, agent Alcester, while visiting his wife in the Rochester hospital, was relieved by C. E. Draper, from the Rutland, in Vermont, who later relieved Bro. R. A. Pfefferle, third Iroquois, off sick for three days.

Bro. P. K. Brunner bid in Balaton third.

Recent assignments: Second Balaton, R. E. Stengle; third DeSmet, N. G. Stimson; agent Turton, Bro. A. H. Brodeur; agent Cavour, Bro. J. T. Lane; second Cavour, Bro. R. A. Pfefferle; second Brookings, Bro. F. L. Porter.

Brothers, do not forget to send Local Chairman Long, at Iroquois, a copy of your bid.

R. A. PFEFFERLE, Div. Scribe.

Eastern District—

Mr. Crockett, first trick dispatcher South Norfolk, and family, are spending winter in California; Mr. Donistorp relieving.

Bro. Byrne Foster, first operator dispatcher's office South Norfolk, is in Arizona for his health, with his brother, Dispatcher Roy.

Bro. Sauers, Stuart, is on two months' vacation, visiting California; relieved by Wm. Thomas, of Atkinson.

Bro. Sears, Creighton, on two weeks' vacation, was relieved by Bro. C. J. Smith, of Emmett.

Bro. Tim Ryan got second Wisner; Bro. Ritchie, second Bassett; Bro. Harrold, agency Newport, and Bro. Hess, agency Lindsay on bids.

Are you doing your part in landing a non? If not, why not?

Mr. Fink has resigned Newport agency and gone in the banking business there.

Bro. Shubert relieved Bro. Kamensky for two weeks' vacation.

It's now Bro. Plank, second Bassett.

Bro. Radaker, third Atkinson, bid in second O'Neill; relieved by Ed. Kuntselman, from "AG," and J. J. Krska, Platte River Bridge, got third Oakdale.

Bro. Babcock is on second freight yard office, and Bro. Shubert, relief agent, Bennington agency.

Boys, the committee is going to Chicago some time in April; we must polish things up a little on this division. Get busy and hop the nons. They have no excuse whatever for staying out.

Bro. L. J. Foster, agent Plainview, was called to Eastern Illinois owing to the illness of his father; relieved by Bro. Kolar, second Verdigrée. Div. Cor.

Black Hills Division—

It is now Bros. Asbury and Miller at Douglas.

Telegrapher Veach, at Hay Springs, has resigned and gone to Sioux City for an operation for stomach trouble; relieved by Bro. B. H. Connors.

Telegrapher Bartman is being relieved at Casper by G. H. Littlejohn, "WU" Chicago.

Bro. N. E. Brown bid in the new agency at VanTassel; Bro. M. Jensen got Black Hawk; Bro. Logan second Cody temporarily, and B. D. Blackledge, third Cody.

Bro. Nixon is relieving Mr. Saxton at Merriam.

Bro. J. M. Huck has returned to the Sioux City Division.

Bro. F. H. Sawyer is on first Ainsworth, pending an appeal of the Worley case.

Get after those nons, boys, on the north end, and put it in good shape.

Be sure you are all O. K. with the Mutual Benefit Department and that your dues are all paid up. That will help us all to present a good front to the management when the committee goes in for revision of schedule again.

Your local chairman has his station work and other duties to perform, so get after every non you know of and don't let up until he lines up. Write to the chairman for the list and get busy.

We are pleased to learn that the wife of Bro. J. H. Howe, at Valentine, who has been very low, is now convalescing.

Bro. Hattan recently returned from a visit to the old folks in Missouri to second Valentine.

Div. Cor.

P. R. C. & N. W. Division—

Bro. Edwards, agent Capa, is back East attending the funeral of relative, relieved by Chas. Flint, section foreman, as there was no one else available.

Bro. Vick is back at Quinn after several weeks' vacation.

Bro. Mower, of Cottonwood, while on a trip to Watertown, was relieved by his wife, no other relief available.

Snow and rain lately give promises of a good spring. CERT. 194.

New Orleans, Mobile & Chicago R. R., Div. No. 80.

New Albany Division—

Everything is modern and up-to-date on this 367 miles of road from Mobile, Ala., to Middleton, Tenn., except the telegraphers; therefore we have not the schedule we should have. If I can get some co-operation from the brothers, we are going to wake nons out of their lethargy. We have too many students and as long as we retain them as assistants we will never get any extra help, the company always preferring them to any experienced men. If there are two extra men on the line, the ham-student will bid in the first opening and get it. Every brother should line up his neighbor agents and operators, then we can get as good schedules as other roads; until we do we will still be hammering away for our little \$50 a month and express commissions, which the parcel post has almost robbed us of. I am getting a list of the nons on the New Albany Division, and will work on them until they come in, and hope every brother on his respective division will do the same.

Third trick dispatcher at Relay yard was relieved by Bro. L. M. Sharpe, second Ackerman, on account of C. D. T. Holland being sick.

Ernest Haney has returned from Laurel agent's office.

Let us all be up and doing, and every man put up above his desk this motto, that I see in offices along the Q. & C. when I travel that route, viz., "No card, no favors." CERT. 109.

Louisville Division—

Bro. G. R. Smith, off with the mumps, relieved at Newton by Bro. W. W. Watts, who later relieved Mr. Mansfield there, also down with the mumps. Bro. C. H. Weathersby, agent Deemer, on sick list, relieved by Bro. Callehnan. Bro. M. J. McWhorter, Decatur, also on sick list a few days, relieved by Bro. A. L. Rayburn.

Boys, there are only a few nons on this division. Let's try and get them in, so we can go up next month and get a new contract, less hours, more money. They are getting the fifteen days and pay secured for them by the O. R. T. the same as the members, and should come in and help.

Third Trick Dispatcher Bennett, called to his home recently on account of his father's death, was relieved by Bro. Lindsay, trainmaster's clerk, Louisville.

W. W. WATTS, Div. Cor., Cert. 101.

Colorado Midland R. R., Div. No. 81.

First District—

Bro. Potts, back from an enjoyable trip through the South, bid in third Ark. Jct.

Bro. S. G. Smith has resigned.

Chief Dispatcher Johnson spent several days in the southern part of the State recently.

Bro. Collier, first Ark. Jct., on committee work in Denver, was relieved by Mr. Kirkpatrick.

Bro. Taylor, Cascade, baching now, has gained quite a reputation for making Chinese noodles and chile. "K. N."

Second District—

Bro. C. F. Ellis has resigned as second district correspondent, and I will handle it for the present. Kindly drop me a card if you catch a news item.

Bro. C. S. Lively, of Rusk, relieved by Bro. F. M. Wright, of Division 126, and Bro. W. F. Lively, of Leadville, by G. A. Hallack, on a business trip to Utah.

Bro. Jones, of Carbondale, had to "bach" while Sister Jones visited her mother at Thomasville.

Bro. J. M. Hill, of Littleton, Colo., leaves the Denver Union Water Co. to take up ranching in Route County.

Borneman and Scandlan are the only nons on this district. F. B. ROSZ, L. C.

Bangor & Aroostook R. R., Div. No. 83.

Southern Division—

Brothers, we have been sailing the past year over troublesome and turbulent waters, and it seemed at times as if the "tidal wave" was about to rush in and then engulf us; but now, not far distant, we see that happy and glorious land of brotherhood, where we must band together and protect each other. We owe it as a duty to ourselves and families, as well as the Order, to get in every worthy non working with us or at the next station. Remember that every new member added throughout the country means a step nearer to thorough organization; so, brothers, get busy, and don't be satisfied with just paying your dues from year to year. Get enthusiastic over this work of thorough organization, and you will enthruse the new member and everyone else you meet.

Send your "Scribe" all the notes you can each month, not later than the 20th. As I only have a wire about 50 miles each way, it is hard to tell what is being done on the other 530 miles.

It is now Bros. Mitton, at Oakfield, and Barnett, at West Seboois, and there are quite a number who should now follow their footsteps.

Bro. Crozier relieving Mr. Sylvester at East Millinocket, on the sick list.

Bro. Price was relieved at Patten by Mr. Mosher.

Miss Clark, from Sherman, is now at "BC," Milo Junction.

Bro. A. H. McNair bid in third West Seboois.

Bro. Meisner has returned from the West, and is now on first Rand Cove, which with Norcross has been put on a two-trick eighteen-hour service for the winter season. Bro. Crocker is on second Norcross.

Bro. Buchanan, third trick dispatcher, has returned to "WB," Bangor, after being on the sick list several days.

Bro. Dunphy is now chief clerk to Superintendent Hallett.

Bro. Crommett, relieving at Griswold, was on the sick list recently.

Bro. Matthews, to Sheridan agency, relieved by Bro. Lyons, from Jentland agency, at Masardis agency, on bid; Jentland now on bulletin.

Bro. Mooney, agent Island Falls, and Mrs. Mooney, have gone South for the winter; Bro. Brooks relieving.

Bro. Mahaney, of Davidson, recently spent Sunday in Bangor.

There was and may be yet a tendency on the part of some conductors to sign up train orders for the engineers, and vice versa, which is, of course, strictly against the rules, and the telegraphers who allow this are also at fault. I am very glad to say that there has been a decided improvement along this line on the Southern Division. There may be some few cases where it is done after obtaining permission from the dispatcher; even then his right to request or allow us to violate an established rule might be questioned in case of an accident, and the blame put on the telegrapher; so I take it that it would be the safer plan to have each one sign personally. Remember that our attitude is to be strictly neutral during this strike. We should neither do anything for or against it. All of us have seen enough of the present so-called engineers and firemen, and would like mighty well to see the good old boys back, so let's not do anything to mar their chances. If we have to do either one of the two, let's help rather than hinder. Chances are mighty good for the old boys today, and it seems as though we will eventually see them back.

Let's get down to business, get the nons, have no friendship for the scabs.

Yours for thorough organization.

CERT. 52.

Northern Division—

Bro. Crommett is acting as station agent at Griswold.

Bro. R. B. Wakefield, from the Maine Central, is on second Oakfield.

Bro. Kelley, train dispatcher "KX," is on the sick list. We all hope for his speedy recovery. Chas. McLanson is now car distributor at "CD," Bangor, relieved as yardmaster at Oakfield by F. E. Duplisea.

Bro. Griffith has returned from a week's vacation in Boston.

Bro. Mitton bid in first Oakfield; Bro. Griffith bid in third, and H. E. McAllister, from second day, who went to Phair, will be with us next pay day. Bro. Walsh goes from Limestone to Oakfield agency.

CERT. 141.

Texas & Pacific Ry., Div. No. 88.

Transcontinental Division—

Recent new members are: H. C. Ezell, extra agent-operator, Windom; R. R. Campbell, agent Dixie, La., and H. G. McDonald, agent Belcher, La., with several more promised in the near future.

First Vice-President Kearney remarked, during our recent negotiations, that he hoped every good telegrapher on the Texas & Pacific would join the O. R. T. and live up to its teachings and be a loyal member. We certainly appreciate Mr. Kearney's attitude towards our fraternity, and

each one of us must show him that we appreciate it by doing our best to give first-class service and be loyal to the company's interest in all things. We are getting friendly and courteous treatment from all of our officials, and we should do all we can to keep the good feeling and good work going on. Of course, little misunderstandings, and even grievances, come up occasionally, but we must try to keep these down to the minimum and always do the right thing under all circumstances.

Better tracks and fast trains will probably be a reality on this division in the very near future. Heavy steel is being laid between Sherman and Bonham, and the gravel trains are already at work, showing that the division is to be put in first-class condition as rapidly as possible. The joint track, from Whitesboro to Ft. Worth, is to be given eight inches of rock ballast and made one of the best pieces of road in Texas. Let the good work go on. We are already doing a big business, and it is gradually getting better.

Bro. S. McGlasson, second Bonham, off recently on account of sickness, was relieved by Bro. E. L. Harvey, who also relieved Bro. F. A. Wemple, on third there, while on a few days' hunting expedition. We hope he left some game for seed next fall.

Bro. E. M. Jackson and Mr. Robertson, DeKalb, were relieved, respectively, while on business in Texarkana several days, by A. S. Bailey. DeKalb operator has been pulled off.

Bro. Maddox, third Paris, called home to Keller, Tex., on account of his mother's illness, was relieved by J. W. Wilson. H. E. Gillis, second Paris, has just received the sad news of the death of his brother, Chas. H. Gillis, superintendent "Clover Leaf" telephone system. He was stricken with apoplexy in the "Clover Leaf" yards at Frankfort, Ind., January 28th, and died soon after reaching the hospital. He was an old train dispatcher and a member of the O. R. T. in the nineties, on the P. C. C. & St. L.

G. F. Tapp, for many years assistant roadmaster, has resigned, succeeded by Thos. Higgins. We all liked Mr. Tapp, and wish him success.

Boys, send me all the news you can by the 20th, so we can have a good write-up every month. It will only take a very little time to do this. Answer calls promptly and be right on hand all the time and up-to-date in everything.

P. O. RUTHVEN, L. C.

Eastern Division—

Brothers, it is very necessary in order to have a write-up each month that you send me items of interest from your vicinity by the 20th, so I can get it to St. Louis before the 28th.

Bro. Cherry, Messrs. Van DeMark, Rhodes and Harris, extras, will kindly furnish me items each month, stating where they worked and who they relieved.

All the nons should be solicited to become members, and no excuses be taken. Compare our contract and schedule with older organized roads, and you will realize what a good one we have to

start with. With their assistance as members we are sure to get improved conditions in our revised schedule. It is the duty of each member to insist on every non he comes in contact with, coming in, especially in our relay offices, as all of them have been benefited by our contract.

Thanks to Bro. W. M. Colvin, Eagle Ford, for his items. I hope the other boys will follow his example.

Bro. Cherry, from the C. M. St. P., is relieving Mr. Gavin, visiting relatives in Alabama.

A. Finley, third "FC," east yard Fort Worth, while visiting relatives at Naples, Tex., was relieved by C. V. Rhodes, from Panama, who also relieved Bro. Hollingsworth, third Arlington, for ten days.

Bro. J. C. Cherry, who relieved Bro. G. B. Montague, second Wills Point, nine days, also relieved Bro. Huffmaster, Mineola, a few days.

Dispatcher Hoey, Second District, went East on a freight train recently, meeting the boys. Dispatcher McCullar returning from court, at Kaufman, also met some of the boys en route.

Herman Harris, from the Cotton Belt, Pittsburg, is now clerking at Wills Point.

B. F. Van DeMark, who relieved Hugh Adams, Hawkins, several weeks, also relieved Mr. Gavin, Eagle Ford, a few days.

Roy Walton, Grand Saline, on sick list, relieved by Mr. McJinsey.

Bro. Douglass, second Terrell, while attending Mardi Gras, at New Orleans, relieved by C. V. Rhodes.

Atlanta third and Longview Jct. split, on bulletin.

Freight business on this division is better than ever known this time of the year, having been obliged to borrow five Blair engines from the R. G. Division to move it.

The accident to the I. & G. N. bridge, over the Sabine River south of Longview, caused all the trains on that road to be detoured over the T. & P., Longview Jct. and Big Sandy via Cotton Belt, all east freight being routed via Mineola and I. & G. N. until the bridge was made passable.

Bro. Fisk Ray, from the Panama Ry., was called home on account of serious illness of his mother.

It is now Bro. J. C. Downs, at Forney, again, with thirty years' of experience as telegrapher.

Div. Cor.

Rio Grande Division—

Bro. T. F. Lasater, at Merkel, has been appointed correspondent for this division, and the members should mail him all the changes and other items of interest by the 20th, in order that he may get them in shape and get in a good write-up not later than the 28th of the month for the current issue of the journal. The support of the boys on the Fort Worth, Big Spring and Toyah Districts is especially needed, because this division is so large that it is impossible to keep up with all of it by observation.

There has been no reduction in telegraph force yet, except in "BG" office, where two operators

were taken off, and at a few other places. Manager Stephens, "BG," is alone with the dispatchers now. Agent Leighty, at Merkel, lost his warehouse man, and the station forces were cut some at Abilene and Baird, but the grain and cotton crops will begin to boom things shortly.

The bulletin system is working fine and the boys are bidding into the jobs of their choice as they open.

It is now Bro. G. E. Day, at Merkel, and Bro. J. C. Childress, at Trent.

Don't forget the nons who work with you, and try to impress upon them the necessity of having this division 100 per cent.

Bro. Dowdy bid in Barstow station, relieved at Stanton on bid by Bro. Price, of Midland.

Bro. H. W. Hester, Merkel, bid in Kent station, being relieved at Merkel by Bro. Rogers, who was cut off by reduction in "BG," and G. A. Collins bid in third Cisco.

Clyde station bulletined temporarily, owing to the ill health of Agent Hall, was bid in by Bro. Stover, relieved at Tye on bid by Bro. T. M. Vick, of Ranger. Pecos third is up for bids.

Bro. T. J. Collins, bid in second Aledo, relieved as agent there by J. E. McMurray, of Putnam, and S. G. Littlefield bid in third Aledo.

We are glad to see Bro. Caley back on third Abilene; he having been the victim of typhoid for awhile.

Telegrapher Barkley, from the C. B. & Q., who has done no telegraphing for years, was at Stanton pending bids. He intends to line up again.

Trick Dispatcher Glenn has returned to Big Springs, after a spell of sickness. Dispatcher Flucallen has resigned. Dispatchers Pool and Paylor filled the vacant chairs; later Bro. Paylor visited with relatives at Abilene and other places for a few days.

Bro. M. O. Hatchett bid in third Colorado, and Bro. J. R. Bird, Putnam agency.

T. M. Van Horn, of Westbrook, an old-timer with the T. P., who has been in the mercantile business for some years past, is back at the key again.

CERT. 89.

Rio Grande Division, West of Big Springs—

We are most of us young in the cause of the O. R. T. now working under the first schedule on this road; therefore we should study the rules of the Order as well as the company, and do our very best to give satisfaction to all concerned. We have one of the best contracts with the best people to work for in the country. Let us live up to it in every respect, then we can expect the company to do likewise. Don't consider it a personal favor to the dispatcher to come to your office early, or stay late, or work the meal hour, and not turn in overtime, as the company will gladly pay you if you demand it. Turn in every hour's overtime you work. If you don't you are working against your own interest as well as your brothers.

Brothers, don't keep students around your offices, letting them handle the wires and teaching them the agency work. This is strictly against the

rules of the O. R. T., without special permission, and you are subject to dismissal from the Order. If you can not do the work without help, you had better quit than violate your obligation.

Extra Agent-Operator Bro. Barkley is at Stanton pending bulletin assignment.

Night operators cut off in "BG" placed Bro. Rogers on third Cisco, bumping the youngest regular man.

Extra Operator Dier got married, then hiked to the G. H. & S. A. at El Paso.

Bro. Tobe, Paylor, is dispatching third trick and doing fine.

Eleven different orders came together in a meeting at Big Springs, February 5th, for the purpose of adjusting the trip pass business. The O. R. T. was represented by Bro. J. T. Cross, appointed by Local Chairman Bro. Henderson. If there is anything doing to better the cause, we want the O. R. T. to do its part.

Mr. Boyd, third Pecos, on three months' vacation, relieved by Mr. Scott. If he don't return it will be bulletined.

Agent-Operator Hamlett, from Odessa, was at Big Springs, February 11th, as witness in a W. U. case.

Bro. Simmerson, of Odessa, died in Marshall Hospital recently, and was buried at El Paso. The operators and others along the line sent a nice lot of flowers there for the funeral, and received a note of thanks from the brother's wife.

Bro. Cross, Odessa, will give any items of interest his best attention, and see that we get a write-up each month with your assistance. This is to include Big Springs and West. "73" to all.
"CS."

Louisiana Division—

Now that the busy season is over, we want to have a write-up every month, and will ask all members on this division to send in notes to Bro. R. E. Cecil, Burton, La., regular correspondent, and the boys on the Marshall and Bunkie Districts also contribute changes, etc.

The superintendent's office will be moved to Alexandria, so, boys, look out for the new jobs to be bulletined, as this removal will cause several important changes.

Brothers, send your dues promptly to Bro. Hambright. It will save time and trouble to all concerned. Keep up to date all the time, as a mishap may fall on any of us at any time.

Bros. L. B. Mattingly and T. F. Sledge, Donaldsonville and Grand Cane, La., respectively, two of the oldest employes in the service, joined recently, unsolicited. We sincerely hope their example will be emulated by the younger men on the road, and thereby assist us as well as themselves in the worthy cause. Keep up the good work. Our chairman has secured twenty applications in the last two months, with the able assistance of Bros. W. H. Robinson, of Glynn, and H. J. Smith, of Cypress. Everybody be an organizer and write up your neighbor. Your chairman will send you all the blanks you can use, with the amount to be charged for fees.

CERT. 220.

Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Ry., Div. No. 92.

Buffalo Division—

Bumping is still progressing merrily. Mrs. Anthony, second Glenwood, took East Concord, vice B. I. Raych, to third Hoyts, vice Miss Lucy Larkin, extra list; Sister R. M. Button, West Falls second, to Glenwood second, vice Bro. McGavern, to Beaver second.

Bro. Wm. Depka bid in Great Valley agency, vice Bro. Lee Richards, on leave. Bro. C. A. Dehl, relieved Depka at Jewetville agency on bid, relieved by Geo. Smith, returning to East Hamburg second, from which he was recently bumped.

The new bridge south of Great Valley is now complete, and third there closed, vice Oconner, with a good list of seniority, who has not yet started to bump.

We were hoping that some of the offices recently closed would soon open and eliminate the bumping, but, as business is still on the decrease, the aspect is rather poor.

Bro. M. McGurn, Ashford third, off a few days on account of a strain caused while throwing levers, relieved by Mr. Kelley.

A number have been called for relieving other telegraphers on the eight-hour jobs before the specified time. Although within the nine-hour limit it is not a violation of the law, still it should be discontinued, as the officials are very averse to it. Secure permission from the chief dispatcher and be on the safe side.

The writer recently had the pleasure to meet Extra Conductor Watson, of the Middle Division, who has done no telegraphing in years, but still carries an up-to-date O. R. T. card. Some now in the service could emulate his example with credit and profit to themselves as well as their fellow-workers.

It is now Bros. E. G. Reynolds and McGavern. Some of the other telegraphers on the road longer than they have been, who have been receiving the many benefits of our organization, should get wise.
C. A. BURTON.

Illinois Central R. R., Div. No. 93.

Mississippi Division—

On the second Sunday night in February we held one of the best meetings, at Holly Springs, that the writer has attended in quite a while. On our arrival there a committee met us at the train, and we were invited into the hotel dining-room, where one of the most delightful suppers was served, after which Mr. McDermott passed the cigars, and we enjoyed a good smoke. I hardly know how to express our thanks and appreciation to the committee who arranged this affair, or to Hotel Manager McDermott, who served it, but I assure them it was appreciated by one and all. After supper we were escorted to a large room upstairs, where a good meeting was held and several business matters thoroughly discussed. Those answering the roll call were: Bros. Mulhall, J. E. Bull, Bryant, F. L. Allen, Jones, Huff, Gore.

Rowe, H. B. Caldwell, Neely, Tyler, Crawford, Kirkwood, Futrell, Sommers, Turner, Herr, Faucett, Oliphant, Goolsby and Hamilton. I see no reason why we can not have a greater number at Grenada next month, as the trains will allow more to attend there than at any other point on the division, arriving there from four directions at the right hour for night meetings.

Bro. Steel is relieving Bro. Duke, agent Seeboy, owing to illness.

Bro. G. E. Calloway, of Oakland, has been enjoying a sixty-day vacation, visiting in Chicago and St. Louis. While in St. Louis Bro. Calloway paid our general offices a visit.

On account of Mardi Gras, night and day offices were opened at Oakland and Hernando, on the Grenada District, which required four additional telegraphers, filled by extras. Bro. Allen and wife, of Hardy, and Bro. Davis and wife, of Coffeerville, were New Orleans visitors during Mardi Gras.

Bro. Brackon was required to go to Chicago and have glasses fitted on account of the examination a few weeks ago, which we all had to undergo.

Bro. Winn, of Horn Lake, was off a few days, relieved by Bro. Holley.

On the return of Bro. Kirkwood to Oxford, Mr. Ennis relieved Bro. Smith at Pope, who bid in Taylor agency.

Bro. White, who has been in the Chicago hospital for some time, is back home at Ackerman, and we hope will soon be able to work.

Bro. Crow bid in Goodman agency; Bro. Gule, Durant third, and Bro. Brown, Bolivar, Tenn., nights, vice Bro. Greer, resigned.

Bro. L. D. Goolsby bid in Ethel agency during Mr. Cook's thirty or sixty days' leave, owing to bad health.

Bro. A. S. Williams assigned agency Bolivar, vice Bro. Merwin, resigned.

Bro. Ballard, first West Point, resigned, relieved by Mr. Arnott, of second there, on bid. Latter now on bulletin. Grenada third also on bulletin again, Bro. Gule returning to Durant.

CERT. 1326.

Louisiana Division—

Our meeting at Hammond, February 28th, was a hummer. A large crowd was present and lots of business disposed of. The legislative committee for the State of Mississippi rendered its report, showing that both the "bonding" and "coercion" bills had passed, which puts that grand old State in the front ranks as to progressive legislation for the telegraphers. After all routine matters were disposed of Local Chairman Miller explained the proposed new contract, the changes in rules, etc., which looked good to the boys, and they all pledged their support to the committee.

The strawberry and vegetable season is now on. The prospects for a large crop is very good, and it's going to make the boys hustle to handle it. Other business is good, and it looks as if we are going to have another season of prosperity and good times.

After bidding in the Natalbany agency, Bro. Ellzey found it undesirable, and, by permission of the superintendent, went back on the extra list. The station is on bulletin again, with no takers, owing to the inadequate force there.

Sister Addison found the work at Canton too strenuous, owing to poor health, and as her former job at Yazoo City was again on bulletin, she bid it in. Canton second is on bulletin again, also second at Jackson, Miss., Bro. W. W. Hill having passed it up and decided to say at Brookhaven, so second at Jackson is on bulletin again. Hereafter when a man bids on a job and has been assigned to it, he will have to take it or go on extra list.

LeBlanc's telegraph school at McComb guarantees to graduate the victims in three months and get them positions with the I. C. There are still a few "suckers" born occasionally.

Bro. W. W. Sloan, agent Leitchfield, Ky., en route to Beaumont, Tex., spent several days in New Orleans, taking in Mardi Gras and enjoying the good things. He says the Crescent City is "some town."

DIV. COR.

New Orleans Division, Y. & M. V. Ry.—

Last check of this division shows a good, solid percentage. However, there are a few who need our attention, and if pressure is brought to bear in the right place, we will get them.

A number of new men have drifted in with the busy season. Many of them are lining up with us, and several members of other divisions have been transferred to 93. Welcome.

Bro. L. W. Lyle, agent Norman, while having his eyes treated, was relieved by Bro. L. V. Lyle, of Baton Rouge, and he by Bro. W. W. Fincher, from Reserve first, cut out.

Bro. McNair resigned St. Gabriel on account of his health. Agency assigned to Bro. R. B. Donald, of second Reserve, one of our new men, and a good one. Bro. W. H. Felps, second Reserve (discontinued), relieved Sister Rollins at Pattison while attending court at Vicksburg. Bro. A. L. Achee, from the Missouri Pacific, transferred to Division 93, on third Reserve since first and second there discontinued, works all night, the office not being used for telegraphing days.

Bro. Wall bid in Lutchery agency, relieved on bid by Young at Bachary agency. Samuel Hosea is at Baker, vacated by Young, pending bulletin. Sister Smith, of Garyville, spent a few days with home folks recently, relieved by Mr. Dawson.

Bro. Montgomery, of St. Rose, attended court a few days, relieved by "FR," from Lutchery.

Bro. James, agent Reserve, spent Sunday recently with the old folks at home.

Bro. Cogan assigned Port Gibson third; second there on bulletin. It won't be open long, as everybody likes to work with Bro. Daugherty.

Bro. L. L. Briggs resigned third St. Gabriel, relieved by Bro. Holt, now on sick list, relieved by Mr. Taylor, from the N. O. M. & C.

Bro. Caulfield, agent Burnside, while attending Masonic lodge, was relieved by Bro. Phelps.

Bro. Brignac, agent Norwood, off on account of sickness, was relieved by Relief Agent Dromgoolle.

Bro. Bond has returned from "HD" Wilson to Harriston.

The best proof that you are a good member is to keep an up-to-date card and keep constantly after the nons on your division. Let's all be good members.

CERTS. 1374 AND 2843.

Iowa Division—

Bro. Spinharney, at Meriden, has asked for six months' leave, and the station has been bulletined.

Bro. Garrison was in Sioux Falls recently looking over the ticket clerk's position on bulletin.

Bro. Olson bid in the operator and ticket clerk's position at Sioux Falls. Bro. Tierney, "K" Cherokee, visited friends at Manson recently.

The last meeting held at Ft. Dodge was the banner one of the season, there being forty-seven members present; a nice increase over previous meetings. Let the next meeting be a banner one.

Bro. and Mrs. Stoker, at Matlock, visited Chicago recently, on account of the illness of relatives.

The members of this division sympathize with Bro. and Mrs. Prang, at Washta, account the death of their little baby. A large bouquet of beautiful flowers was furnished for the funeral.

Bro. Hatz, East Soo, and Bro. Libby, Rowena, visited Sioux Falls recently.

Mr. Myers, clerk from Rock Rapids, is at Hills, pending bulletin.

Bro. Stivers, at Alta, spent ten days in Idaho looking over the prospects; relieved by clerk from Anthon.

The division correspondent is still at Sioux Falls, and all the notes you send me will be appreciated. Let them come.

Div. Cor.

NOTICE.

Pretzel City Telegraphers' Club now meets third Wednesday of each month at Ladies and Knights of Security Hall (formerly I. O. O. F. Hall), 107 Stephenson St., Freeport, Ill.

Wisconsin Division—

It was decided at the last meeting to change the meeting nights to the third Wednesday instead of the third Friday. Brothers, do not forget this date and be sure and show up, as there will be something doing at the next meeting.

The brothers who did not attend the last meeting surely missed something good. Mr. S. Glenn, of the Federation, and Rev. Safford, of Freeport, gave a very interesting talk, which was very much appreciated by us all. Bro. Mulhall was on hand, and the talk and advice that he gave was of the very best. We wish that all the brothers could have heard it.

Bro. Kelly was on hand with a pocket full of seniority lists and a box of cigars, which were liberally disposed of. All those who did not re-

ceive a seniority list can get one by writing him, and probably a cigar, too.

We hope that the brothers who attended from Chicago "X" office will be with us again, as they all seemed to have a very good time.

Bro. Metzger is back on second East Jct. Bro. Beerbauer bid in Mendota third; relieved at Hart nights by Bro. Eiser. Mr. Jones, of second Mendota, is now on third Rockford, vice Mr. Harrington. Bro. Miller, extra agent, is on second Mendota; Bro. Hines is now agent at Wapella, and Bro. Johnson extra at El Paso nights.

Bro. Hinrichs did the emergency work at Wagona while the wreck was being cleared up there, and also relieved Bro. Kelly while he attended the meeting.

Bro. Weidner, of Tonica, has resigned and will enter the new bank at that place, as assistant cashier. The hours are shorter and the pay is better. We wish him success.

Bro. Wheelas is back at Rockford, after undergoing an operation at the Mercy Hospital in Chicago.

Bro. Devaney, at Dixon, relieving Sister Mead, is being relieved on Bloomington third by Mr. Camp.

Tonica agency is on bulletin, and we hope some good brother will get it.

It is now Bro. Blumm, of Burlington. This leaves but one non on the east end and we suppose you all know who that is.

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Illinois Division, Chicago District—

Bro. D. J. O'Connell, of Parnell, was off five days recently.

Bro. F. A. Henion, extra agent, relieved Bro. H. M. Cline, of Colfax, on vacation.

At the meeting held in Kankakee, February 20th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: C. R. Waters, chief telegrapher; V. E. Harper, first vice-telegrapher; C. C. Jewell, second vice-telegrapher; B. E. Pelstring, secretary and treasurer. These and the appointive officers will be installed at our meeting in March, and a large attendance for the occasion is earnestly solicited.

Some kind of action must be taken to get in the nons. A number of new members comprise the larger percentage of these, and it is imperative that they be looked after with the same vigor as the old stand-patters. We would suggest that the "No card, no favors" policy be more strictly adhered to. This might possibly impress upon some of them the advantage of being a brother.

B. E. P.

Champaign District—

Bro. C. Sisson has returned to Mason, after spending most of the winter with his son Arthur in Prescott, Ariz. Bro. C. C. Edwards, who has been relieving at Mason, bid in Doran's agency.

Bro. Fred Hale, of second Tolono, has returned and relieved Bro. Lowry.

C. E. M.

St. Louis Division—

Bro. Sanders, "HN" Mounds, landed second Ballard Jct., vice Bro. Taylor to Benton. Bro. Arthur Dunn bid in Mounds ticket office.

Bro. Childers, second Cairo ticket office, while visiting home folks, was relieved by Mr. Casey. Illinois Jct. is to get a 12-foot switchboard, with 150 wires. The ball park is in Illinois Jct.'s back yard. Pretty soft for Bros. Cameron and Dye.

Bro. Strand, third at North Jct., is visiting in Chicago.

If any brother hears of any changes I will be glad if he will notify me at Cairo.

H. L. DYE, L. C.

Chicago Great Western R. R., Div. No. 96.*Eastern Division—*

Bro. I. L. Hesner has been appointed assistant chairman and correspondent of this division, therefore all brothers will kindly send to him, at Sycamore, all news items for publication in the journal.

W. W. BEATTIE, Chairman,
St. Charles, Ill.

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Northern Division—

The following brothers of the Northern Division attended the agents' meeting at Ft. Dodge, Ia.; L. P. Beardsley, Fairbault; Geo. P. Casey, McIntire; E. O. Jarstad, Skyburg; J. E. Leiser, West Gate; G. F. Morrill, Randolph; R. R. Reynolds, LeRoy, and Wm. Reimer, Zumbrota.

Bro. H. O. Holbert, agent Hampton, Minn., has resigned to engage in farming; relieved by Bro. R. F. Selby, of Division 130, transferred to 96. We wish Harry success.

Bro. J. H. Littell, second Sumner, was relieved ten days by Bro. A. Logerwall, from Randolph, and Bro. N. E. Latimer, third Sumner, being transferred to Fairbault, Bro. Little took third.

When you ask some nons to join the O. R. T. they look at you as though you were asking them some great favor, and we hear them being greeted and favored by some member every day.

Bro. O. E. Plowman was relieved at Mankato by Mr. Morkcross, going to Morristown agency, vice H. E. Kendree, resigned.

It is with regret that we report the sudden death of Bro. E. J. Simpson, agent at Mantorville, one of the best in the service, and one of our most loyal members. He had been sick with a cold only a few days when on closing his office for the night, the evening of February 3d he called a physician, but too late, for pneumonia had set in and he died at 11:30 the next morning. The agents and telegraphers of this division contributed a large standing wreath of solid flowers, three feet in diameter, with the letters

"O. R. T." in the center. The minister in charge informed the congregation as to what the letters denoted, and I felt proud to know how well this brother was respected by us all. C. E. N.

Southern Division—

It is very encouraging the way the brothers have been paying their dues. It is the men who pay their dues promptly and are always found up-to-date who are a help to the committee. The nons simply help to defeat the efforts of the Order, and bring misery to themselves and everyone who works with them, therefore we should give them no rest until they all get an up-to-date card.

Recent appointments: Third Marshalltown, F. M. Pickering; third Fairbanks, E. Z. Chase; Baxter nights, W. W. Henry.

Bro. W. D. Watson, agent at Benton, is one of our new members. All are welcome.

Bro. J. H. Calkins, assistant agent at Conception, who relieved Mr. Jones, agent at Ravenwood, Mo., a few days, later relieved Mr. Junker at Athelstan, resigned, pending bulletin.

Bro. Calkins was relieved by Mr. McGruder, from the Wabash Ry., who promises to soon take out a card. It isn't very healthy for a non to light at "CP."

I wish to thank the brothers who sent me items and hope they will send more next time.

Keep in the game, brothers, and don't let up on the nons; always remember "No card, no favors." Div. Cor.

Seaboard Air Line Ry., Div. No. 97.*North Carolina Division—*

Our meeting at Hamlet, Sunday, February 22d, was a very helpful and enthusiastic one; the following brothers being present: E. H. Moore, local chairman; H. D. Tally, secretary; D. M. Rowe, agent Middendorff, S. C.; D. G. Stutz, agent South Pines, N. C.; Bro. Mitchell, South Pines, N. C.; O. H. Lowman, McBee, S. C.; G. W. Rowe, relief agent, and C. G. Pepper, first Hamlet, N. C.; S. Swink, agent Osborne, S. C.; J. E. Mercer, second Tower, N. C., and T. L. Gardner, first Moncure, N. C.

There are only a few still out on this division and a number of these will soon be up to date, with the others very hopeful cases. This is a good showing, but we must keep after those next to us until there is not a non left.

We agreed to abide by the decision of the general committee as to future negotiations in regard to the schedule, also perfect loyalty to the company's interests, and a go-slow, cautious, considerate, and careful procedure in all matters. We found that last year's report gave us a fine showing.

Speeches were made by our chairman, also Bros. Tally, Pepper, Mercer, Swink and Rowe. Oratory flowed like water, and those who doubt the oratorical abilities of our brothers should come out and be convinced. The insurance feature was very highly commended, and much

stress was laid on the importance of all carrying it. General topics were discussed carefully and the importance of absolute attention to our duties to the company was impressed upon us. The trust reposed in us is great. Let us ever strive to give the best that is in us, and always have the satisfaction of knowing that we have performed our duty well.

A high tribute was paid to the officials of the N. C. Division, who have always given us a square deal, we could ask no more. When we come up to the standard of efficiency required, we hear no complaint. We appreciate our superintendent and chief dispatcher, and are to a man striving to make this not only the greatest division of the system, in point of mileage and tonnage, but also the greatest in point of efficiency and loyal service.

The importance of every man acting as a missionary and keeping after the nons was also impressed upon us, as we are our brothers' keeper. Other discussions followed, which demands your personal attention at the meetings if you desire to know what they were. This stresses the necessity and importance of each one who possibly can attending personally. The next meeting will be held at Seaboard Hotel, Hamlet, 11:30 a. m., in room 62, on Sunday. The date will be given out later by Local Chairman Moore. A large number wired their regrets at not being able to attend. Of course we all know it's not possible for all to attend at any one meeting, but brothers, as far as consistent, let's come out and breathe the air of good, true and loyal members. It is a great privilege to attend these meetings and should be highly esteemed by all.

We are sorry to report that the house of Bro. J. L. Davis, second at Hamlet yard, with all its contents, was recently destroyed by fire. The members extend him their sympathy.

The depot and contents at Apex, and the coal chute at Raleigh, were also destroyed by fire a few days ago.

Miss Karouss has gone from second Moncure to second Aberdeen, N. C.

There is a new man at Fleet. Brothers, look after him.

Mr. Limerick, relieved at Carey by Mr. Pointer. Limerick bid in Cheraw, S. C.

Proveaux, at New Hill, was relieved by W. R. Carpenter, and R. B. Glass bid in New Hill agency.

Mr. Jones, at Apex, is to work four months as clerk there.

Bro. C. W. Scales, third Monroe yard office, attended the dance given at Charlotte recently by Mrs. Evelyn Thaw, and like many others, came away a wiser and a sadder man.

Bro. Coefield, at Ellenboro, attended the recent grand jubilee at Washington.

Bro. Rogers, from Pee Dee, was recently operated on at Charlotte for appendicitis. His many friends on this division hope for his speedy recovery. We miss him sadly.

Bro. Moore, local chairman, has been confined to his bed several days with la grippe, but we are glad he is up and on the job again.

Bro. Cumming made a trip over the N. C. and Ga. Divisions recently, and found everything in first-class shape.

Boys, give the dispatcher the information about a train he wishes to get hold of, and move promptly. If the conductor is not in office get him in. We can assist the dispatchers wonderfully if we will always be on the job, and help him as the case demands. It is very often necessary to change a meet after a train has arrived at a station. We should not hesitate to go and get the conductor, even if the weather is a little rough; we should have that much interest in the company's business. A good motto is, "Don't see how little you can do and stay on the job, but see how much you can do outside of what is really required of you."

Brothers, send in the news items as fast as you can get them by the 20th of the month. We greatly appreciate what has already been done. Let the good work go on.

R. H. CUNNINGHAM.

Florida Division—

Vegetables are beginning to move, and water-melons will be next. Tourists are still pouring in from the cold North, and another Pullman has been added to the St. Louis Limited south of Jacksonville.

We are glad to see everything moving along nicely, and hope all the boys will continue their loyal support both to the Order and the company.

A new office is to be built onto the old freight house at Ocala, which will be heartily welcomed by the force there.

Bro. J. C. Sale, former agent Bronson, we are glad to learn, is making good in the abstract and title field. He is now a member of the State Democratic Executive Committee.

Third opened at Starke—eight hours and \$59 monthly.

W. T. Pullen, temporarily on second Archer, recently opened, has promised his application first pay day.

Bro. G. P. Graham, agent Cedar Key, is looking over the Sarasota Express agency.

Send any notes of interest to your local chairman. They will be greatly appreciated.

Braddock, third Ocala, goes to "QN" Tampa second.

Those who haven't remitted for their new cards should do so at once and not wait until they have to join over again. It isn't business-like to play such a waiting game. CRR. 854.

Ulster & Delaware R. R., Div. No. 113.

Agent Moore has returned to Hobart. Bro. U. S. G. Morgan granted six months' leave. is now editor of the Hobart *Herald*. We wish him success in his new field.

Bro. T. Ennist, off a few days on account of the sickness of his wife, later relieved Bro. G.

F. Haines and wife, on vacation to Washington, D. C.

Bro. L. E. Joyce, off a few days on account of the gripe, was relieved by Bro. J. H. Joyce.

The new station at Woodstock, nearly completed, will be the most beautiful on the line.

Telegrapher Rowland, at Stamford, was relieved by Bro. H. Falk. Rowland's brother was one of the four men killed on the Wallkill Valley Railroad crossing near Binnewater, when a straw-ride party was struck by a midnight freight. Another of Rowland's brothers met a somewhat similar fate a year ago. We all sympathize with him and his family in their loss.

Dispatcher Decker has purchased a motorcycle.

Bro. Hedges, of Mt. Pleasant, while visiting his parents, was relieved by Bro. Ecker.

The newlyweds, Bro. Krom and wife, are keeping house in one of Agent Bishop's houses at Arkville.

We hope to soon call Dan Thompson, of Hobart, "brother." All write him a welcome, encouraging letter.

The Stony Clove train was tied up at Hunter the night of the big blizzard, and Bro. Lafferty could not get home. He spent the night with Bro. Mooney, of Hunter, discussing matrimonial problems.

Every brother should be truly loyal to his Order and his brothers, and when we decide on what we honestly and reasonably think we are entitled to in return for our labor, we must all work together, and work hard, to that end, and we will surely win.

Bro. Krom, of Arkville, and Bro. Maxwell, of Oneonta, are appointed special correspondents to send to me all news items for THE TELEGRAPHER by the 20th of each month. Boys, help me out, and we will always have a good write-up.

"IKE."

Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Ry., Div. No. 116.

Bro. H. G. Lytle, agent Ewen, resigned, relieved by Bro. Stuesser on bid, but, being unable to get a house there, was reinstated at Bruce's Crossing, and Bro. C. M. Garmon, of Bibon, then bid in Ewen.

Mr. Swertz, Nestoria, off a few days on account of the death of his mother, was relieved by Mr. Hogan. Bro. Dygart, Nestoria, off a few days, was relieved by Bro. Kronkie, who later relieved Bro. Wright at McMillan.

The new seniority list is out, and the boys can see where they stand.

Any who have not yet secured their new cards should do so without further delay.

Since logging operations have begun Wellsburg is one of the busiest offices on the Mackinaw Division, and Bro. Ziegler now has a colored helper, who blew in with the recent blizzard. We wonder if he is going to make an agent or a future "Jack Johnson" out of him.

Trainmen on the east end are having troubles of their own nowadays, owing to the heavy snow and large bark and log shipments. "N."

"Soo Line" R. R., Div. No. 119.

The interest the membership is taking in securing new members was made manifest during the month of January, when we added twenty-one to our rolls—most encouraging to the general and local chairmen. Keep up the good work and remember we are allowing you a credit of \$2 on your dues for every application you turn in accompanied with the necessary amount. Each member become an organizer and get after the desirable nons, and we will soon be 100 per cent. The Portage branch is now 99 per cent, and we hope to reach the 100 per cent mark in the near future. The Manitowoc branch now is 100 per cent, also the Athens branch. We must have every member possible to insure success when we decide to revise our schedule. This should interest each of you and give you courage to get after the man in your office not now in possession of an up-to-date. The dues are coming in fast. If any of you have not paid them for the current term, please do so at once and keep up to date. It is just as easy to pay them now as it will be some time in the future. CERT. 94.

Drake Fordville Line—

Mr. Drake, from the auditor's office, bid in agency Whitman. Bro. Petit is at Harlow pending bulletin. Orrin is also open for bids. There is an abundance of good water there.

The water-tank project at Whitman has been abandoned, after drilling 715 feet and failing to strike water.

Bro. Clark, formerly agent at Ottertail, is now at Lucedale, Miss., counting the oranges and strawberries as they grow on his farm. We all wish him success.

The new express rates are quite a reduction over the old ones, and the tariffs are quite complicated. We will have to do quite a large volume of business in order to get enough express commissions to pay up our debit errors, at the same time lug our express from the office to the post office by the parcel post for nothing. Agents are the most accommodating fellows you ever met. They have spent nearly all their lives working for the railroad companies for comparatively nothing, and it is now hard for them to get out of the habit; but we think we see a slight ray of light now, so that we may not always have to lug the U. S. mail for nothing. CERT. 939.

Duluth-Superior Division—

Positions in the train service are opening up, but none of the operating tricks pulled off have been restored.

The Alaskan Railroad, for which Congress has appropriated forty million dollars, will be of concern to us, as the system of operation used on this road will probably be adopted universally in the near future; so, boys, read up and keep tab on the progress of this new Alaskan Railroad.

Bro. J. B. Firminhac bid in the telegraph trick at Bemidji union station, vice Bro. D. J. Swan, laying off.

Bro. J. G. Mersey, agent McGrath, bid in Gully agency, succeeding Mr. Campbell, relieved by B. A. Curel. Bro. Roderick, from Onamia, is at McGrath agency pending bids. The new station at Automba is also up for bid.

Bro. M. J. Harris is now on third Twenty-eighth street, vice Bro. Clarke, laying off.

The remaining trick at Blackhoof, held by Bro. W. D. Ballon, has been pulled off, also second Lawler, held by Marian Sparks, and third trick there held by Bro. L. E. Sabine, who bumped Bro. Roderick at Federal Dam.

Bro. G. Van Camp bumped H. E. Plummer at Remer. "RO," Cert. 941.

Minnesota Division—

Bro. Leo Hanson, Camden Place, second, resigned, relieved on bid by Bro. Wm. Payne.

Bro. E. E. Johnson, Sedan, returned from vacation, relieved by Mr. Beird, now agent at Mantor, who will soon have a card.

Bro. Steinlich, Hoffman, while at Elbow Lake, under the care of the tooth artist, was relieved by Bro. A. Haaskins.

Bro. O. Moengen is at Barnett, while the ice crop is being harvested, the output already being over 500 cars.

Bro. Wm. Payne, Fairmount, bid in second Camden Place, relieved by Mr. Overstreet, "RD" nights.

Bro. Beecham, Kensal, relieved by Mr. Boyle, goes to Brooten third. It is now Bro. R. R. Kusick, working in a store here. This sets an example for the nons to work their gray matter on.

Bro. S. A. Law, Sawyer, visited his parents at the old home in Wendell, Minn., recently.

CERT. 124.

Chicago Division, First and Second Districts—

Recent new members: E. A. Hill, agent Bancroft; C. H. Wills, agent Portage; L. L. Larson, second, and L. J. Kennedy, third Stockton; T. J. Tronson, third Melina Jct.; H. L. Lepinski, second Fond du Lac; A. J. Hoffman, third Vernon; L. M. Tyler, agent Honey Creek, and Wm. Loose, "owl" at Camp Lake. Welcome, brothers.

I should have said Bro. H. V. Carpenter instead of Mr. Carpenter in my February write-up. He recently transferred from Division 23. Beg pardon, Bro. Carpenter. He relieved H. R. Miller, third Fond du Lac, a week, on sick list, and then relieved Bro. A. N. Theisen, agent Rugby Jct., on three months' leave.

Bro. Wm. J. Niehaus, first Burlington, off sick a few days, was relieved by Bro. H. Shryer.

Bro. N. J. Frost, second Fond du Lac, bid in first Shops yard, relieved on third Burlington by Bro. H. Shryer.

Wm. Christel, off several weeks, operated on for appendicitis, was relieved by P. J. Weber.

Bro. L. W. Sherman, agent South Oshkosh, off a few days on account death of his daughter, was relieved by Bro. W. A. McWright.

Bros. L. L. Larson and T. J. Tronson sent in items this month. Glad to see some live wires among the new members. How about the "old guard?" Get busy, brothers, and let me have the news.

Boys, get after the few desirable nons, and let us make this the banner division of the system. "JACK" FROST, Cor.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Our heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom and goodness, has deemed it best to call to the great beyond the beloved father of our esteemed Bro. B. J. Rogers; in manifestation of our fraternal sympathy, be it

Resolved, That the members of the Chicago Division of the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Ry., Division 119, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the sorrowing family and brother their most sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved brother and family, and a copy also to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

J. E. MINSHALL,

N. M. LEPINSKI,

G. A. BUCHMILLER,

Committee.

Lake Erie & Western R. R., Div. No. 120.

F. W. C. & L. Division—

Bro. C. J. Mercer relieved at New Lisbon by H. B. Schook, transferred to Eaton, Ind., vice Mr. H. C. Poulson to Montpelier as cashier.

Our two Sunday passenger trains have been pulled off, and the boys can all go visiting now, after they send the new "NR" report.

Since the N. Y. C. dropped this line it is rumored that our own tracks are soon to be used all the way from Muncie to Connersville, connecting with the C. H. & D., as was done years ago.

There have been a number of vacancies filled with new men on this division within the last year. Boys, if you want any of these vacancies place your bid with the division superintendent. Some vacancies have been bulletined.

Boys, it only takes \$8 a year to get a card. Get after the nons near and around you. The cost is next to nothing, when you consider what we can do when thoroughly organized. We owe it to our families as well as ourselves, and get others to get busy. Who ever heard of getting a policy for \$1,000 for the small sum of \$7.20 per year, until the Order of Railroad Telegraphers started it? Old line companies will hang you up for three times that much. If we ever expect to get anything we must be able to demand it, not beg for it like a tramp asking for a crust at the back door of another man's house. The trainmen are in a fair way to get what they are after. Why not the operators and agents? In union there is strength.

CERT. 126.

Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Ry.,**Div. No. 126.***General Offices—*

Herington, R. I.—Had a good meeting here Sunday night, February 15th. All the Herington men being present who were not on duty, except Bro. Pearsall, who is still hitting the trail for Lincolnville every Sunday. Mr. B. Johnson, chief dispatcher, both the first trick dispatchers and Paul Johnson, extra dispatcher, were with us. The out-of-town brothers present were: Bro. Meador, general secretary and treasurer, Meador; C. A. Ferguson, Topeka; Pringle, Dwight; Jones, Lost Springs, and Burke, Haysville. All present were called upon for a little talk and most of them responded. Another meeting was proposed for the latter part of March, on some Friday or Saturday night, when the wives of the Herington brothers will prepare a banquet, and Bro. Jones, of Lost Springs, Bro. Bonecutter, Bro. Meador and others will have a musical entertainment ready for us. Mr. Johnson said Friday or Saturday night would be better than Sunday on account of the heavy business on Sunday, and he could arrange to let more men off on those nights than on Sunday. Watch for the date and everybody come and have a good time.

Bro. Ford took in the auto show at Kansas City and other shows with Reggy Herbert of that city.

Bro. Hogewoning made a trip to Wichita recently.

We are to have a dynamo battery and new tables, instruments, etc., in the near future.

"NO," El Reno—Business increased considerably, due to routing us business from Ft. Worth and Little Rock, formerly handled by "KI," Topeka, necessitated another Morse operator and printer girl.

Ex-Bro. Rippon, "F," off on account of reduction in January, bid in new position.

It is still Ex-Bro. (R.) Sullivan.

Boys, remember "No card, no favors."

Bro. Snodgrass, "NS," has been assigned assistant wire chief, position created by our last schedule. He was relieved by Bro. Peacher, "P," during his recent illness. Bro. Merkle, here a few days pending bulletin, has resigned.

Trenton "RN." Bro. Davenport spent a few days recently in St. Louis with his wife and children. His daughter's condition is greatly improved.

Bro. Cazel made a successful trip over his division recently.

Bro. Schreiber and family recently Sundayed at St. Joseph visiting with his parents.

Bro. J. H. Powers extra, was the only victim of the "reducing axe" so far.

Fairbury "F." Bro. R. M. Graham bumped Woolen from Topeka to Havelock; Bro. Tucker is now at Thompson. We are waiting for the crossing frog over the St. J. G. I. tracks to move into the new depot. Dispatcher McCoy was on a few days with the la grippe.

Haileyville "HY." W. J. Supple, of Cedar Rapids, bumped W. E. Hamilton, who relieved

C. W. Allen on vacation. Fred Rippon, who bumped J. G. Blevins, later bid in vacancy at El Reno, and vacancy here is now bulletined. Bro. Hutchinson now on second, and Bro. Wyatt on third; the only non in the office is the manager. We don't have meetings very often on account of the poor passenger service, making it difficult to get a crowd.

Topeka "KI." Bro. Hattwick, the last man let out here, bid in at Des Moines. The big blizzard that visited Kansas, Sunday, February 22d, blew hundreds of poles down and the Morkum was silent for four days, but the good old Morse was right on the job. It took Supt. Hubbell and his staff some time to straighten out the trouble.

General Chairman Brown and General Secretary and Treasurer Meador, accompanied by their wives, attended the Mardi Gras at New Orleans during February.

RELAY COR.

Illinois and Chicago Terminal Division—

Bro. A. C. Weitz has resigned as agent at Annawan agency, and Bro. J. L. Sumner, first Peoria yards, bid it in. The former has gone into business with his brother, G. H. Weitz. We wish him success. Extra Peterson relieved Bro. Sumner, pending bids. Reynolds agency also on bulletin.

Bro. D. H. Andrews, second trick Rockdale, called to Ontario, Cal., on account of sickness in his family, who have been there since July, and relieved by R. M. Stanton, pending bids as a 60-day vacancy.

Bro. P. D. Marshall is laid up at home with a sprained ankle.

Bro. Fred Thomas bid in first Ottawa, vice Bro. Keatings to second. R. A. McGowan bid in 20th street Rock Island, vice Thomas.

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Iowa Division—

Bro. W. A. Taylor, agent Moscow, and family, have returned from a month's vacation, spent with relatives in the northern part of the State. Bro. H. H. Hilfinger, who relieved him, is going to the H. D. Division, at Evans.

Bro. Geo. Robertson, agent Atalissa, and wife, recently spent a few days at Audubon.

It is now Bro. W. L. Putman at Victor, and Bro. J. J. Martin, Omaha.

The ice has all been harvested at Coralville.

Bro. A. D. Brittin, agent Tiffin, is doing business in a box car since the station burned down a few nights ago. Bro. Brittin is having a song published entitled, "Rocking the Baby."

A new movement, called "the Holy Rollers," has originated in Illinois. It might prove a good thing for this division if the contagion hit the nons.

Bro. C. W. Coffin, second trick operator Homestead, is on two weeks' vacation; relieved by F. E. Hewitt.

F. J. Sadlick, agent Kellogg, resigned; unable to secure a desirable dwelling.

The local chairman would appreciate it if news items would be mailed him on or before the 20th of each month.

F. R. KUHN, Local Chairman.

Minnesota Division, Iowa Falls Line—

We should make an effort to have the seniority lists corrected. The names of some of the boys who worked here for several years are not on them, while some who have not worked here for nearly a year are still shown.

Mr. Robinson, second Grunby Center, is now in a bank there; relieved by Bro. S. H. Leary, who relieved Bro. Vilmont, the agent, a few days recently.

Bro. Blakely, Iowa Falls, was relieved on three weeks' vacation, by R. O. Staley.

It is now Bro. De Long at "GA," and Bro. "JC" at "MA." Brothers, let us get after the rest of the nons, and have a solid line-up before we go in for a new schedule.

Brothers, send Bro. Halpin 50 cents for a card in the "CR" O. R. T. Club and drop in to their monthly meetings. It will do you good and make the Order look "real" to you.

Brothers, if you haven't your new cards by this time, get them without further delay; you can not afford to become delinquent.

Mr. C. H. Schneider and family visited in Chicago a few days with relatives.

Bros. Havirland, Merrill, Leary, Beecher and O'Kelly attended the Cedar Rapids O. R. T. Club meeting the night of February 20th. The principal speaker was General Chairman Troy, of the C. N. W., and his talk was very interesting and instructive. He emphasized the necessity of the brothers attending these meetings for the purpose of a better understanding of the labor question, as pertains to our Order.

Mr. Heath was most accommodating in having No. 419 make the necessary extra stops for the return of the brothers. Hope to see more of the brothers from up this way out to the March meeting. One of the brothers refused \$6.00 to play at a dance that night and went to the meeting. That's the proper union spirit.

Bro. Hans Mork has returned after three years on the D. & R. G. in Colorado, and is now at Linn nights, vice Mr. O'Brian.

Bro. S. A. Meyers is back after a visit with home folks at Badger, Minn.

Sister Pearl McRight has resumed on "AO" Iowa Falls second, and her sister, Miss Minnie, was checked in again at Shipley, on their return from a month's vacation visiting their parents in Louisiana.

CERT. 642.

Dakota Division—

It is now Bro. Lathrop on third Dows. This leaves only two nons on the Iowa Falls line—one at Clarion and one at Emmetsburg. Let us get them in at once and have a solid line-up. Bro. Lathrop, third Dows, relieved, while on a visit to Marshalltown, by Mr. Wingrave, who later went to Sioux Falls.

Bro. Ayers relieved Bro. Peterson at Ottosen agency, where he had been assigned in error. Bro. Fitzgibbons checked in at Swea agency. Bro. Sturdevant is relieving at Burdette pending bulletin.

Did not receive any notes this month. Wish some of you brothers north of Estherville, some on the Watertown line, some on the Sibley branch and some on the Sioux Falls line would send the changes, about the 20th of every month, to Box 377, Dows, Iowa, by mail. Div. Cox.

C. R. M. & D. Division—

Nearly all the stations on this division are on bulletin.

Bro. Mork, from the D. & R. G., on second at Linn; Kelly gone. Bro. Miller, from Manly, on second Waterloo, R. O. Staley going to Iowa Falls yard office, vice Blakely, on vacation to the coast.

Mr. Hendrickson, agent Gordonsville, resigned, going farming, relieved by Mr. Van Heel, relieved at Albert Lea by O. A. Schrieber. Bro. W. N. Staley, Waterloo, Iowa, is making a stylus for 75 cents. Bill has been on the sick list a lot. Buy one and help him. Div. Cox.

Missouri Division—

No items received from anyone, making it almost impossible to get the news over the division.

R. J. Underwood, second Udell, was relieved by D. R. Luse on account of sickness.

W. D. Duffy, dispatcher, and Bro. C. H. Friend resigned. E. M. Stone, a new man, replaced W. D. Duffy at Seymour.

A. R. Eberline transferred from Spickards to Belknap. Mrs. E. W. Budworth, Donovan, bid in Spickards second, relieved by A. E. Gibson.

Bro. J. F. Greenland returned to Nahant.

R. Kraus relieved A. R. Eberline at Spickards.

Bro. C. C. Porter relieved Bro. A. Irvin, second Weatherby, a few days.

A. E. Gibson relieved Bro. W. M. Logue, Eldon, a few days, also Bro. M. J. Fox, Princeton, a few days on account of sickness.

Bro. L. J. White, transferred from agency Spickards to a telegraph position at Allerton.

F. D. Ocks relieved E. M. Cook, St. Joseph yard, for a few days on account of sickness.

C. P. Feelemeyer, dismissed on account of reduction in force. C. G. Smith, extra, resigned.

Bro. C. C. Porter relieved Bro. H. Boyd and Bro. A. B. Bayse, Cameron Jct., a few days.

D. E. Nicholas was relieved at Numa by R. Kraus.

Bro. B. C. Wells, Muscatine, working for the agent on account of sickness in the agent's force.

Bro. P. V. Cox, agent Mercer, off a few days, relieved by Bro. D. E. Cox.

We must make an effort to clean out the nons. The meeting to be held at Trenton the third Saturday night in March will find this question before them.

A good meeting was held at Trenton on Saturday night, February 21st, the ladies being present. Those not present missed a good time. Don't fail!

to get out to these meetings. It does one good to meet with his fellow-workers. I assure you that you will go back home not regretting the lost sleep.
W. H. PLUM.

Arkansas Division—

Bro. J. C. Fowler bid in Searcy agency. Glad to see an up-to-date brother get it.

Bro. E. E. Fowler bid in second Ola, relieved on second Haskell by Bro. Collins, from "RK." Bro. A. P. Colvin, extra, bid in Weldon agency. Bro. Inglis, agent Butterfield, bid in second Danville.

Hulbert and Roland third, Mesa second, and Proctor and Haskell agencies are now up for bid.

I asked Bro. Minich, at Roland, to send in a write-up last month, as I had to get up a lot of back reports that had been neglected prior to my coming here and did not have time to do it and my work too. I wish some of you boys on the main line east and west of Little Rock would send in some items. A man on the Hot Springs branch is handicapped for news unless the boys on the main line send it in.

Germania has been made an agency, with Bro. Bargion, first there, as agent, which will take lots of work off Bro. Lee, at Bauxite, as he now has six blind sidings besides his station work at Bauxite, not saying anything about the numerous interchange reports that he has to render on account of the Bauxite and Northern, which handle on an average of 150 cars per month, in addition to handling mail for five trains. The mail business at this place is something anyone should dread, as it just lacks 13 feet of being 400 yards from the depot to the post office, and lots of times the writer has to call on outside help to carry the mail to the post office on account of it being weighted down with parcel post packages. I would like to see the mail question decided, so that we operators did not have to make pack saddles of ourselves. Anyone who has to handle U. S. mail knows that it will ruin a suit of clothes carrying the dirty mail sacks.

Bro. Lee, at Bauxite, and Bro. Inglis, at Butterfield, have had their depots repaired lately, which helps their appearance greatly.

Will give you a better write-up next time, but need the aid of a few good members on the line.

GEORGE D. LEE, Cert. 185.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our heavenly Father and all-wise Ruler of the universe to call to his reward Bro. H. L. Strickland, agent at Gregory, Ark.; in manifestation of our grief and fraternal sympathy, be it

Resolved, That the members of Arkansas Division of Division 126, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the sorrowing family their sincere and heartfelt sympathy in this their sad hour of bereavement, and that a copy of these resolu-

tions be forwarded to the bereaved family and a copy to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

Geo. D. LEE,
J. S. HARBISON,
V. O. GARDNER,
Committee.

Kansas Division—

Bro. J. A. McGovern relieved Bro. W. S. Griggs, Latimer nights on vacation, who returned to second Willard.

Bro. C. S. Forbes, relieving Bro. F. Nelson, first McFarland, on account of sickness, later relieved M. S. Resor, Herington yard, who goes to his home at Charles City, Iowa.

Bro. F. H. Shanklin to third Herington yard.

W. R. Shores, second Maple Hill, relieved Bro. T. H. Woolsey as agent a few days.

Bro. T. M. Daniels, second McFarland, called home on account of the serious illness of his father, was relieved by W. S. Lyon.

The meeting in Topeka was an interesting one, thirteen of the brothers being present. Among the brothers along the line were W. S. Griggs, second Willard; Bro. F. H. Munzer, second Volland; Bro. Pringle, of Dwight; Bro. H. A. Ford and C. O. Lowe, of Herington relay, the rest being Topeka brothers.

We have no delinquents on this division, but have a few nons left. Remember, brothers, "No card, no favors."

Bro. J. B. Benham, Wichita, has returned from a thirty-day visit to Kansas City and Southeast Kansas; relieved by Bro. Grove, later resigned.

Bro. C. S. Farber visited home folks at Kingman, Kan., recently.

Brothers, hurry along the petition in favor of Bro. W. J. Hunter, now circulating from Horton to Caldwell. The Pardon Board meets in April, and we want to get it in as soon as possible; when it reaches Caldwell mail to Local Chairman. Herington, Kan., Box 49, quick.

The meeting at Herington, Sunday evening, February 15th, was well attended. The following brothers were present: C. H. Meador, general secretary and treasurer; Ford, Allen, Lowe, Ingram, Shaw, Hagenwaning, Shanklin, Bonecutter, Jones, of Lost Spring; Burke, of Haysville; Pringle, of Dwight; Extras Furgeson and Lyon; Bro. McCellan, of Division 31, and Mr. Vogel, of the Western Union; from dispatcher's office, Chief B. Johnson, Dispatchers Richards, Greene, Poire, Johnson, and dispatcher's clerk, Bro. G. L. Johnson. The evening was well spent, and it was decided that on March 20th we would have a social meeting for the brothers and their families, with a musical program and refreshments.

Local Chairman Shaw was in Wichita, February 3d, on business for the Order.

Bro. M. W. Shaw on first Herington yard, while Mr. Johnson is clerking at "DS."

Bro. Cleveland is on a visit South.

Bro. Bonecutter, our genial agent at Herington, is organizing a ladies' band.

Send your news items to Box 24, Volland, Kan.
CERT. 1016.

Nebraska Division—

Bro. Williamson, from Sabetha, relieved Bro. Patton, third at Gretna, who went to Denver. J. J. Smedley went to Thompson as agent and operator. Thompson, Mahaska and Kensington second on bulletin. Bro. C. W. Brandt is now on second Mahaska.

Bro. E. N. Gill to third Montrose, and C. W. McNamara bid in second Mankato.

Sister Croft, agent Scandia, visited her mother at Courtland recently.

Bro. Ensor is now at Kensington second.

Bro. C. H. Hull bought a store at "KN." Bro. F. W. Leonhart resigned and gone on his ranch in Holt County, Neb. Bro. Cowan on a visit with relatives, relieved by Bro. H. M. Penny at Bern agency.

Bro. Smith, relief agent, is at Virginia, spent his honeymoon at Ft. Worth, Tex. Bro. Shephard on sick list for a few days.

Nearly all the brothers on the Horton Line have sent in their dues.

"No card, no favors."

Extra Dispatcher and Operator Olsen is on a trip to Kansas City, Memphis and Ft. Worth.

R. M. Graham, from Topeka, bumped J. T. Wollen at "F" office. Bro. Folsom assigned to Sabetha. Bro. A. Williamson, from Sabetha, relieved Mrs. Pryor at Gretna.

Send in any news you hear.

COOKIE.

Colorado Division—

February 10th, 12 telegraphers and 12 of the 14 block operators were cut off, mostly third tricks. Mustang, Bethune and Edson block offices were entirely closed. Reductions were made in the general offices several months ago. Reductions were also made in the dispatcher's office at Goodland, the chief dispatcher's clerk being taken off and night chief, only two dispatchers now on duty at night. Harry Hill on third.

Bro. Tommie Murphy is relieving A. D. Williams at "WJ" Colorado Springs, on vacation.

Bro. Steffy bid in third Rosewell. Bro. J. E. McCall is on first trick Limon.

The agent at Falcon now works from 6:30 a. m. to 3:30 p. m., and his operator ten hours nights.

Bro. Dodge to Stuttgart third, relieved on third Burlington by Frank Blakeman, Jr.

Sister Holtz is now on third Kanorado; Bro. Jarrett, second there, was off several days recently.

Bro. Bob Garber, agent Selden, is recovering from the painful effect of a broken nose.

Bro. W. A. Neville, first Norton, has returned from his 90 days' vacation.

Let's get the local chairman to appoint a division correspondent, and all send him notes each month for the journal.

Former Local Chairman Gillaspay has left the service. He worked hard for our betterment.

Bro. Tracy, bumped at "GD" relay, bid in second at "DM," and moved his family there. Bro. Brown bid in second "XD," relieved at "AU" on bid by Joels. Bro. McAdams bid in sec-

ond "SF," relieved at "UK" by Holtz, on bid. Bro. Murphy bid in first "MN."

Sister Mrs. McGee, third "XD," relieved on ten-day lay-off by Bro. McCall.

Sisters Garehme and Connors, out of service on account of block tricks being abolished at "G" and "AU." Second "DM" and "VW" discontinued. Agent and operator working ten hours each; office closed other four hours. Agent gets overtime for handling No. 8's mail.

Bro. Tracy bumped Bro. Valvirkia, third "DM," who bid in third "SU." Night chief at "GD" pulled off, bumped third trick dispatcher.

Let's get after the nons, and remember, "No card, no favors."

All who have not done so remit \$6.00 dues for the current half at once to Bro. Meador, Topeka, Kan., and M. B. dues to Bro. Quick, St. Louis. There's no excuse for any of us not having an up-to-date card. A delinquent soon becomes a non, and you all know how a confirmed non is rated.

TIBERUS.

Indian Territory Division—

I have been appointed division correspondent, and will try to have a write-up every month, if each of you will send me some items by the 20th.

Bro. P. M. Paul, Wilburton, Okla., who was unanimously elected local chairman, has been an active and zealous member for years, but heretofore could not be induced to accept an official position. We are to be congratulated upon securing such a man as a leader, and we will do ourselves, our fellow craftsmen and Bro. Paul a genuine injustice if we fail to support him in his work in every respect as men should. He is a hustler and can secure results. It will be impossible for him to fail if we render him the assistance we should.

Bro. Chas. Kirk, Holdenville, Okla., has been appointed assistant local chairman of the West end, Shawnee yard to Haileyville, and Bro. W. C. Holmes, Wapanucka, Okla., assistant local chairman of the Ardmore Branch, Ardmore to Haileyville.

The meeting held at Haileyville, January 27th, was a success and very interesting and instructive. The visitors were Bro. Meador, G. S. and T., and Mr. Henderson, chief dispatcher. Mr. Henderson made the boys a talk. Bro. Meador took up the schedule and explained it thoroughly. The vote of appreciation to Mr. Henderson for his fair treatment was unanimous.

The joint meeting held at McAlester, February 7th, was not very well attended by either R. I. or M. K. & T. boys, on account of very disagreeable weather, and the Katy trains from the south being three hours late, prevented the boys from that direction attending. The Katy general chairman was present and the matter of a joint local meeting every month, at McAlester, was discussed and unanimously agreed to. And authority has been requested of our general chairman to secure a charter.

The next joint meeting will be held at Mc-Mester, March 21st, when we hope to have Bros. Brown and Meador with us. Request passes several days before the meeting. It is very important that at least one man from each station should attend the meetings so that we may keep in touch with one another.

G. W. Hutchinson, Wilburton, Okla., has written all the boys asking each of them to send 50 cents in order to purchase our local chairman a desk and chair, which he is very badly in need of.

Bro. W. G. Baker, of Mansfield, Ark., has resigned, and is now in the mercantile business at Peach Orchard, Ark., but will continue to carry his card.

R. E. Anderson bid in Stuart agency, vice Bro. J. H. Lewis, resigned to enter business there. Anderson relieved at Alderson by S. O. Dent, chief clerk, Ardmore, relieved by L. W. Evans, agent Mansfield, Ark. N. F. Dalton, of Mansfield, bid in Red Oak agency, vice C. A. Jacobson, resigned. Ida Coughlin relieving E. F. Marshall at Ardmore days. G. W. Hutchinson, Wilburton second, bid in first Howe. Second trick Stuart created and bid in by J. C. Townsley. First trick Wapanucka abolished and second trick created. First trick Alderson created; W. C. Holmes, first Wapanucka, bidding it in, but position abolished before he was transferred. W. C. Holmes bid in Wapanucka second. Car clerk, Wilburton, cut off and operators now doing the car stunt.

R. S. HUTCHISON.

Tanhandle Division—

Bro. A. L. Martin, third east yard, spent five weeks in the hospital with smallpox. He sent his dues so he would be paid up to date. Bro. Allen, east yard, resigned to go back on the farm.

Bro. G. W. Adams assigned third Geary; Bro. J. H. Carson to Harrah second. Bro. M. E. Glotfelter to Yukon agency. Bro. Davis to Hitchcock agency. Bro. Nichols to Ringwood agency, and Bro. L. J. Adams to Alva agency. W. J. Gilbert is back on third Yukon.

New jobs have been created on this division—third Weatherford (making that office continuous), and operator and cashier at Hydro.

The Pan-homa Club meetings at El Reno, January 22d and February 21st, were not as well attended as they should have been. We should take more interest in the meetings.

Have you written your congressman and senator about the eight-hour law? Do it now.

Bro. Nichols, our hard-working and efficient local chairman, has resigned that office. He made a splendid record on this division during his three years of office; the membership being kept up around the 95 per cent mark all the time and all grievances received prompt attention. There is not a man on the division who does not appreciate the sacrifices Bro. Nichols has made for us. Bro. W. R. Wilday, of Oklahoma City, assistant local chairman for three years, has been appointed to succeed him, by Mr. Meador, upon the recom-

mendation of Bro. Nichols. Bro. Wilday is the oldest in the straight telegraph service on this division, always on the job, and we can depend on him to fulfill the duties of his office in a thorough manner.

The new seniority lists show few changes for 1913. Old heads only moved up about two members, and men here two years are about ten from the bottom. Working conditions, pay, etc., are as good here as anywhere and we have a well satisfied bunch of men who co-operate with the management in making a good showing for the division.

Bro. Barnard, of El Reno, has been appointed correspondent for the Pan-homa Club, and we expect some interesting write-ups.

Send us the news before the 15th of each month.

C. H. ARMSTRONG, Box 150. Oklahoma City.

Amarillo Division—

Bro. J. J. McLean, formerly agent at Lela, Tex., is now in Amarillo yard telephone office.

B. L. Summers, agent Adrian, Tex., is our only non. He has already received \$240 actual increase in salary besides many other benefits since the schedule became effective February 1, 1912, and is still receiving it. Hope some brother will be able to get him back again.

CERT. 1851.

El Paso Division—

Bro. M. E. Holiday, agent Nara Visa, N. M., while visiting East, relieved by J. H. Hamphill, from the Chicago general office.

C. M. PIERCE.

L. S. & M. S. Ry., Div. No. 129.

Western Division—

Our meeting at Chesterton, Sunday, February 1st, was a great success, except for the small attendance. Chesterton was chosen, as it was convenient for the men west of there and there are a number of men in the town, but only one brother was interested enough to attend, and only four from west of there. We had to pay a very high price for this hall for only a few hours, but were willing to do it to give those boys a chance to attend, and it was very discouraging to see such a small crowd, as others put themselves out considerably in order to attend. Bro. Warner, of Lydick, there, as usual had to go to South Bend to get on No. 23, and had to stay in La Porte until morning. Bro. Hoops, first, and Bro. Grey, third Whiting tower, were also with us.

Local Chairman Graham, on committee work at Cleveland, who gave a very interesting talk on what was being done, made the trip from there, expecting to find a good attendance. It is no wonder the nons failed to show up when such a lack of interest was shown by the members.

Brothers, these meetings are where we should get together and talk over our situation.

Bro. Calloway writes from Cincinnati that he has been unable to land a job and advises all to hang on to what they have.

Chesterton third closed, displacing Bro. Whitehead, now on third 101st, future. A phone was placed in the pump house at Chesterton, and the 12-hour pumper answers the dispatcher's questions. Funny game, eh?

Bro. Bosko Messick, the somnambulist, is back on third "HM" again.

Bro. Shaffer, while off recently, was relieved by Bro. Zimmer from the B. & O.

Bro. Graham, in Cleveland on committee work, relieved on first Mishawaka by Bro. Ocker.

Burdick is solid; Bro. Krathwol there has been a member all the time.

Bro. Miller is confined to his home account of illness, relieved by Bro. Zimmer. We hope for his speedy recovery.

Bro. Witter is back on third west tower Elkhart.

Keep after the nons near you till you land them, and when there is a 98 per cent membership we can do something worth mentioning. They are all good men and should be with us.

"No card, no favors."

BILL.

Eastern Division—

Bro. L. J. Emerling, Lake View, took in the charity ball at Buffalo recently, relieved by Bro. L. H. Graney.

Bro. T. J. Clancy, P. & E. Crossing, visited relatives in Westfield recently.

Bro. C. W. Hazen, Saybrook agency (dispensed with), relieved Bro. D. L. Shaw at Unionville agency.

Bro. C. V. Greene, North East third, has resigned to enter business with his brother, relieved by Bro. Glen Miller.

Bro. H. Bonnell, second Painesville tower, resigned, relieved by Mr. Bonnitter, from the wireless.

T. J. Henry, from P. R. R., on third Seneca yard.

Bro. C. W. Linkart, Madison, relieved from the division safety committee, succeeded by Bro. Henry Sheyer, of Silver Creek.

"No card, no favors."

"GIF."

C., B. & Q. R. R., Div No. 130.

Relay Division—

In pursuance of the various ultimatums received, your committee has agreed to convene for a revision of schedule. Our proposition will be in the hands of the company by the time this issue reaches you. The success of these negotiations will depend upon the support you give your committee. If sentiment indicates anything, then your committee is assured of solid support. Remember that a chain is only as strong as its weakest link. If you are working beside a non, induce him to join. It is his place to belong, and it is your duty to see that he does belong.

Owing to the recent reductions, you no doubt now fully realize the value of a schedule. Its rules were strictly complied with, and every man got just what was due him. In order to show our appreciation of the fair treatment received, we should put forth our best efforts in the interest of the company, and thereby helping ourselves as well as the committee when it goes up for a new schedule.

The Burlington has the reputation of having the best telegraph system in this section of the country, and it should be our utmost endeavor to maintain the good name. Good service means more telegraphing, and more telegraphing means more telegraphers.

A great many desirous of becoming wire chiefs make no effort whatever to equip themselves for such duties, depending on seniority for promotion. This is entirely wrong; seniority will get you nothing unless you make some effort to learn the work. If you do this, there is no doubt but what your seniority will be recognized; if it is not, file a grievance, and the matter will no doubt be cleared up.

The Morkrum printer, in operation between Chicago and Aurora about two years, has been taken out. The business is now being handled by telephone. These printers do not seem to be a paying proposition unless there is a large volume of business to be handled on one wire. It is rumored that the Chicago and Galesburg printer is also to be taken out and substituted with a phone.

Owing to the various changes, it has been impossible to get any notes this month. The majority of the men laid off have secured positions with other companies, but those who wish to remain in the service should keep the proper official notified of their whereabouts, so that it won't be necessary to hunt them up by wire when needed.

G. M. Riffin assigned Bulletin 105.

J. J. Rose.

Aurora Division—

Bro. C. L. Russell, of this division, traveling passenger agent for the Grand Trunk System, whose home was at 3608 Lake avenue, Chicago, Ill., died recently at the Hahnemann hospital there, after a short illness of typhoid fever. He was buried at Yates City, Ill., under the auspices of the Order of Odd Fellows.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom, to remove from our midst our brother, L. C. Russell; in memory of our departed brother and in sympathy with his relatives and friends, be it

Resolved, By the members of Division No. 130, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that we extend to the members of the family and friends of our deceased brother our heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased brother, a copy

spread on the minutes of the system records, and a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

E. F. TODD,
J. F. CARDER,
J. H. ROGERS, JR.,
Committee.

Beardstown Division—

Bro. J. A. White, first Franklin, recently visited his folks at Concord. Bro. Danford relieved Bro. Livesey, third Concord.

It is now Bro. Beekman, Litchfield; Bro. Schneider, Sorento; Bro. Livesey, Centralia yard; Bro. Kirkpatrick, third Scasser. Centralia yard is now solid.

Bro. Efram, telephoner in Brown relay office, is lining up the nons.

Atwater is now open, with three tricks. Second and third opened up again at Beardstown yard, on bulletin, also third Metropolis.

Bro. Wharton's wife at Franklin is visiting her folks in California.

Send me some news, boys, as it is hard to get.
D. K.

La Crosse Division—

Bro. Carlile, second East Winona, off a few days, was relieved by Bro. Gilbertson, who later relieved Bro. J. P. Groff while in St. Paul on business.

Bro. Woodman, second Lytle, was off two weeks, visiting at Cassville. Bro. Kreisel bid in first Lytle, vice Bro. Tuttle, who went into the livery business at Mazeppa, Minn.; Bro. Ruedy bid in third Nelson, and Bro. Zepp third East Winona, vice Bro. Dornfeldt, who received the agency there.

Bro. Davis, second Prescott, fell while skating and broke his arm. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Bro. Vanslyke, of Oakland, while off two weeks, relieved by Bro. J. H. Wilson, looked up old acquaintances along the division.

Bro. Ed Johnson bid in Trevino second, vice Bro. Heitman, who relieved Mr. Flicker, third, for two weeks, and Bro. Woods two weeks.

Bro. Hornby and Bro. Thiessa, of Bagley, were off a few days.

Bro. W. E. Garder, Diamond Bluff second, was off a few days, visiting Bro. J. R. Garber, agent Savanna.

Bro. Graves, Galena Jct., was off a few days taking treatment at the Prairie du Chien sanatorium.

A daughter was born to Bro. and Mrs. H. A. Fitzsimonds, at Lynxville, January 24th, but lived only one day.

Bro. Falkenstein, agent Wyalusing, off for a month, was relieved by Bro. Otis Sands, who later relieved Bro. McDonald, third Savanna, on account of sickness.

Bro. Cullen, first East Dubuque, off several weeks, was relieved by Bro. Fitz. We don't know the name of the girl.

Bro. Schrunck, Savanna, attended the recent meeting at La Crosse.

Bro. Beckmeyer, agent Alma, on short vacation lately, passed over the line.

Bro. N. A. Randall and wife, and Bro. Bright, of Lynxville, and Bro. Smith, agent Ferryville, were recent Prairie du Chien visitors.

Alma first and third, and Lytles and South Jet, third on bulletin.

Bro. Smith, agent Ferryville, spent a few hours in Prairie du Chien.

Bro. S. R. Kimball, second Charme; Bro. Russell Kimball, first Charme, and Bro. Otto Sands, second Bay City, have all been on the sick list. The Brothers Kimball were recent "CD" callers.

A new passenger train for Winnipeg is the latest report.

The boys in Illinois are paid twice a month now. There should be no excuse now for not paying promptly.

Trading positions will not be allowed, according to schedule, and anyone violating the article subjects his job being put on bulletin. Be sure to report any violations of the schedule to your local chairman. It is hard to keep up with everything on the division unless someone lets him know.

An express car on No. 57 took fire at Galena Jct., January 25th, resulting in the total loss of car and contents. Value of car alone was \$5,000.

Brothers, keep up the good work by paying your dues early. It looks like a clean sheet this term. Avoid having your name on the delinquent list. It wouldn't look good there.

One trick—6 a. m. to 6 p. m.—opened again at Chelsea.

I wish to thank the brothers who contributed to this write-up. It is not necessary to mention names. Keep up the work, and we can have a showing every month. L. C., Cert. 1416.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased almighty God, our heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom to remove from the home of our brother, H. A. Fitzsimonds, Lynxville, Wis., the infant daughter of Bro. and Mrs. Fitzsimonds; be it

Resolved, That we, as members of the La Crosse Division, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, Division No. 130, extend to the sorrowing mother and father their sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved parents, a copy spread on the minutes of the division, and a copy sent to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

W. B. SCHRUNK,
J. H. ROGERS, JR.,
W. E. BRIGHT,
Committee.

Creston Division—

MALVERN, IOWA, February 16, 1914.

Bro. R. L. Gleason, Red Oak, Iowa, is appointed correspondent for the Creston Division, on account of Bro. E. B. Wallahan giving up the work.

Brothers, about the twentieth, send to Bro. Gleason all the news you can, and let's try and have a nice write-up each month.

R. L. HALE, L. C.

Creston Division Notes—

Bro. R. E. Poindexter is relieving R. C. Abel, while on vacation.

Bro. F. B. Rose is back on first Pacific Jct. after two months' vacation. Bro. Hodges to second Glenwood relieving Bro. Knight, who bid in third Corning, relieved on second Pacific Jct., pending bulletin, by J. R. Supple, from Creston relay.

L. O. Price has been assigned first and H. G. Cook, second Shenandoah.

It is now Bro. M. G. Bacon, third Pacific Jct., and Bro. Dale Ellis, Greenfield, with promises from others for this pay day.

We were sorry to learn of Bro. C. C. Ingram's mother passing away at Arbela, Mo., and extend him our sincere sympathy. He was relieved by Bro. Dan Gleason, from second Hastings, while attending the funeral.

Bro. Poindexter from second McPherson to second Nodaway.

Bro. Bishop, Orient, is on three weeks' vacation.

Bro. Fleming has resumed work at Greenfield. Div. Cor.

Centerville Division—

If you have not paid dues do so at once. It saves Bro. Rogers a lot of unnecessary correspondence, also your local chairman.

It is now Bros. Hockett, at Farmington, and Parish, at "DX." Show them that we appreciate having them among us.

Answer your calls promptly and don't oblige the dispatcher to call for fifteen or twenty minutes when he wants to help a train.

If in doubt as to your seniority, write your local chairman for a copy of the list, and if data is not shown correctly, take the matter up for adjustment. When you receive the list, make a copy and return the one he sent you.

Boys, if we all do a little missionary work, you will be surprised at the result.

Bro. Cooley, while visiting home folks, was relieved by Bro. Holbrook; Bro. J. M. Reed, agent Cincinnati, visited with his parents at Milton recently; Bro. Baldwin, Sedan, is home on vacation; Walker, of Luray, visited at his home in Tina, Mo., recently, and Agent Murray, Bogard, on vacation, was relieved by Mr. Thompson.

W. H. McMamer bid in LeRoy agency.

Bro. C. L. Parish is back again at Sedan.

Business is still booming on the "KC." Cincinnati recently reported ninety-two cars on his "61" for one day.

Let's try and have a good meeting in the near future on this division. All we have to do is to start it, boys.

Bro. D. E. Parish bid in agency Hale, vice Bro. Parish, resigned to accept a position as cashier in the bank there. We wish him success.

Chas. Ledgewood, from the St. Joseph, was shaking hands a few weeks ago with old friends at Gravity. He was agent there for nine years.

The depot at Gravity was destroyed by fire January 31st. All records and contents lost, and the agent is now in a box car. ("Good night nurse.")

Bro. E. F. Parish, from "DX," bid in agency Corydon, vice Mr. Snider, resigned. "DX" on bulletin.

Not an item from any of the brothers this month—not very encouraging. One or two can not keep the division up, and our local chairman certainly, in addition to his duties, has one of the hardest stations on the division.

Bro. Parish, agent Clearfield accompanied his wife to Des Moines, to undergo an operation, which we are glad to learn was successful, and that she will soon be able to be around again.

Brothers, let's all study up the unwritten work carefully, as it has been changed some, and learn the wire test thoroughly, then we can easily tell who are nons, and when new men come on the line.

No write-up in the journal last month, as yours truly was on vacation. Several of the brothers sent me items this month, for which I wish to thank them. If all will do this, we can have a fine write-up every month.

Brothers, let's all pay our dues promptly and avoid the unnecessary correspondence it causes Bro. Rodgers and the local chairman. If any of you have neglected or forgotten to remit, do so the moment you read this. You can not afford to risk your beneficiaries being left unprotected by allowing yourself to become or remaining a delinquent. Keep after the nons until they get a card, and practice the old slogan, "No card, no favors" to the very letter, if you do this we will soon be solid on this division.

G. E. S., "X," Div. Cor., Gravity, Iowa.

Ottumwa Division—

Our good brother, C. H. Lunders, agent Thayer, has been off for some time now, account of eye trouble, relieved by Bro. C. L. Bradshaw, third Afton. We wish him a speedy recovery and return to duty.

Bro. D. Smitherman, of the Grand, is on second Cameron, pending arrival of Bro. H. R. Babcock, second Happy Rock, who bid it in.

It is now Bro. H. B. McMillan, agent Maxon, and Bro. E. F. Jones, Indianola.

Bro. W. C. Critsfield was compelled to take a trick at Beardstown, on account of the big reduction in force at "CW" relay. Bro. "V" was one of our very best workers, being president of the Ottumwa O. R. T. Club, and never missed a chance to show a non the error of his ways. We hope to see him back soon with us.

Bro. Humphreys, on third Murray three years ago, is back among us for a short time. He has been with the Spokane International for two years, but on account of slack business, was laid off last fall. He reports jobs very scarce and hard to find. He was formerly with the wire-

less, and made a trip around the world with the big fleet.

Bro. J. V. Menzie bid in second Albia passenger; Bro. F. L. Carpenter, third tower 307, relieving him on third there on bid.

Bro. J. M. Walden was off a few days, relieved by Bro. C. F. Fisher.

Bro. J. M. Stevenson, third West Burlington, was called home account of his father's illness, whom we understand is doing nicely now.

Don't forget, brothers, if you have not paid your dues yet, that after February 28th you are delinquent, and in practically the same boat with the nons, as far as benefits are concerned, it's a serious matter to which you should give immediate attention. Don't make it necessary for your local chairman to keep after you all the time to keep you up to date, that's not business; we must have your undivided support for our committee in Chicago if we expect results. Let's do all we can to make it a sure thing.

Bro. D. L. Gibbs, third Chariton, and bride, took in Chicago on their honeymoon. Congratulations.

I have appointed Bro. J. M. Walden, of Gladstone, assistant local chairman on the east end; kindly do all you can for him, brothers.

Former Local Chairman Brand, who went with the Northern Pacific, on account of Mrs. Brand's health, writes me that she is very much improved.

T. R. CRANDALL, L. C.

St. Joseph Division—

Bro. John Adams, from East Leavenworth to Parkville agency. Bro. W. W. Warnstaff, second Hamburg, to Folsom agency; Bro. Kemp going in business at Glenwood, Ia. (success to you, Frank). F. O. Boyle bid in Bartlett nights, and A. M. May Percival nights, leaving Island Park on bulletin. Bro. V. A. Sollider got East Leavenworth agency.

Bro. J. F. Jefferies, third Corning, on vacation, relieved by P. A. Fewson.

Ed. Davis, stationed at Hamburg, now has charge of the line Council Bluffs to Corning, and Corning to Villisca.

Bro. Armstrong, agent Amazonia, is on vacation, relieved by Mr. Boyer, of third there.

Bro. W. E. Stouffer, called to Fairfax account death of cousin, was relieved on third Hamburg by Bro. P. L. Young from the Frisco, who also relieved Bro. R. R. Fields, agent Fairfax, three days.

Block 4 has again opened up as a day office.

Bro. Wood, dispatcher from Michigan, visited friends recently at McPaul and Thurman. It looks good to see the dispatchers carrying an up-to-date.

Bro. Steve Sprekelmeyer, second Payne, off a few days, was relieved by Bro. V. A. Sollider.

Bro. F. A. Arnold, off few days account death in family, was relieved on first Hamburg by Bro. W. W. Warranstaff, who was relieved by Bro. V. A. Sollider.

Boys, pay up; stay in line, and stick together. These are critical times and we need a strong

organization. Read what they are doing on the Northern Pacific, as outlined in the N. P. write-up in December journal. We still have a few nons here yet, several on the Tarkio branch, some on the south end, and a few on the north end main line. Get after those near you and line them up. Every brother make it his duty to do this and we will soon be solid.

Thanks to Bros. Arnold, Hickman and Fields for news this month. L. J. MILLEN, L. C.,

Coin, Iowa.

Hannibal Division—

Our local chairman, Bro. Callie Mays, should succeed himself on this division. He is conservative, honest and strictly sober; no man south of Hannibal working a wire gives better service. He has been with the Burlington more than twenty years and is bound to receive due consideration and respect from the officials who he is expected to meet in our behalf.

Bro. J. J. Leu, of Keokuk, is convalescing, after a siege of typhoid fever.

Bro. E. R. Banks, first Machens, visited over Sunday with relatives at Gregory.

Bro. B. Gregory, on vacation, visited in Alton.

Bro. O. L. Jarman and family spent Sunday with relatives in Quincy, Ill., recently.

Bro. J. M. Porter is relieving Foner Trihey, second at Firma.

Bro. Cornell, Allen, bid in second Dunsford.

Bro. King, third Machens, was in St. Louis recently.

Expert machinists from Chicago are working on the interlocking plant at Machens.

The time is about ripe for us to ask for annual vacations.

When the nons begin knocking get back at them with "Get a card and take up your grievances in the proper manner, and they will be looked after." Get busy on the nons working between you and make them "hit the ball;" give them the unlock for trains only when they are out of the station in advance, according to rules and there will be no room for complaint. Our slogan is "No card, no favors;" live up to it.

Bro. W. G. Meriwether is back at Elsberry, from the sick list.

Bro. Blinco, Wellsville nights, later at San dusky, has accepted Veile agency, vice Bro. F. C. Palmer, transferred to the new (box car) depot at LaGrange.

Bro. A. W. Mueller, of Alexandria, off on account of sickness, relieved by Mr. Wing.

Bro. Mitto, relieved by Bro. J. M. Porter at South Troy. Our local chairman with some others, were looking after our interests in Hannibal, February 15th.

Div. Con.

Omaha Division—

Bro. Gilbert, of Wann, off ten days looking around in Colorado, relieved by Bro. Gordon.

Bro. Snethen, of Dak. City, expects to go South to look over the land.

Some of the boys on this division are bidding on jobs that they do not want. Several have bid

in different positions and then backed out. This all causes Mr. McShane work in making new assignments as well as making a bulletin for the position held by the bidder. You can rest assured if you bid on position that you will get it, providing you are the oldest man and are capable of handling the place. There are a few of the nons on the main line who bid on every position open.

The committee has started negotiations for a new schedule, and we should all try to help the move along all we possibly can by getting in the nons and giving the company the best possible service. The "Grain Door" makes some nice pictures along the line. Div. Cor.

Lincoln Division—

Bro. E. E. Holmes, Friend, off a few days, was relieved by Wishinsky, and Bro. G. O. Vant, second, "GS," Hastings, on vacation, by Bro. D. J. Clark, from "NI" office.

Bro. V. D. Chidester, extra agent, who took his vacation when work was slack, is now in the auditor's office at Chicago.

Remember Bro. H. C. Peterson, a member of Division 4, of Bloomfield, Neb., is a candidate for State Railway Commissioner at the spring primaries. He will appreciate your vote and your help.

Bro. I. C. York, agent Giltner, is going to Montana to his homestead, and that agency is up for bids.

Bro. J. Vogil, agent Archer, on vacation, called on Bro. Miller, at Hastings.

C. A. Smith is now agent at Uehling, and Bro. B. F. Kaney at Utica.

Bro. E. O. Erickson, while off owing to the illness of his wife, was relieved by Mr. McMellan, of "NI," Lincoln.

Joe Kunselman, helper Harvard, relieved A. R. Plyth, agent Horace, while visiting his brother, Bro. C. J. Plyth, agent Saronville, and C. E. Rogers, agent Berks, on vacation, was relieved by helper Anderson from Saronville.

Bro. E. H. Wade, St. Paul, with his wife, on two weeks' vacation, relieved by I. Doll, visited his father, Bro. F. B. Wade, agent "UP," Blue Springs, and attended the wedding of his sister, Gertrude; also visited Mrs. Wade's folks at Atchison, Kan. CERT. 2441, "WA."

Wymore Division—

It is positively essential that the brothers mail us every item they can get hold of, if they expect to see the Wymore Division represented in THE TELEGRAPHER. It only takes a few minutes of your time, and possibly a two-cent stamp.

Alva Antrim recently at Smyrna to relieve Agent Blazer, who failed to pass physical examination.

Trainmasters are covering divisions, checking up condition of depots as regard to cleanliness. Glad to say most of them are found in very good condition, even if an overworked agent is compelled to put in his time keeping them that way.

The paring down of force in "SN," Wymore, caught Bro. Carl Glenn, now on the extra list.

Bro. F. H. Haley checked in as agent Vesta; Bro. F. A. Young transferred from agency Dunbar to agency Shickley, vice Bro. Messmore, resigned; Dunbar agency on bulletin.

Bro. Tom Antrim is helper temporarily at Liberty, on account of reduction in extra men.

Have you paid your dues yet for the present term commencing January 1, 1914? If not, and as far as standing for any benefits from the Order, you might as well be a non. Don't take chances of losing the assistance of the Order because you have neglected to keep your dues up-to-date, but remit today and get in line where you belong and can be protected if trouble should swoop down upon you. Also keep your eye on your neighbor non, and bear in mind "No card, no favors."

The snow and sleet storm of February 22d was about the worst ever experienced on this division. There were practically no wires all day the 23d. All lines were cut off from the dispatcher's office at Wymore, and Dispatcher Miller went to Table Rock that night and opened an office, handling trains there until well along Tuesday, when connections were again established with Wymore. Div. Cor.

McCook Division—

Bro. H. F. Kissell assigned first Alma.

Bro. Anson Leeds, agent Franklin, while off to take the Chapter degree at Red Cloud, relieved by Bro. Paxton. Bro. C. A. Peterson was a Red Cloud visitor recently and incidentally rode the Chapter goat also.

Bro. Lauritsen, agent Cambridge, off recently, relieved by Bro. Pexton.

Bro. Overman, Hudson, off on account of sickness, was relieved by Bro. Barth, laid off at Keensburg on account of reduction of the force. Atlanta night also closed.

Bro. Harris, agent Danbury, off taking in the stock show at Denver, relieved by Bro. Pexton, who also relieved Bro. Conyears, agent Inavale, a few days recently, on a trip to Lincoln.

Bro. Vennerie was off a few days to get married.

Bro. H. E. Peterson relieved Mr. Morgan, agent Roggen recently.

Bro. Ayers, agent Franklin, has been taken to Ingleside to be put in the care of a specialist. We hope for his speedy recovery.

Bro. Spahn, Culbertson, off several days, was relieved by Bro. Vennerie, who also relieved Bro. Knowles, and later relieved Bro. Campbell, Roggen, on vacation.

Bro. Weyl, off a few days, relieved at Laird by Bro. Green.

Bro. Enlow, agent Orleans, spent Sunday recently at Cambridge.

Bro. C. R. Bauer relieved as chief clerk to Mr. Runnels while Miss Ryan was on vacation.

Bro. Hardesty relieved by Bro. Rickard, third Benkelman recently.

Brothers, we thank all who contributed to this write-up, and hope you will come again.

C. R. HUNT.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom, has deemed it best to call to His heavenly home the beloved father of Bro. John Jamison, of Hudson, Colo.; and

WHEREAS, We bow in humble submission to Him that doeth all things well; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the McCook Division of the C. B. & Q. System Division 130, extend to the sorrowing members of the afflicted family and brother our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved brother, a copy spread on the records of this division, and a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

C. R. HUNT,
O. B. LANDAU,
W. A. STINGLY,
Committee.

Alliance and Sheridan Divisions, Main Line—

A meeting was held in Alliance, February 14th, which was well attended. Bro. J. F. Carder was present and gave the boys a splendid talk, which was well received and attentively listened to.

Meeting was held at Seneca, February 27th, to enable the east end boys to get out, and one at Edgemont, February 28th, to allow the Deadwood line boys an opportunity, as well as some on the east end of the Sheridan Division, to attend.

We are practically solid on this division at last. Bro. Fiske third Belmont, and Bro. W. E. Herncall, first Edgemont, sending in their applications, thus closing the gap.

Bro. Seybolt, second Crawford, has gone to New York and will return with a helper. Congratulations in advance.

Bro. E. S. Powell bid in Hemingford, Bro. Jack Kennedy going to agency Ellsworth.

Bro. C. C. Graham, agent Marsland, took a trip to Southern Missouri, where he invested a sum of money in ten acres of fruit land.

Bro. L. Z. Young, second Orella, is relieving Bro. Seybolt, second Crawford, temporarily.

On bulletin: Agency Halsey, first Seneca, second Broken Bow, and third Belmont and Whitman.

Bro. Lee Gregory, agent Belmont, is confined to his bed with a severe attack of grippe; relieved by Bro. Wade Hack.

L. M. DAVIS.

Sheridan Division—

Bro. Rose, East on account of sickness, has resumed duty on Newcastle third, vice Bro. Best, who relieved Bro. Essex, agent Dewey, S. D., to visit relatives East.

Third at Clifton, Ulm, Upton, Wyola, Crow agency, Dewey nights and cashier's position at Greybull closed. Bro. Atcheson, Dewey nights, bumped L. K. Richardson, Echeta nights. Bro. Thompson, Upton third, bumped Bro. Lowe, third Gillette, who went to Moorcroft. Bro. St. John, third there, resumed duty after a vacation spent in Colorado (returning via Casper and the new line), vice Bro. Gustafson, assigned second Moor-

croft, relieved by Bro. Murray, on two weeks' vacation to South Dakota.

Bro. J. J. Videtto, assigned to Echeta second, made a trip to Omaha before taking position.

Bro. Williams, third Wyola, on sixty days' leave, relieved by Bro. McCully from Sheridan relay, who fell before the reduction knife there.

Bro. Beck, agent Manderson, on thirty-day vacation, relieved by ex-Bro. Burt.

I hope ever member will assist me in effecting the return of the three members dropped from the list on account of failing to pay dues, and also secure your neighbor's application. The names of delinquents will be furnished you upon request.

Sister Gallagher, third Crow agency, now closed, relieved Bro. Gallagher, on second Crow agency, who relieved Bro. Garwood at Ulm a week.

It is now Bro. Atcheson, Echeta nights. We trust he will be a live member and secure others.

Thanks to the brothers who sent me notes of changes along the division. Hope each one will do this in the future.

The membership on this division is stronger than for years, and we ask every member to try and make it stronger. There are still a few agents along the line whom we should make extra efforts to get in.

J. E. WHAM, Local Chairman.

Atlantic Coast Line R. R., Div. No. 132.*Norfolk District—*

Bro. Spruil, "KN," relieving third trick dispatcher Sholar a few days, Bro. Spruil being relieved by Mr. Lafarge, who later relieved Bro. Hale a few days.

Bro. Hathaway and wife are visiting relatives at Conetoe, N. C.; relieved by Bro. Matthews.

Bro. Bland is relieving Mr. Dixon, second Kelford, on sick list. Bro. Eure, third "KD," off sick, relieved by Mr. Hall from "SAL."

Bro. Hopkins, at Palmyra, is to be married shortly. Congratulations.

Bro. Parker, on a hunting trip, relieved by Bro. Umphlett.

Bro. Blow, third trick dispatcher Tarboro, calls frequently on his old job at "KN."

Bro. Boyd bid in Kingsboro agency, and Bro. Moore bid in Everetts agency, vice Dew, deceased.

Bro. Shyver, of Conetoe, is off sick, relieved by Relief Agent Bro. Edmondson. We hope for his speedy recovery.

Bro. Ward, at Greenville, was recently given an extra clerk, the work there having greatly increased.

On bulletin: Conetoe, N. C., temporary, \$65; relief agency, temporary, \$90; Kilford third, regular, \$62, and second and third at both Ahsokie and Eure, new positions paying \$62 each.

CERT. 141, Div. Cor.

Fayetteville District—

After being held out of service three months on account of relief department, Bro. C. A.

Bodenhamer has been reinstated and put back on his regular trick at Pee Dee.

Bro. B. C. Mauney, of Elm City, after spending three weeks in the South Rocky Mount Hospital with smallpox, is able to be out again, and is spending a few days with his parents.

Bros. E. H. and M. S. Jones are back from their vacation and report a very pleasant trip to relatives and friends, and scenes of childhood.

Bro. H. L. Clark was called home on the 10th, to the bedside of his aged father, who is suffering with a severe stroke of paralysis.

Hamer third, opened for tourist season, now in full blast, by C. Kennedy, pending bids. 87 and 88 have the fastest schedules ever operated over this line. It is gratifying the way the boys watch "Mr. Ray" "go south" at about 70 per. So far no one has been guilty of letting "the hay" cause trouble.

Bro. V. J. Yelvington has resigned. We hate to lose such a good brother from our active ranks, but all wish him much success "down on the farm" near Clayton, N. C.

Bro. D. L. Pridgen, after 23 years' active service, has resigned the Godwin agency to enter other business. We all wish him great success.

Recent assignments: Bro. R. B. Hutson, relief agency to Parkton agency; Bro. F. M. Whitlock, from third to second "DI;" Bro. W. H. Parker, third "YD" to third "DI;" Bro. H. C. Baucom, second Dunn to relief agency; O. E. Matthews, third Smithfield to third Four Oaks; Bro. D. C. Proctor, third to second Pembroke; J. G. Godwin, third Godwin to Godwin agency.

Positions on bulletin: Godwin, Smithfield, "YD," Pembroke third, and Dunn second.

Out of the last six assignments, two have been made to nons. Looks as though some of the brothers are not active enough.

Bro. Dave A. Foster, "X" Rocky Mount, has resigned to accept a position as dispatcher in "KY" Wilmington.

Lots of times when you approach a non for his application you get only a hard-luck spiel and a promise. Hard luck comes to all of us sometimes unavoidable, but keep your eyes open and see that the promise is not forgotten.

BARBER.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our heavenly Father and all-wise Ruler of the universe, to call to her reward the beloved wife of our brother, J. H. Walker, in manifestation of our grief and fraternal sympathy; be it

Resolved, That the members of Atlantic Coast Line, Division No. 132, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the sorrowing brother and members of the afflicted family their sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved brother, a copy spread

upon the minutes of the division and a copy forwarded to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

A. L. PIXLEY,
L. M. DIXON,
THOS. SASSER,

Committee.

Savannah District—

Several of the "tourists" took "French leave" recently, but none of them had a card.

It was learned that Bro. Wheeler, returning from the conference of general chairmen and secretaries of the Southeast in Richmond, would spend the night in Jacksonville, so Bros. Tedder, of Seville, Pixley, of Waycross, and Hollahan, of Jacksonville, were on hand when the "choo-choo" arrived, and escorted him to the Aragon, where a pow-wow was held until the wee hours. Don't understand by this that the brothers were afraid of Bro. Wheeler getting lost enroute, simply glad to see him, that's all.

It is regretted that Bro. Jeb Martin decided to leave us, to accept a position on the C. of Ga. near home. Jeb was an A1 boy and he leaves us with the best wishes of the bunch.

There has been quite a number of "foreign" members transferred into our division this winter so far, due to the alertness of the men in notifying the proper officials when they arrive, and to what division they are a member of.

Bro. Howard, at Ludowici a number of years, bid in second Folkston.

Bro. F. D. Clark has been assigned first Daniel.

Ex-Bro. J. W. Starnes, out of service quite a while, promises to join us again soon.

H. C. Starnes, illustrating that he is a chip off the old block, has already requested blanks and will join immediately.

Bro. A. L. Bunch has been assigned second "DE" temporarily.

E. R. Fuller has returned after an absence of several months. Having returned to good company; let's corral him again.

Bro. E. Jackson, of Division 97, has accepted a position at Daniel, also Bro. Thomas.

We are pleased to welcome to our ranks G. W. Murray, Jr., extra in Savannah for several months.

TIM O'SHEA.

Albany and Waycross Districts—

Note what Bro. B. E. Casons, of the N. P., has to say on page 111, January TELEGRAPHER, in regard to conditions. This matter concerns all connected with our line of work, and we should be up and doing in an effort to prevent such an imposition as the trainmen would be doing us by going out of their way to collect 50 cents per call for calls they make on line. Surely, this would not be in accordance with the ruling of the I. C. C., which prohibits the handling of orders more than nine hours in twenty-four.

J. R. POPP. Cert. 1765.

Lakeland District—

Business is heavy, telegraphers are scarce, and it is almost impossible to get relief except in case

of sickness. I suppose this is why I have received no notes from any of the boys to help me out in this write-up.

Bro. Brown, Kilpatrick, goes from clerk-operator Barjow to Croom agency, relieving Bro. W. D. Harnage.

Bro. J. E. Long, third Croom, off to get married, relieved by J. M. Jordan.

Bro. O. O. Roberts goes from second Dunnellon to Istachatta agency, relieving Bro. R. E. Collins, resigned and gone with phosphate people.

Bro. W. R. Hayes, on Montbrook nights, relieved Bro. W. P. Arlege, who went to "CD."

J. M. Huiet, off sick, relieved by Bro. W. D. Harnage, third Trilby.

D. D. Roberts, second High Springs, on vacation, relieved by O. H. T. Weizenegger.

A. J. Harnage, agent Montbrook, off sick, relieved by J. O. Myers.

J. M. Jordan is on second Dunnellon now.

Brothers, please pay your dues, so we will not have to call your attention to this so much.

Drv. Coa., Cert. 1265.

"Big Four" R. R., Div. No. 138.

Cincinnati-Sandusky Division—

The January meeting was well attended, there being quite a number of brothers present both from the Cincinnati and Sandusky Divisions. Those who attend these meetings regularly are able to comprehend more clearly the changes that take place, the amendments, the revision of the schedule, etc.

The rates to join in March, April and May are \$7.83, \$7.00 and \$6.17 respectively. I have plenty of blanks to mail you to go to work on the nons.

Mr. Lemon, ticket agent Middletown, while spending a few days in New Orleans, was relieved by Bro. Vail.

The State commissioners have decided against trainmen taking orders from the phone.

Unless we can say something for the good of the Order, let's leave the talk out. Pay up and have a new card. Don't become delinquent; that hurts only yourself.

Bro. Fulkerson, off a few days, was relieved by Mr. Yeazell, third Rox.

Mr. Smith, second Lad, has gone back to the farm, relieved by J. Holtzman.

There is some talk of putting a Panhandle wire in the M. & C. Jct.

There has been installed in "GC" Cincinnati a Gill selector on No. 18 wire, for the purpose of ringing operator by the use of a code of signals. The combination call is "G. D. N. M."

Mr. Harman, second Mauds, was off a few days with a broken finger.

Snyder, third London, relieved by W. Argenbright, second Lilly Chapel, pending bulletin.

We had an extra dispatcher of seven years' experience, who served his time as operator and dispatcher at Panna Crossing, Alaska, working on third Sand Cut recently.

Mr. Sitesinger appointed agent at West Liberty, vice Bro. C. O. Batlin, acting agent to "J" Springfield.

Five more brothers were added to the list for January.

Boys, don't allow those musical stunts on the phone to interfere with the company's business, no matter how much you enjoy them.

Avenue closed, and Mr. Walters bumped Mr. Harp at Fifth avenue, Columbus, who bumped Bro. J. R. Teach, second London, who took second Deer Creek. Bro. Zoellner, third Avenue, bumped Bro. Long on third Enon, who bumped Bro. Clark, third Brooks. Avenue is now a twelve-hour office; second and third tricks discontinued.

Catawba closed. Bro. Stabler bumped "Red" Pfeifer, Simms second, and he bumped Bro. Hopfe, third there, who bumped Bro. Scholz, third Knisley, who took second Sand Cut.

Bro. Dave Kehoe, Avenue first, is seriously ill, with slight chances for recovery.

Give the nons no rest until they get up to date, and we will soon have a solid line-up.

Recent assignments: First tricks—Draw Bridge, G. M. Hench; Sand Cut; W. C. Kenney. Second tricks—Draw Bridge, R. V. Perry; West Carrollton, J. L. Diehl; Sand Cut, T. M. Hadley; Par, J. M. Holtzman; Lad, N. E. Weaver; Lilly Chapel, O. Grutsch; Springfield yard, R. E. New. Third tricks—Springfield yard, L. F. Armstrong; Deer Creek, R. G. Hopfe; Dayton yard, E. W. Himburg; Sand Cut, C. E. Harmon; Shale, W. D. Cavanaugh; Rox, A. H. Phillips; Middletown yard, Oscar Keyes; Belle Center, Fred Jenkins; East Sharon, A. L. Rankin; Osborn, L. C. Kollef-rath, and "CD" Columbus, A. W. Hagerman.

Bro. Irwin to second Middletown yard, vice Bro. Dr. Meese, to third Glen Echo.

Bro. John Foley and Bro. D. E. Shane have returned from a trip East.

C. Schnorf to first Draw Bridge, vice Bro. Gallagher, to first Dayton yard.

Bro. N. C. Fulkerson, from C. M. & St. P., on third Rox pending bulletin.

Bro. Jenkins is on the Cincinnati Northern.

The safety-movement car, which stopped at points along the Sandusky & Cincinnati Division, was very interesting and gave some valuable information to those who visited it.

Mr. Borschers recently called on the boys and examined them on the book of rules, and passed them with honor.

Boys, I can not see

Why so few items are sent to me.

I am a brother, not a non,

So send the news and we'll all know the fun.

Please help the dumb.

We are indebted to Bro. Emmers for contributions to this write-up. Let us keep in line with our neighbors, brothers.

CERT. 1619.

Cleveland Division—

The closing of Marsh caused considerable bumping on west end: Bro. Golden, second Marsh, bumped Bro. Conklin, second Ridgeway, who bumped Bro. Rutledge, third Ridgeway, who

bumped Bro. Bogan, third Rush, who bumped Bro. Edwards, second Harper.

Bro. Carey, second Longville, off a few days, was relieved by Foner Predmore.

At Rush, February 9th, No. 297 struck and instantly killed Dr. C. M. Fisher. This makes the fourth accident there in the last few years, the toll being one man and three horses killed, and one man seriously injured.

Station agents along the line who handle express business, joint with their railroad work, have received notice of a decrease in commissions by the express companies if business does not pick up. Too much parcel post.

Bro. Joe McCartney, third Galion, off a few days sick, relieved by Extra Powers, who also relieved Bro. Greifinstine, third Leonardsburg, while off sick.

Bro. Bill Elliott, Ashley, off a few days, relieved by Extra Dougherty, later relieved by Bro. Crone.

Bro. Harold Clutter, third St. James, off a few days, relieved by Extra Burk.

Bro. E. A. Rollins returned to second Leonardsburg, January 26th, after being quarantined a number of weeks; Bro. Powers, agent Leonardsburg, also under quarantine, is back again.

Bro. E. P. Golden, off a few days on account of the death of grandfather, was relieved by Bro. Conklin.

Bro. I. S. Triplet, third Hiles, off a few days, relieved by Extra Jarvis.

The meeting at Cleveland, February 11th, was well attended. Next month we will try to get the boys on all the roads running into Cleveland to get together and start a Forest City Telegraphers' Club, which would bring the brothers on the different roads together. We propose starting meetings at Galion again to accommodate the brothers who can not get into Cleveland. Would like to have the brothers who favor this plan write me. If a sufficient number can be depended on will try and arrange it.

Dispatchers Kelly and Falvey are being relieved by two new men from some other road.

Bro. Eberhart, Rushsylvania, helped me out on this write-up, which is greatly appreciated.

CERT. 1123.

Cairo Division, North End—

Telegrapher Ballard assigned West York; C. R. Miller, Flat Rock; R. B. McQueen, Hutsonville; W. G. Boylan, third Mt. Carmel yard; Bro. E. L. Barth, second "DN," Danville, and Bro. N. J. Cole, third, Wyton tower, with Bro. Atkins, first; Bro. Harris, second, and Bro. Tucker, third trick.

Bro. Hesslin, second Allendale, off on account of death, relieved by Bro. Anthiss.

Bro. Foley, second Marshall, relieved by Bicknell.

Cherry tower third and Birds on bulletin, Buckner on former.

CERT. 871.

Chicago Division, West—

IN MEMORIAM:

WHEREAS, The all-wise God has seen fit to take to Himself the infant daughter of our esteemed brother, M. M. LaRue; and

WHEREAS, It is proper that we should give expression to the profound sense of bereavement that we entertain; therefore, be it

Resolved, That Big 4, Division 138, O. R. T., extend to the bereaved brother and wife our heartfelt sympathy in this their sad bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be entered on the minutes of this division, published in THE TELEGRAPHER, and a copy sent to the bereaved.

G. B. HARRIS,
F. E. BOUCHER,
F. C. BUSSEY,
Committee.

Maine Central R. R., Div. No. 140.

Main Line—

Mr. Harris, agent South Gardiner, off on account of the death of his mother, was relieved by T. J. Murphy, later by Sister Mildred Little. Mr. Harris has our heartfelt sympathy.

Mr. Earles, spare, who landed second Clinton, will soon be with us. It is now Bro. Ellis, at Harmony. Welcome, Chester.

When we called on Bro. Laurence, agent at Vassalboro, he had a hammer in one hand and a chisel in the other, trying to get his safe open. What he was saying when we entered the room, I would hate to repeat.

Sister Little was relieved at Bowdoinham by Ex-Bro. Prince, former second vice-chief of Boston Division 89. He will soon be with us.

It is now Bro. Allen, at Bath, due to Bro. Wilder's good work.

Bro. Dickey landed Waterville yard first, and Bro. Gardiner first Cumberland Mill.

Bro. Wilder bid in second Augusta, relieved at Freeport by Mr. Burdick. They will soon have a tower at Augusta. That will give us a chance to do some more bidding.

Only \$7.16 for a card this month.

Bro. Bailey, third Freeport, bid in second there, and Bro. Beane landed Deadwater agency.

Bro. Lowe has resigned Clinton agency, on account of poor health. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Bro. Laurence, agent at Vassalboro, was relieved by A. E. Burdick, and Mr. Traviss by Mr. Ferguson, while attending court at Waterville. Traviss has given his promise.

The Passion Play given at Richmond was a great success. Among those chosen for committee were four of our good brothers: J. T. Dailey, J. E. Fardy and S. A. Lavallee, from Richmond; and W. D. Fardy, from Iceboro.

If you want a mill or a vibroplex call up Bro. McCrum, "WR," Portland.

The express rates are lower since February 1st. So is the percentage for us, but it is not us they are looking out for.

Mr. Hardy is at Warren pending bulletin.

Bro. E. J. Hayes, agent at Leeds Jct., Bro. Bob Curran, third Lewiston, and Mr. McGeof, New Gloucester, were on a sight-seeing trip lately.

Bro. H. M. Harris, agent at Pejepscot, visited his parents at Detroit, Maine, recently.

Don't forget the little green shamrock the 17th of March.

ERIN-GO-BRAGH, 400.

Mountain Division—

Bro. H. Savage, formerly of Beecher Falls, writes from Edmonton, Alberta, how the brothers so far from home appreciate reading the items from this division. He is very enthusiastic over the possibilities of that great country, the Orders being well organized there in all the different railroad departments, and the officials and employes working harmoniously together; but the supply of men is greater than the demand, owing to the closing of offices after the grain season is over. His closing injunction is that we shall all be loyal to the O. R. T. and always carry an up-to-date.

Bro. S. F. Haskell bid in Bald Mountain; Bro. C. B. Tinkham goes to Greene, vice Bro. Russell to second Thompson's Point.

Relief Agent T. E. Hardy is relieving at Warren, vice J. S. Shannon, gone to Deadwater. Relief Operator Burdick relieved on second and third Freeport, while change was being made. Bro. Wilder, second Freeport, bid in second Augusta passenger station, vice Bro. Dickey, who bid in first Waterville yard. Bro. Bailey bid in second there, leaving third Freeport up for bid.

Bro. Durgin, first at Brunswick, sent in a batch of items. I shall be glad to take care of all the items sent me and see that THE TELEGRAPHER gets them on time.

The Ladies' Auxiliary is making great strides in the Western and Central States. Hope before long Division 140 will be represented in this splendid organization.

Understand Bros. Guthrie and Saunders are making a try of the railway mail service. We wish them success.

Bro. Crepeau, with his family, is visiting friends in Canada, relieved by Bro. Whitaker, and he by his wife, Sister "DO."

Elliott, at "CN," the only man out. Everybody else in.

Brothers send me all the items of interest you can by the 20th of the month. W. S. McGEACH.

San Antonio & Aransas Pass R. R., Div. No. 141.

Houston and San Antonio Divisions—

Bro. Lee relieved on first Kenedy by Bro. Grant, of second, is now in San Antonio, and contemplates going with the I. & G. N. shortly. Kenedy second now pending bulletin.

Bro. Henson, wire chief Yoakum, spent several days in Kenedy and San Antonio; relieved by Bro. Stevens, recently recovered from a very severe attack of rheumatism.

Bro. Grant, while on a hunting trip, was relieved by Bro. Chandler.

There has been several changes made in agencies, but I have been unable to get them.

I have a letter from Bro. Hill in regard to our present schedule, but a little over a year old and he thinks it would not be wise to try now for a general revision, but there are several jobs that need fixing, especially in the relay office at Yoakum. We have three men in "Q" working 11 hours a day, and we want to get them on an eight-hour-day basis. Most of the well-organized roads are now working their relay men only eight hours. The Cotton Belt and Katy are working only nine hours and we should have as good working conditions as they have. This would call for another operator in "Q" and this is just what we want, and the only way to get it is to ask for it.

Let's not stop until we have our schedule up to the standard. To do this we must take more interest in getting new members by keeping the local chairman advised in regard to the nons as fast as they show up. When a new man comes on the road not lined up, keep after him until you get him, or if from another division, have him transferred.

If you hear of any changes or new men going to work write Bro. Cherry, at Rockdale, whom Bro. Barnett has appointed local chairman, vice Bro. McNutt, who is now wire chief at Palestine for the I. & G. N.

"HG," "KY."

Alice Branch—

I have decided to again pursue the peaceful pleasure of writing for the best of all the brotherhood magazines.

I want to remind the men who handle tickets and route freight that the S. A. & A. P. has been hard hit by two over-flows and a short cotton crop, but we are still on the map, although it will be a long time before the effects of this season are no longer felt. No road in the country treats its station men better than the S. A. & A. P., and we must now help it to secure the revenue it is entitled to.

Bro. Gregory has resumed at Alice after spending a month in the western part of the State trying to kill a deer, and is a nimrod no more.

Bro. Edmunds has regained his health and will soon resume on the Waco Division; Bro. Mackey going to Nordheim.

Bro. Haw, at Premont, is being relieved by Relief Agent Thomas.

Bro. S. S. Seay, second Flatonia Jct., has returned from his vacation in west Texas, relieved by Bro. E. N. Tompkins.

Bro. W. A. Alford, Rosebud, has returned from his honeymoon. Bro. Trantham, Flatonia, visited the old home at Ft. Worth recently, relieved by Mr. Sutton.

Many changes of agents at the small stations are being made.

Some of you try to give me a little help with the write-ups.

Murr.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has been the will of God to call from our midst, to the great beyond, our highly esteemed and worthy brother, W. E. Hendershot; in manifestation of our fraternal sympathy, be it

Resolved, That the members of S. A. & A. P. Ry., System Division 141, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the sorrowing wife and family their sincere sympathy in their bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved wife, a copy filed on the records of the division and copy forwarded to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

HOLLY CROCH.
B. F. OBER,
E. B. HILL,
Committee.

Grand Rapids & Indiana Ry., Div. No. 143.

Northern Division—

Bro. F. G. Reed was called to Detroit, February 24th, on account of the serious illness of his wife's mother; Relief Agent Graves, relieving.

Bro. C. W. Brownell, from the "Big Four," is on third "SA."

Bro. L. B. Babcock relieved Mr. Phelps, agent Petoskey, while attending the agents' meeting at Cadillac, and Bro. L. L. Wright, Kegomic, relieved Agent V. A. Pool, who also attended that meeting. Others who attended were: I. H. Lee, assistant executive Penna. Lines, Pittsburg; General Manager Hughart; Supt. Hunter, Northern Division; Supt. Hudson, Southern Division; Assistant Trainmaster Hulin and Trainmaster Eddy, G. R. & I.; Agent Marble, Grand Rapids, and Chief Clerk Holmes; Acting General Freight Agent Kelley; Agents Lane, Muskegon; A. Amphlett, Reed City; Arner, Howard City; Weyant, Petoskey; Phelps, Manton; R. Hilton, Walton Jct.; Liddy, Traverse City; Lacy, Pellston, and Blue, Mackinaw City; also Ticket Agents Robbins and Phelps, Traverse City, and Phelps, Petoskey; and Com. Agent Quaintance, Petoskey. They met to talk over means of advertising to get before the people enough statements and suggestions to help the railroads get the proposed freight rate increase.

Mr. Nielsen was reinstated at second Boyne Falls after being out of the service about three months, during which time he worked for the P. M. We hope he will now get a card.

Bro. W. S. Plummer and wife visited Mrs. Plummer's mother and boys at Roynce Falls recently.

F. D. Newman, a former dispatcher on this division, has been appointed division operator. Since A. W. Linton's death in January, 1913, the placing of the operators has been handled through the superintendent's office. If we will all give Mr. Newman our hearty support and do our work better than the nons we can show him that organized boys are the best for the service.

During the recent heavy snow storm on Saturday night, February 21st, Brakeman Roy Emery

started to walk to Pellston from Brutus and was found at the south 'we switch at "SA" by the snow plow crew, badly frozen, and brought to Pellston at 5:30 a. m., Sunday. He did not regain consciousness till about two o'clock in the afternoon, and was so badly frozen it was feared he would lose his arms and feet, but we now hope he is out of danger.

Some brother below Cadillac and north send in some notes for the write-up. Let everyone help. Buzz.

Fort Worth & Denver City Ry., Div. No. 145.

First and Second Divisions—

"RD" office made continuous now, with Bro. Allen on second and Bro. Dickinson on third.

Bro. Webb, third Quana, was a recent Wichita Falls visitor.

Bro. Weaver's wife, who has been ill with blood poison for four weeks, we are glad to note is much improved.

It's Bro. Robinson now on first "FR," and it will soon be Bro. Conley on third.

Bro. Dorsey, of Bellevue, is enjoying a visit with his folks at Sunset, relieved by Bro. Abington, who also relieved the agent at Decatur early in the month.

The few who have not paid up for the current term should do so at once. It is to your own interest to keep up to date. Last year's business is one to be proud of. You will all soon get a copy of the report.

Dispatcher Clark off a few days with la grippe, relieved by Dispatcher McDowell, who also relieved Dispatcher Clugh several days while looking after his oil interests around Childress and Electra.

W. D. McDowell was a recent Wichita Falls visitor.

Bro. Abington, relieving Agent Sherwood at Decatur, was relieved by Bro. Campbell as cashier.

Bro. Mentzer, off several days threatened with pneumonia, is on duty again, relieved by Bro. Mize. Mr. Darling, first trick dispatcher, was off several days on account of the illness of his wife, who, we are glad to report, is about again.

Trainmaster Grove is engineering an oil project near Amarillo.

Bro. G. H. Wheeler, elected tax assessor, has resigned, but will continue to carry an up-to-date.

Mr. Tatum, first Clarendon, is visiting in Denison.

Stock will soon begin to move and business will be booming again. Div. Cor.

Third and Fourth Divisions—

Bro. F. V. Mize is relieving Phelps at "N" Childress, visiting home folks at McKinney.

Bros. Gilley and Goldsmith were off several days, relieved by Mr. House, an old-timer, going to Denver in the produce commission business, which he has been in for two years.

Bro. Sides, who relieved Bro. Johnson while relieving Dispatcher McDowell, assigned Channings.

Extra Everett, son of the section foreman at Hedley, has gone to Channing.

Bert Knight, stenographer in trainmaster and superintendent's office, has resigned, bought a farm near town, and is going to raise chickens, hogs, etc. He also has a horse ranch in New Mexico.

Bro. E. A. Horton, Hartley, Tex., is now in the grocery business. We regret to lose this good brother from the railroad service, but wish him success.

Former Dispatcher Wilson is now on third Wichita Falls. C. R. Smuck, second trick dispatcher, resigned, relieved by Mr. Freeman.

Bro. Webb has returned to second Quanah, relieving Bro. Rutherford, who relieved Bro. Ludwig at Acme, on a trip to Ft. Worth.

Bro. Weaver, third Quanah, is off sixty days with eye trouble. Bro. Wales, from Sunset nights (closed), is relieving Bro. Rutherford at Quanah.

Bro. Greenwood's wife, at Bowie, has been quite ill. We are glad to note her improvement.

Have just received a copy of the splendid new schedule the brothers secured on the T. & B. V. They have us "skinned" on both the wage scale and good working conditions. But we are not through yet.

Bro. Potts, first Quanah, on a trip to Ft. Worth, was relieved by Bro. Rutherford.

Brothers, if the happenings or changes at your stations do not appear in the journal it is because you fail to send them in. I use all the news items I get through my own efforts, and all the others that are sent me. If each brother would endeavor to contribute matters of interest, it would make our write-up more interesting. Let's see if we can not have as newsy a monthly division write-up as any of them. CERT. 43.

Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic R. R., Div. No. 146.

Birmingham Division—

At a well-attended meeting at Manchester, Sunday, February 8th, one correspondent was appointed for the Birmingham and one for Brunswick end, and I was the "goat" for the former. Wish all the boys would drop me a line about anything of interest on the division near them each month.

F. E. Judge appointed agent Manchester, vice L. L. Lamar, resigned, elected mayor of Manchester. W. C. Matthews, agent LaGrange, becomes chief clerk to Superintendent Kirkland at Manchester, W. W. Breedlove, cashier LaGrange, succeeding him as agent; Bro. C. T. Kilgore, bill clerk, as cashier; T. F. Davis, third, going on second as bill clerk; Bro. Bridges from Stovall to LaGrange third, and Bro. McCrary (scribe) to first trick.

Pyriton, Stovall and Arkwright agencies on bid.

Mr. Barnes, a new man, goes to Lineville nights, the office having been moved from Cragford, Ala.

Everything is moving along nicely. We are about 95 per cent strong, and I hope in just a few days we will be a solid division.

Our general chairman, Bro. O. D. Gorman, is a hard worker, a first-class man for the job, and gave us some mighty fine talks at the meeting at Manchester. Boys, give him your support. All the boys of Division 146 will receive notice from Bro. Pye at Oglethorpe that the dues beginning June 30th will be \$6 instead of \$4. This is a good move, as the dues on most of the roads are \$6, and we are just as able to pay \$6 for our cards as any road in the South. If you can't get your Mr. Non next to you to join, give him the "once over"—"No card, no favors."

W. W. McCrary.

Delaware & Hudson Ry., Div. No. 151.

Penna. Division—

The local chairman wishes to take this opportunity to thank all of the boys who so kindly contributed towards the fine presents he received through Bro. Gibb, of Yatesville, consisting of a large easy chair and a tie pin. They came to him as a complete surprise, and he is wondering why the chair, as he never has time to use it, being the busiest man on this pike. When he is not taking care of his job at Moosic, he is out over the road looking for nons, and they are getting pretty scarce on this end of the road; about the only ones that can be found here, is when a new man strikes the pike, and Erny is after him on the first pay day.

The one day "Historical" strike showed that this division was 100 per cent strong, not a click of the instruments after 11:45 a. m. Every one said "GB" to the dispatcher and walked out. On the day of the strike I had the good fortune to be with the local chairman at Hotel Jermyn, Scranton, and if it had lasted another day I think the hotel would have had trouble with the bell boys, as they were about the busiest lot you ever saw, trying to keep Danks on four telephones, interviewing reporters and answering Western Union and Postal messages all at the same time. Bro. Danks was the busiest man in Scranton on that day without doubt.

Any changes on this division? Yes—so many that it will be impossible to record them all here.

Bro. Livingston has been appointed relief man for the Nineveh branch.

Relief Dispatcher Clune has been appointed night chief on the Susquehanna Division and I can assure him that although we are sorry to lose him here, we are all pleased to know that he is going to a more important place and among friends. The Susquehanna boys have a warm spot in their hearts for "Mike," and they will all help him make good up there.

R. S. Reid, G. A. Artley and I. Madigan have been appointed trick dispatchers at Carbondale; all the boys from out on the road and everyone making good.

Bro. A. J. McLane, from "WB" yard office, Wilkesbarre, to clerk in dispatcher's office.

Our official family is now composed of former telegraphers entirely: C. A. Morgan, superintendent, former chief dispatcher; J. J. Rounds, trainmaster, former chief dispatcher; E. G. Knapp, assistant trainmaster, former chief dispatcher; P. F. Kilker, former night chief to day chief, and R. A. Seigle, day trick to night chief. These men have all graduated right up from the ranks on this road, and they are as good a bunch of officials as you can find in the United States.

Our former Superintendent C. E. Burr has been appointed general superintendent, with headquarters at Albany, N. Y.

The New York State two-day bill which was signed last May, was put into effect February 1st on Nineveh branch on this division. Fourteen men on branch now enjoying two days off per month. There are only two nons among them, whom we hope to have in the fold before another month rolls by.

Three new members taken in on February 1st. Only five nons on the division. Boys, "get busy," look them up. If you do not know who they are, ask your local chairman, he will be only too glad to tell you, also give you blanks to help line them up.

Bro. L. J. Speicher, Hudson tower days, off five weeks on account of sickness, was relieved by Extra Kittle.

P. F. McDonald bid in third "WB" yard. Hope to call him "Bro." next write-up.

Div. Con.

Virginian Ry., Div. No. 154.

Deepwater Division—

At present it is not convenient to hold meetings on our division so that many can attend. This year has been started off with bright prospects for us. Let us pull together for results, bearing in mind that the organization is just what we make it by our personal efforts. We have reason to feel proud over the results accomplished during 1913. Previous to that time we had no organization to speak of, while at present we are working under one of the best schedules in the country, both with the Virginian and the Adams Express Company. The agreement has been lived up to by our officials and the men in general have given better attention to their duties, as they realize more and more every day that our organization is not to antagonize but a medium through which both the company and men can work together for the good of all concerned.

You boys out on the line realize how it goes with an agent. Having many duties to perform, it is an impossibility to keep in touch with happenings over the road. I want your help and co-operation. When an operator comes to your station, find out if he is up-to-date. If not, why not? If not, and is worthy, give him an application blank and ask him to fill out and do as you have already done. Put it in the proper channel to make him a brother. You will find some, no doubt, a little close fisted, but it only takes a minute to

destroy that illusion as the facts stand out too prominently that the operators over the country are enjoying benefits secured for them by the O. R. T., which more than offset the small amount paid in as dues, and furthermore the assurance that your loved ones will be provided for even after you have passed over to the other shore comes in as a big consideration. Others, no doubt, will advance the ideas that by becoming a member of the organization that they will be retarded in their aspiration for favor or a higher position with the company. The company don't consider in this line what you "ain't," it is what you are. First show them that you are a man, and I know of no better way to head that way than the O. R. T.—so see that they get in line.

During this year we want to see the dispatchers members of the Order. Dispatchers on other lines parallel with the Virginian are affiliated with the Order on their roads, so should the dispatchers be on the Virginian. It is the writer's pleasure to know personally all of the men in the Princeton office, and I am glad to say I know of no finer lot of men.

Remember, brothers, that we should give our best service to the company, that the officers may realize that a union man is the best man. A good full measure and a little more won't hurt us, and in the meantime be true to yourself by handing out a good word to the delinquent brother, or a man who has never seen the light, reminding them that this is the time of the year to get that up-to-date card.

S. H. DAVIS, Local Chairman.

First and Second Divisions—

Several operators have been cut off; Suffolk, Adsit and Goodview closed nights; Carolina second and clerk-operator Suffolk on bulletin.

We regret that our extra men will have to leave, as well as some of our regulars, as they have stuck to us since they have been here, and we wish to thank them for doing so.

Dispatcher Smith has returned to Victoria, after clearing up the statistical work in the general offices at Norfolk. We are glad to have him back with us.

Bro. Daniels, Third Division, has returned to Tams, after several months' on "CD" first, putting Extra Dispatcher Brown back on first there.

Bro. Williams, off a few days recently on account of the illness of his mother, was relieved by Bro. Matthews.

All of you should give the very best service possible, as we have a fine "Chief," and he deserves our co-operation in every respect.

I have asked several of the brothers along the line to send me a few notes, but so far only a very few have responded. We can not have an interesting write-up unless you assist your correspondent, as it is hard for him to get everything over the line alone.

... P. S., Cert. 83.

Chicago, Indiana & Southern R. R., Div. No. 159.

Boys, I want to congratulate you on your promptness in paying the 1914 dues. There are only a few not yet paid up, and out of 111 jobs we have 103 members, for which you can thank your local chairman. "Shim" and certain of the old agents who have signed up are certainly entitled to a vote of thanks.

We will give our first annual ball, in the near future, at Schneider, Ind., and expect to have a big time. I am going to sell tickets to our grand chief, grand secretary and treasurer and certain other grand officers, so they had better be getting their dollars ready, and we want as many of them as can possibly do so to attend. C. C. B.

Danville Division—

C. T. Allison says he will come into the Order as soon as the switch lights are taken care of at Allison by someone besides himself.

Recent new members: Tom A. Gott and Will A. Jacobs, Sloan, Ind.; C. R. Wyatt, Stewart; O. L. Born and C. D. Johnston, Tab; P. T. Cunningham and J. A. Jacobs, Handy; M. E. McIntyre, Dunn; T. M. Shuey, Enos; R. C. Born, Conrad; H. F. Richter and Arthur Marshall, Schneider; A. Hardesty, Cook; H. C. Lydick, Highland, and P. L. Wright, Gibson. Mr. Howard, of St. John; J. V. Lewis, Morocco; H. W. Habben, Ade, and C. T. Allison, Allison, promise to be with us before long.

F. C. Williamson, of Free, wants to know more about the O. R. T. before he can join, although he has been working with members over a year. It is up to you, brothers, to make him acquainted with the O. R. T. DO IT. C. L. SMITH.

Kankakee Division—

Bro. Shimanek has been on the warpath for the past month getting new members, and as a result it is now: North Judson solid, Bro. Morgan at Knox and Bros. Richter and Marshall at Schneider, making this station solid with the exception of Extra Fuller, who still holds his card in the union he formerly belonged to. It is also Bro. Popejoy, at Momence, making that station and Walkerton solid, and we expect Knox will be solid before long.

The meeting at Kentland was not very well represented by the members of this division; nevertheless, the boys had a good time and did some good. This kind of meetings are showing their worth, and we are earnestly looking for one of them at Kankakee or Schneider.

This road recently had the misfortune to lose two of its most trusted employees—Conductor R. Bollman receiving injuries at Streator that proved fatal in about thirty minutes, and Bruce Walker, fatally injured at Zearing, was one of the oldest engineers on the road. Their untimely deaths are mourned by all the brothers.

Business on this pike has kept up very good this winter, nearly all the train crews knocking out about \$150 per, and some of the "ops" as

high as \$60 per. Thorough organization will even up this difference wonderfully. Let's try it.

Recent new members on this division: F. J. Fitzgerald, Walkerton; G. G. Morgan, Knox; G. D. Weigner, C. P. Roney and John G. Burijanek, North Judson; W. J. White, Wheatfield; W. H. Popejoy, Momence; C. W. Layman, McNab, and R. E. Jones, De Pue. H. Tarter, of De Pue; C. C. Johnson, Momence tower, and F. J. Fletcher, Howe, expect to retire from the railroad business. Mr. Settle, Lostant tower, will be with us soon as he returns from vacation through the South. Mr. Lee, new man at Budd, will be with us soon as he gets settled.

J. W. Driscoll, of Kankakee, has been reinstated and has one of the best jobs on the pike, thanks to General Chairman Shimanek.

Fire destroyed the tower at Lostant, and Bro. Gould had to buy a pair of new rubbers and stand in the cold giving hand signals with the weather below zero ever since the tower burned down.

Tango? Hesitation waltz? Well, I should say so. General Chairman Shimanek was at Kentland recently rehearsing with the boys and getting in shape to play for the big dance to be given at Schneider shortly, and expects to bring out an orchestra of about eight pieces. Indications point to a sociable good time. Ascertain the date this dance is to be given, and be there with your friends.

Our motto, "No card, no favors." How about you, brother? Are you not helping your next-door telegrapher who is a non to keep up with his work? Are you not looking up rates for him? Are you not accommodating him every day? Don't you know that it's up to you to stop this accommodation and wake up and live up to your motto? J. E. H.

CORT Club.

The Cort Club meeting, January 7th, was a bumper, very interesting and beneficial from start to finish, and those absent missed a great treat. It was called to order promptly at 8 p. m., with all club officers present except Diemer and Anderson.

At the termination of the regular routine business the following officers were unanimously elected for the ensuing year: C. L. Craig, C. R. I. & P., president; F. C. Corcoran, C. M. & St. P., first vice-president; D. C. Smart, C. & N. W., second vice-president; J. J. Rose, C. B. & Q., secretary and treasurer. The new officers elected were: W. J. Early, C. & N. W., third vice-president; T. J. Reid, C. M. & St. P., fourth vice-president.

We are much pleased in inducing Secretary and Treasurer Rose to accept a re-election, as he had tendered his resignation at the December meeting. Thanks for the concession, Jim; we need you in our business.

Bro. Carder, general chairman C. B. & Q., entertained us magnificently for a short time with one of his good old brotherly talks, and gave us

much interesting information relative to his line of procedure over on the "Q"—what they are accomplishing every day, and, incidentally, what they are going to accomplish in the future if Bro. Carder gets the proper backing. Bro. Carder is a general through and through and a man of business abilities. So back him up, you "Q" brothers, and watch results from his coming negotiations.

Bro. Dal Jones was next on the floor, and a welcome speaker, indeed. He rendered one of the most interesting, able and brotherly lectures that it has ever been my pleasure to hear for some time. His emphatic denunciations of certain existing conditions that are of an exceedingly deplorable nature were right to the point, and were set forth by him in a very clear and comprehensible way. Every word uttered met with absolute approval by the members present, for they realized that pure facts were being unfolded to them, but in a different light than they ever dreamed of before, and that all was being related in good faith and with absolute intrepidity. If we only had a few more like him scattered around in the Chicago general offices it would prove wonderfully beneficial to our craft. Don't be afraid to claim your O. R. T. card after paying for it. One would never know you were members unless he communicated with your secretary and treasurer; you don't show up at the meetings.

Bro. Harry Fellows, from the Frisco general office, Springfield, Mo., who entertained us for a few moments with humorous remarks, also gave some very interesting information relative to conditions on the Frisco. We all enjoyed his talk very much, and will be glad to have him with us again. He is now with the C. & N. W.

Bro. W. J. Early recently spent a couple of days with his parents in Chesterton, Ind.

Bro. and Mrs. P. E. Gray, on two weeks' vacation, visited friends in Kansas City and Omaha.

Bro. Bradley, local chairman C. & N. W. general office, is busy doping out what he is going to get us at the coming negotiations.

Bros. Hanson, Diemer and Gray were among the Cort Club members attending the grand ball given by the Masons in Masonic drill hall, February 12th. They report a very delightful evening.

We were all glad to have Bro. G. A. Flynn with us at the meeting and hope he will come again.

The C. & N. W. brothers recently reported a very pleasant call from their general chairman, Jim Troy.

The W. J. Hunter shawl was won by Bro. D. C. Smart, \$25 being realized thereon.

Conditions in Chicago at this time are exceedingly dull. All railways have greatly reduced their general office forces with the exception of the C. & N. W. The boys there are being given their annual vacations (with pay). They consider this quite a concession on the part of Superintendent of Telegraph Bennett.

I was the only C. & N. W. Cort Club member who attended Division 76 meeting at the Victoria Hotel, 2.30 and 8 p. m., Sunday, February 22d. Both meetings were very enjoyable. We were

honored with the presence of two loyal sisters—Miss Reil, from Des Plaines, and Miss Veasley, from Chicago avenue, Chicago—who promise to become Cort Club members in the near future.

D. C. SMART, 2d V. P. and Club Cor.

Topeka O. R. T. Club.

Our meeting at the Throop Hotel, Sunday evening, February 8th, was a very pleasant and interesting one in every respect; there were about twenty members present, and each one proved to be a live wire.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 p. m. with President Stover in the chair, who opened up the meeting with an eloquent address, commending those brothers who had to ride a hundred miles to get here and thanking the members collectively for their interest displayed in the club. After the reading of the minutes of last meeting and the reading of a few letters, including the regrets of Bro. Smith, of Division 6, on his inability to attend, Bro. Powell announced that according to our constitution officers for the ensuing year would be elected at this meeting, and moved that the hour of 10 o'clock be made a special order of business for Past President Brown to take the chair, and we proceed with the election of officers for the ensuing year, seconded by Bro. Edwards and carried unanimously. General Chairman Brown gave us one of his heart-to-heart forty-five-minute speeches, which was very interesting in every respect. Bro. Pringle, of Dwight, gave us a short but interesting address dealing with the parcel post and other matters of vital importance to the agents, and handed a few bouquets to the boys in Topeka and Herington relay offices for their unceasing efforts in behalf of the organization for the past year, comparing the conditions of now and a few years back, when we did not have the support of these men. Short talks were also made by Bros. Carver, Meador, Ford, Lowe, Edwards and Powell.

The hour of 10 o'clock arriving, Bro. W. T. Brown was called to the chair; and Bro. Powell nominated R. D. Stover for president, seconded by Lowe. On motion of Bro. Pringle, seconded by Bro. Edwards, nominations closed, and the secretary and treasurer cast a unanimous vote for R. D. Stover for president.

Bro. Stover nominated R. A. Powell for the office of secretary-treasurer, seconded by Bro. Edwards. On motion of Bro. O'Grady, seconded by Bro. Pringle, nominations were closed, and the chairman cast the entire vote for R. A. Powell for secretary and treasurer.

Bro. Powell nominated H. A. Ford for the office of first vice-president representing the Rock Island Lines, seconded by Stover. Pringle moved the nominations be closed, and the secretary-treasurer be instructed to cast the entire vote of the meeting for H. A. Ford for first vice-president; seconded by Lowe and carried.

Bro. Powell nominated Sister M. L. Doering for the office of second vice-president, to represent the Union Pacific; seconded by Meador.

Edwards moved the nominations close and the secretary-treasurer be instructed to cast the entire vote of the meeting for Sister M. L. Doering for that office; seconded by O'Grady and carried.

No representative was present from the Missouri Pacific, and it was decided to defer the election of third vice-president representing that road until the next meeting.

After appointing Bro. W. J. Edwards sergeant-at-arms, the officers-elect were installed by Past President Brown.

After many cries of "Speech! speech!" the new officers responded with eloquent addresses, outlining the work for the future and soliciting the co-operation of all.

Bro. Carver moved that all general chairmen and secretaries of divisions entering Topeka be made honorary members of our club and their cards furnished them free. In view of the fact that there were about fifteen clubs in this territory, it would amount to quite a sum, as our division officers are obliged to attend most of the club meetings. Bro. Powell moved as an amendment that we also include Grand officers on the honorary list; seconded by Bro. Edwards and carried.

At 11:50 p. m. it was moved and seconded that we adjourn to meet at Herrington. Kan., Sunday evening, February 15th; carried.

R. A. POWELL, Secretary.

Denver O. R. T. Club.

Our February meeting was well attended, several brothers coming from quite a distance. The boys in the city turned out in good shape and a good time was had. We expect a large attendance at our March meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 p. m. by President Cheney, and three new members, Bros. Rosenbaum, J. W. Easter and J. G. Martin, were elected.

All the old officers were elected, and the president was authorized to appoint representatives for the Santa Fe and D. & S. L. The question of giving a dance was brought up, and it was decided to give our annual Denver O. R. T. ball at the Albany Hotel, Denver, Colo., on Tuesday, March 24, 1914.

Bros. Fulmer, Cheney, Kane, Shoults and Rosenbaum were appointed on committee of arrangements. The hall has already been secured, which is one of the finest ball rooms in the West, and we expect to make this one the most successful of any of our previous balls, which is saying a lot.

Do not forget the date, March 24th, time 8 p. m., place Albany Hotel, and last but not least don't forget to bring your wives, best girls and friends for a good time.

SCRIBE.



J. E. COWGILL,
General Chairman.

D. W. KOPPIUS,
Gen. Sec. and Treas.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC RY. SYSTEM—DIV. No. 53

OUT "GUNNING" FOR NONS.



Mutual Benefit Department

Assessment No. 133 is due January 1, 1914.

Time for payment expires February 28, 1914.

AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENTS.

On \$ 3000 00 (Series A)	\$2 40 per year.
On 500 00 (Series B)	3 60 per year.
On 1,000 00 (Series C)	7 20 per year.

BENEFITS PAID DURING FEBRUARY, 1914.

CLAIM No.	NAME.	CAUSE.	Div.	CERT. No.	SERIES.	AMT.
1309	D. E. Hazen	Lobar Pneumonia	132	21198	A	\$ 300 00
1551	John B. Anderson	Lobar Pneumonia	49	4216	A	300 00
1554	James G. Kerr	Run over by train	1	28087	B	500 00
1555	E. E. Merrill	Spinal Hemorrhage	29	21223	A	300 00
1556	O. H. Coomes	Tubercular Peritonitis	29	22910	B	500 00
1559	Ernest A. Spann	Tuberculosis of Lungs	128	23824	C	1,000 00
1560	Clyde N. Allen	Uræmic Coma	46	36736	C	1,000 00
1561	Arthur W. Cummings	Railway Accident	32	18768	B	500 00
1562	John L. Stafford	Uræmia	130	39810	A	300 00
1563	Michael E. Doran	Phthisis	41	28306	A	300 00
1564	Thos. C. Sherman	Accident, fell through roof	6	15142	C	1,000 00
1566	Henry Hitter	Stoppage of Bowels and Gall- Stones	8	32868	A	300 00
1567	Arthur P. Murphy	Acute Dilatation of Heart	32	24116	A	300 00
1568	Eugene C. Cross	Chronic Nephritis	14	8198	C	1,000 00
1570	Harry F. Burdick	Aneurysm of the Abdominal Aorta	1	25588	B	500 00
1571	Thos. H. Slater	Pericarditis	16	27817	A	300 00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—MORTUARY FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Received on Assessment to January 31, 1914	\$1,383,640 16
Received on Assessment Account February, 1914	27,260 53
	<hr/> \$1,410,900 69

DISBURSEMENTS.

Death Claims paid to January 31, 1914	\$ 956,581 47
Death Claims paid in February	8,400 00
Assessments Refunded, account rejected applications	1,801 65
Assessments Transferred to Dues	267 28
Cash on hand to credit Mortuary Fund, February 28, 1914	443,850 29
	<hr/> \$1,410,900 69

L. W. QUICK,
Grand Secretary and Treasurer.

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General Offices, St. Louis, Mo.

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No. 1—Division covers the Grand Trunk and Grand Trunk Pacific Rys. Meets subject to call of Chairman. L. M. Eddy, Gen'l Chairman, Grand Trunk Ry., Marcellus, Mich.; R. L. Harrop, Gen'l Chairman, Grand Trunk Pacific Ry., Justice Man.; D. L. Shaw, Gen'l S. & T. 427 William st., London, Ont.

No. 2, ST. LOUIS, MO.—Meets 1st and 3d Mondays of each month at 8 p. m., Small Hall, south side, 3d floor, Masonic Temple (Odeon Bldg.). Grand and Finney aves., St. Louis, Mo.; L. W. Quick, Chief Telegrapher, 7th floor, Star Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.; R. J. McElhinney, S. & T., 4107 Hartford st., St. Louis, Mo.

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No. 8—Division covers New York Central Ry. H. B. Morey, Gen'l Chairman, 102 Jefferson ave., Utica, N. Y.; A. E. Blim, Gen'l S. & T., Chili Station, N. Y. Hudson Division—Meets 3d Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p. m., G. A. R. Hall, 27 Garden st., Poughkeepsie, N. Y. F. I. Fraleigh, Local Chairman, 67 Washington st., Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Western and Rochester Division—Meets 3d Saturday in February, April, June, August, October and December at 10 o'clock a. m., and 8 o'clock p. m., at Rochester, N. Y., 3d Monday of January, March, May, July, September and November, at 10 o'clock a. m., and 8 o'clock p. m., at 148 No. Salina st., Syracuse, N. Y., in conjunction with Mohawk Division. W. R. Miller, Local Chairman Rochester Division, Victor, N. Y. W. P. Mansell, Local Chairman Signalmen, Western Division, Corfu, N. Y. A. E. Blim, Local Chairman Station Dept., Western Division, Chili Station, N. Y. Mohawk Division—Meets 3d Tuesday each month at 8 p. m., at 510 State st., over Fagan's

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No. 9—Division covers the C. I. & L. Ry. W. J. Dooley, General Chairman, 3101 McPherson ave., Indianapolis, Ind.; M. T. Parks, G. S. & T., Box 2, Bainbridge, Ind.; J. E. Hollon, Local Chairman of First Division, 2815 Cornell ave., Indianapolis, Ind.; L. D. Wood, Local Chairman of Second Division, Salem, Ind.

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No. 16—Division covers the Michigan Central Railroad. Meets 3d Monday of each month at 7:30 p. m., Prismatic Hall, 130 First st., Detroit, Mich. J. C. Culkins, Gen'l Chairman, Albion, Mich.; J. H. Staley, Gen'l S. & T., Box 903, Welland, Ont.

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Baltimore, Md. Maryland Division, W. M. Skinner, Local Chairman, 115 S. Potomac st., Baltimore, Md. Meets at call of Chairman. Delaware Div., T. W. Truitt, Local Chairman. Middletown, Del. Meets at call of Chairman. Philadelphia Terminal, G. H. Bogart, Local Chairman, 729 Linden st., Camden, N. J. Meets subject to call of Chairman. W. J. & S., G. E. Nightingale, Local Chairman, Newfield, N. J. Meets jointly with the Trenton Division, 4th Thursday of each month at 10 a. m. and 8 p. m., in Goff Building, Camden, N. J. Trenton Division, J. G. Simanton, Local Chairman, Frenchtown, N. J. Meets jointly with the W. J. & S. Division, 4th Thursday each month at 10 a. m. and 8 p. m. in Goff Building, Camden, N. J. Philadelphia Division, C. S. Melchor, Local Chairman, 531 Curtin ave., Harrisburg, Pa. Meets at call of Chairman. Middle Division, A. L. Rex, Local Chairman, Mapleton Depot, Pa. Meets at call of Chairman. Pittsburg Division, J. H. McGrail, Local Chairman, 2011 Eleventh ave., Altoona, Pa. Meets at call of Chairman. Conemaugh Division, Martin Stephens, Local Chairman, 122 Whitfield st., Pittsburg, Pa. Meets at call of Chairman. Monongahela Division, G. Z. Stover, Local Chairman, West Elizabeth, Pa. Meets at call of Chairman. Allegheny Division, O. T. Arendt, Local Chairman, Foxburg, Pa. Meets at call of Chairman. Buffalo Division, Burt Sutton, Local Chairman, Franklinville, N. Y. Meets at call of Chairman. Elmira Division, C. R. Elliott, Local Chairman, 640 Water st., Elmira, N. Y. Meets at call of Chairman. Renovo Division, J. F. Mann, Local Chairman, Wilcox, Pa. Meets at call of Chairman. Williamsport and Susquehanna Division, A. C. Grieb, Nisbet, Pa., Local Chairman. Meets at call of Chairman. Sunbury Division, G. C. Vandling, Local Chairman, Mifflinville, Pa. Meets at call of Chairman. Schuylkill Division, H. F. Strunk, Local Chairman, 316 S. 17½ st., Reading, Pa. Meets at call of Chairman.

No. 18—Division covers the New York, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad System. Meetings 1st District at Conneaut, in G. A. R. Hall, Main st. cor. of Washington st., every third Monday of each month. Meeting 2d and 3d Districts at Bellevue, Ohio, in B. of L. E. Hall, every 3d Friday of each month; meeting 4th District in I. O. O. F. Hall, State st., Hammond, Ind. every second Saturday of each month. F. F. Cowley, Gen'l Chairman, 519 W. Lincoln st., Findlay, Ohio; C. O. Crisenberry, Gen'l S. & T., Knox, Ind.

No. 20—Division covers the New York, Ontario & Western Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. T. F. Cullinan, Gen'l Chairman, 2 Albert st., Middletown, N. Y.; H. D. Pfoor, Gen'l S. & T., P. O. Box 28, Jermyn, Pa.; C. L. Cook, Local Chairman Southern Division, P. O. Box 183, South Fallsburg, N. Y.; H. J. DeGraw, Ass't Local Chairman Southern Division, Hancock, N. Y.; G. W. Merwin, Ass't Local Chairman P. J. & M. Branches, High Falls, N. Y.; P. J. Boland, Local Chair-

- man Scranton Division, 160 Dundaff st., Carbondale, Pa.; F. L. Spratt, Ass't Local Chairman Scranton Division, Poyntelle, Pa.; J. R. Hadley, Local Chairman Northern Division, 24 Seneca st., Oneida, N. Y.; P. J. Loftus, Ass't Local Chairman Northern Division, Morrisville, N. Y.
- No. 21—Division covers the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. E. F. Stenger, Gen'l Chairman, R. F. D. No. 3, Miamiburg, Ohio; C. B. Miller, Gen'l S. & T., Piqua, Ohio.
- No. 22—Covers Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway System. Geo. H. Beck, Gen'l Chairman, 710 Adams st., St. Charles, Mo.; M. M. Mosely, Gen'l S. & T., 526 So. 5th st., Waco, Tex.
- No. 23—Division covers the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry., Rochelle & Southern Ry., Idaho & Western Ry., Tacoma-Eastern R. R., and Bellingham & Northern Ry. District meetings held subject to call of the Local Chairman. G. E. Soyster, Gen'l Chairman, 403 Drexel Bank Bldg., Chicago, Ill.; C. H. Burnworth, Ass't General Chairman Puget Sound Lines, Ingomar, Mont.; Ed. R. Derrickson, Gen'l S. & T., 403 Drexel Bank Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
- No. 25—Division covers the International & Great Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. T. C. Berry, Gen'l Chairman, Encinal, Tex.; R. B. Adams, Gen'l S. & T., Oakwood, Tex.; D. D. Hungate, Local Chairman Gulf Division, Jewett, Tex.; J. J. Burns, Assistant Local Chairman and Division Correspondent, Box 482, Rockdale, Tex. Chas. C. Webner, Local Chairman Ft. Worth Division, Mart, Tex.
- No. 26, NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.—Meets 2d Wednesday of each month, at 9 p. m., Grand Union Hotel, New York City. C. E. Becker, Chief Tel., 1845 W. 8th st., Brooklyn, N. Y.; A. R. Linn, S. & T., 116 Willett st., Jamaica, N. Y.
- No. 27—Division covers the St. Louis, Vandalia & Terre Haute Railroad System. Meets on the 15th of each month in the Mayor's office at Green Castle, Ind. E. E. Pierron, Gen'l Chairman, Pierron, Ill., C. R. Shortridge, Gen'l S. & T., Coatesville, Ind.
- No. 29, NEW HAVEN CONN.—Meets 1st Friday of each month at 8 p. m. and 3d Tuesday of each month at 10 a. m., in Red Men's Hall, 48 Church st., cor. Crown, New Haven, Conn. L. H. Dowd, Chief Tel., 57 Ludlow st., Waterbury, Conn.; G. F. McCormack, S. & T., 95 Main st., West Haven, Conn.
- No. 31—Division covers the Missouri Pacific Railway system. Meets subject to call of the Chairman. C. E. Maxwell, Gen'l Chairman, Room 401, Star Building, St. Louis, Mo.; N. S. Morgan, Chairman Relay Offices, 418 Geyer ave., Kirkwood, Mo.; W. L. Wilmarth, Member General Committee M. P. Ry., Holden, Mo.; J. E. Lewis, Member General Committee, Tallulah, La.; H. J. Mohler, Gen'l S. & T., Room 401, Star Building, St. Louis, Mo.
- No. 32—Division covers the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the Chairman. C. G. Kelso, Gen'l Chairman, Box 87, Springfield, Mo.; M. T. Fullington, Gen'l S. & T., Box 87, Springfield, Mo.
- No. 33—Division covers the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the Chairman. C. B. Pierce, Gen'l Chairman, 2021 Longwood st., (Walbrook), Baltimore, Md.; C. B. Rawlins, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, R. F. D. No. 1, Moore's Hill, Ind.; W. Edgar Frasher, Gen'l S. & T., 814 W. 9th st., Wilmington, Del. Philadelphia Division—Meets in Red Men's Hall, 17th and Union sts., near B. & O. depot, Wilmington, Del., third Saturday evenings in January, March, May, July, September and November at 8 p. m.; meetings in February, April, June, August, October and December, subject to call of Local Chairman. F. F. Sullivan, Local Chairman, Van Bibber, Md., Western District of the Baltimore Division. Meets subject to call of Local Chairman. W. Q. Stouffer, Local Chairman, Point of Rocks, Md. Eastern District of the Baltimore Division—Meets subject to call of Local Chairman. D. J. McGrath, Local Chairman, 2811 Frisby st., Baltimore, Md. "GO" General Office, Baltimore. Meets subject to call of the Local Chairman. C. B. Pierce, Local Chairman, 2021 Longwood st. (Walbrook), Baltimore, Md. Pittsburg Division, Pike River and P. & W. Districts—Meets 4th Thursday night of each month at 8 p. m. and 10 a. m., 4th Thursday in February, April, etc., 1914, at 417 Wood st., third floor, Pittsburg, Pa.; J. Yeager, Jr., Local Chairman Eastern District Pittsburg Division, 810 Bay Ridge ave., Brookline, Pittsburg, Pa.; E. J. Otwell, Local Chairman Western District of the Pittsburg Division, 120 Charles st., Knoxville, Mt. Oliver Station, Pittsburg, Pa. Cleveland Division—G. H. McCoy, Local Chairman, 1716 Wooster st., Massillon, Ohio. Chicago Division—Meets 3d Wednesday night of each month in Red Men's Hall, Defiance, Ohio. T. J. Eiler, Local Chairman Eastern District; G. H. Harer, Local Chairman Western District, Milford, Ind. Newark Division, including all its subdivisions and branches, will hereafter meet in Newark on the third Monday of each month. Meetings will be held alternately in the afternoon and evening, beginning with an evening meeting in December. J. P. Welsh, Local Chairman Eastern District of the Newark Division, R. F. D. No. 3, Box 17, Barnesville, Ohio. J. F. Iden, Local Chairman of the Western District of the Newark Division, 541 Maple ave., Newark, Ohio. New Castle Division meets last Saturday evening in each month in Central Labor Hall, 3d floor, Walsh Building, South Main st., Akron, Ohio. J. R. Ault, Local Chairman, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

- No. 34—Division covers the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railway System. Meets subject to the call of Chairman. J. V. Phillips, Gen'l Chairman, Wellington, Ill.; S. M. Rittenhouse, Gen'l S. & T., Sidell, Ill.
- No. 35, PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month in Swart's Lodge, Odd Fellows' Hall, 96 Westminster st., Providence, R. I. J. D. Vanderbeek, Chief Tel., 284 Montgomery ave., Providence, R. I.; W. J. Smith, S. & T., West Kingston, R. I.
- No. 36—Division covers the Pennsylvania Lines west of Pittsburgh. Meets subject to call of the Chairman. L. W. Quick, Acting Gen'l S. & T. Star Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.
- No. 37, NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y.—Meets 2d Friday evening each month, 8 o'clock, Lambden Bldg., 252 Main st., New Rochelle, N. Y. Theodore A. Reif, Chief Tel., 9 Abendroth place, Port Chester, N. Y.; B. E. S. Seaman, S. & T., 1210 Evergreen ave., New York, N. Y.; T. O. Tiger, Local Chairman, 907 Main st., Stamford, Conn.
- No. 38, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.—Meets 3d Saturday each month, 7:30 p. m., 373½ Main st., Springfield, Mass. Frank P. Sargent, Chief Tel., 24 Colton st., Merrick, Mass.; J. R. Cardinal, S. & T., 566 Main st., Springfield, Mass.
- No. 39—Division covers the Pere Marquette Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. Chicago-Muskegon Division holds regular monthly meetings in Eagle's Hall, Benton Harbor, Mich., on the 2d Saturday of each month at 8:15 p. m. W. A. Knister, Gen'l Chairman, Coatsworth, Ont.; W. R. Adair, Gen'l S. & T., 372 Goodwin ave., Detroit, Mich.
- No. 40—Division covers the Chesapeake & Ohio and Chesapeake & Ohio Indiana Lines. L. E. Hicks, Gen'l Chairman, Craigsville, Va.; J. W. Kiser, Gen'l S. & T., Barboursville, W. Va.; C. D. McGehee, Chairman Piedmont and Peninsula Districts, 2803 E. Clay st., Richmond, Va.; L. G. White, Chairman Rivanna District, Scottsville, Va.; H. S. Shuey, Chairman Mountain District, Craigsville, Va.; F. L. Fletcher, Chairman James River District, Eagle Rock, Va.; J. J. Holt, Chairman Allegheny and Greenbrier Districts, Covington, Va.; J. E. Wheatley, Chairman New River District, Prince, W. Va.; J. W. Kiser, Chairman Huntington Division, Barboursville, W. Va.; H. O. Irwin, Chairman Lexington and Big Sandy Districts, 416 E. Carter ave., Ashland, Ky.; G. F. Willis, Chairman Cincinnati District, Greenup, Ky.; E. W. Johnson, Chairman Chesapeake & Ohio of Indiana, Converse, Ind. Regular meetings are held at Richmond, Va., in Fraternity Hall, 215 W. Broad st., on the 4th Thursday night of each month; at Clifton Forge, Va., in I. O. O. F. Hall, on the 4th Saturday night, and at Hinton, W. Va., in the Big Four Building, on the third Thursday night of each month.
- No. 41, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets 2d Saturday night of each month, Engineers' Hall, 164 Canal st., Boston, Mass. T. J. Fogarty, Chief Tel., 71 Clarendon ave., West Somerville, Mass.; F. C. McGrath, S. & T., 614 Main st., Winchester, Mass.
- No. 42—Division covers the Erie Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. Joint meetings of the Meadville and Mahoning Divisions will be held at Warren, Ohio, corner Park ave. and Market st., every 3d Saturday of each month. New York Division, Branches and Side Lines—Regular meetings 3d Monday of each month, 8:30 p. m.; Union Hall, Grave and 4th sts., Jersey City, N. J. W. H. Husted, Gen'l Chairman, Richwood, Ohio; C. L. Bridge, Gen'l S. & T., Deposit, N. Y.
- No. 43—Division covers Canadian Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. Frank Munsey, Gen'l Chairman, Beaudette, Minn.; G. H. Palmer, Gen'l S. & T., Dauphin, Man.
- No. 44, NEW YORK, N. Y.—Meets 2d Saturday each month at 8 p. m. in Fraternity Hall, 22-24 Harriman ave., Jamaica, N. Y. C. B. Van Nostrand, Chief Tel., Hempstead, N. Y.; A. A. Leonard, Gen'l Chairman, 71 Puntine st., Jamaica, N. Y.; E. H. Decker, Asst Gen'l Chairman, No. 17 Sheridan ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.; L. Meringer, S. & T., 13 Cooper st., Brooklyn, N. Y.; L. Meringer, Chairman Towermen, 13 Cooper st., Brooklyn, N. Y.; A. Filby, Chairman Agents, 1055 East 34th st., Brooklyn, N. Y.; W. S. Leahy, Chairman Telegraphers, 4 Randall ave., Corona, N. Y.
- No. 45, WOODSVILLE, N. H.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., K. of P. Hall, Woodsville, N. H. Geo. A. Hamilton, Chief Tel., Wells River, Vermont; Geo. A. Wheeler, S. & T., Wells River, Vermont.
- No. 46—Division covers the Central of Georgia Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. C. H. Livsey, Gen'l Chairman, East Point, Ga.; O. S. Travis, Gen'l S. & T., Route 68, Atlanta, Ga. System meetings held at O. R. T. Hall, Macon, Ga., subject to call of Gen'l Chairman. Macon Division—Meets with Dixie Club, Federation Hall, Atlanta, Ga., every second Saturday night; O. S. Travis, Local Chairman, Route 68, Atlanta, Ga. Savannah Division meets at Macon, Ga., subject to call of Local Chairman. D. M. Rogers, Local Chairman, Register, Ga. Chattanooga Division meets at Lafayette, Ga., every second Sunday; Local Chairman, O. W. Bledsoe, Lafayette, Ga. Southwestern Division meets subject to call of Local Chairman. J. H. Randall, Jr., Box 25, Smithville, Ga. Columbus Division meets at Opelika, Ala., subject to call of Local Chairman. M. J. Newberry, Hollins, Ala.; F. S. Baskerville, Local Chairman Macon Terminals, Macon, Ga.
- No. 47—CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.—Meets 3d Thursday of each month at 8 p. m., at B. I. S. Hall, Charlottetown P. E. I. J. A. Kelly, Chief Tel., Charlottetown, P. E. I.; J. E. R. McEwen, S. & T., Charlottetown, P. E. I.

No. 48—Division covers the Detroit, Toledo & Ironton and Ann Arbor Railways. Meets subject to call of Chairman. G. H. Simmermon, Gen'l Chairman, Flat Rock, Mich.; J. S. Kneisley, Gen'l S. & T., Quincy, Ohio.

No. 49—Division covers the Denver & Rio Grande Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. H. J. Fulton, Gen'l Chairman, 112 E. 11th st., Leadville, Colo.; F. W. Moore, Local Chairman First Division, Room 6, Union Depot, Pueblo, Colo.; H. J. Fulton, Local Chairman Second Division, 112 E. 11th st. Leadville, Colo.; J. A. Ray, Local Chairman Third Division, Hotchkiss, Colo.; M. D. Wright, Local Chairman Fourth Division, La Veta Pass, Colo.; W. E. Hopkins, Local Chairman Utah Lines, 421 First ave., East Waterloo, Salt Lake City, Utah; A. E. Roberts, Gen'l S. & T., Fountain, Colo.

No. 51—Division covers Bessemer & Lake Erie Railway System. Meets the fourth Thursday of each month in Eagle's Hall, Greenville, Pa. F. N. Williams, Gen'l Chairman, Oakmont, Pa.; W. B. Risley, Gen'l S. & T., 96 Marshall st., Conneaut, Ohio.

No. 52, PITTSBURG, PA.—Meets 2d and 4th Saturday evening of each month at 7:45 p. m., 417 Wood st., 3d floor, Pittsburgh, Pa. J. G. Rothrock, Chief Tel., 3032 Bergman st., Sheridan, Pa.; H. K. Klingensmith, Secretary, 124 Suburban ave., Beechview, Pittsburgh, Pa.; C. C. Campbell, Treasurer, 108 Fremont st., Mt. Oliver Station, Pittsburgh, Pa.

No. 53—Division covers Southern Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to call of the Chairman. John E. Cowgill, Gen'l Chairman, Room 601, Argonaut Hotel, San Francisco, Cal.; D. C. Wells, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, 2500 Marengo st., New Orleans, La.; D. W. Koppikus, Gen'l S. & T., Oakville, Cal.

No. 54—Division covers the Northern Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. Sam Johnson, Gen'l Chairman, North Branch, Minn.; I. N. Holmes, Gen'l S. & T., 1009 E. 3d st., Olympia, Wash.

No. 55—Division covers the Wheeling & Lake Erie and Wabash, Pittsburg Terminal and West Side Belt Railways. Meets third Saturday evening of each month at Harmon, Ohio; J. O. Peoples, Gen'l Chairman, Bolivar, Ohio; C. E. Baltzer, Gen'l S. & T., P. O. Box 246, Navarre, Ohio; B. E. Miller, Local Chairman, W. & L. E. Telegraph Office, Navarre, Ohio; H. K. Bell, Local Chairman, Bolivar, Ohio; W. A. Albaugh, Local Chairman W. P. Ry. & W. S. B. R. R., Mingo Junction, Ohio.

No. 56—Division covers Georgia Southern & Florida Railway System. J. M. Wooten, Gen'l Chairman, Unadilla, Ga.; E. H. Baker, Gen'l S. & T., White Springs, Fla.

No. 57—Division covers the Houston & Texas Central Railway System. Meets every third

Saturday at 8:30 p. m., in Labor Temple, over 401 Main st., Dallas, Tex.; A. E. Laisure, Gen'l Chairman, Corsicana, Tex.; W. M. Moseley, Gen'l S. & T., Rice, Tex.

No. 59—Division covers the Southern, Northern Alabama and Virginia & Southwestern Railroads. Meets subject to call of Chairman. H. G. Alexander, Gen'l Chairman, 122 Tate st., Greensboro, N. C.; J. W. Burgess, G. S. & T., 223 Ninth st., S. W., Charlottesville, Va. Local Chairmen: J. W. Burgess, Washington Division, Charlottesville, Va.; R. W. Duncan, Danville Division, Pelham, N. C.; meets J. O. U. A. M. Hall, Greensboro, N. C.; 4th Saturday night; S. A. Davis, Richmond Division, South Boston, Va.; W. N. Thornton, Norfolk Division, Courtland, Va.; W. R. Little, Asheville Division, Barber, N. C.; W. E. Jones, Winston-Salem Division, Cooleenec, N. C.; R. B. Gibson, Murphy Division, Murphy, N. C.; W. H. Holmes, Charlotte Division (North), Lowell, N. C.; O. R. Doyle, Charlotte Division (South), Calhoun, S. C.; M. D. Denny, Acting Local Chairman Columbia Division, Lexington, S. C.; J. W. Sheely, Acting Local Chairman Spartanburg Division, Hodges, S. C. Columbia and Spartanburg Divisions meet first Sunday each month at 1632 Main st., Columbia, S. C. E. E. Cauthen, Charleston Division, Summerville, S. C.; H. L. Allen, Atlanta Division, Route No. 3, Atlanta, Ga.; J. C. Brown, Columbus Division, Yatesville, Ga.; R. A. Kipp, Northern Alabama Railway and Birmingham Division, 2500 31st st., Birmingham, Ala.; T. W. Cox, Mobile Division, Marvel, Ala.; R. F. Atchley, Memphis Division, Barton, Ala.; W. H. Cord, Knoxville Division, Charleston, Tenn.; meets third Saturday night, 8 p. m., K. P. Hall, Knoxville, Tenn.; C. B. Gray, Coster Division, 211 Walnut st., Knoxville, Tenn.; meets with Knoxville Division; C. F. Smith, Virginia & Southwestern Ry., Mendota, Va.; C. L. Watson, Louisville Division, Veechdale, Ky.; L. E. Crandall, St. Louis Division, Chrisney, Ind.

No. 60, WASHINGTON, D. C.—Meets first Wednesday of each month at 8 p. m., in Building Trades Hall, 610 G st., N. W., Washington, D. C. E. E. Bailey, Chief Tel., Rockville, Md.; W. J. Southworth, Sec'y-Treas., 48 H st., N. E., Washington, D. C.

No. 61, CAMPBELLTON, N. B.—Meets 4th Tuesday evenin each month in Engineers' Hall, Campbellton, N. B. A. Rauthier, Chief Tel., Assametafoghan, P. Q.; G. F. Ward, S. & T., Chatham, N. B.

No. 62—Division covers the Queen & Crescent Route (North). S. H. McCartt, Gen'l Chairman, Lancing, Tenn.; J. W. Anderson, Gen'l S. & T., Oakdale, Tenn.; E. H. Boutwell, Local Chairman Cincinnati Division, Walton, Ky. J. W. Anderson, Local Chairman Chattanooga Division, Oakdale, Tenn.; J. J. Carter, Local Chairman A. G. S. Division, York, Ala. Meetings subject to call of Chairman.

- No. 63, MONCTON, N. B.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month, alternating at Moncton, N. B., St. John's, N. B., and Sussex, N. B. R. A. Brown, Chief Tel., Salisbury, N. B.; R. M. Scribner, S. & T., Shediac Road, N. B.
- No. 64, LEVIS, QUE.—Meets 3d Tuesday of each month. Place of each following meeting to be chosen by a majority vote of members present at each regular meeting. A. Dion, Chief Tel., 17 d'Yourville st., Quebec, Que.; Wm. Parsons, S. & T., St. Germain, Grantham, Que.
- No. 65, ROCHESTER, N. H.—Meets at 7:30 p. m., 2d Saturday each month in G. A. R. Hall, Rochester, N. H. H. A. Beacham, Chief Tel., Union, N. H.; C. P. Lord, S. & T., 7 Lincoln st., Summerworth, N. H.
- No. 66, TRURO, N. S.—Meets 3d Wednesday each month, McKay's Hall (B. R. T. room). Inglis st., Truro, N. S. G. L. Roulston, Chief Tel., Westchester Station, N. S.; J. E. McDonald, S. & T., Belmont, N. S.
- No. 69—Division covers the Queen & Crescent Route (South). Meets subject to call of Chairman. M. V. Hickman, Gen'l Chairman, Heidelberg, Miss.; E. M. Bilbo, Gen'l S. & T., Q. & C. Yard Office, Meridian, Miss.; P. W. Burdeaux, Local Chairman, V. S. & P. R. R., Monroe, La.; H. O. Peavey, Local Chairman, A. & V. Ry., Meehan, Miss.; E. M. Bilbo, Local Chairman, N. O. & N. E. R. R., Meridian, Miss.
- No. 70—Division covers Great Northern Railway System.
- No. 71—Division covers the Minneapolis & St. Louis Ry. A. L. Gardner, Gen'l Chairman, Abbott, Iowa; J. C. Sandmier, Gen'l S. & T., Wauke, Iowa.
- No. 76—Division covers the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. Jas. Troy, Gen'l Chairman, Jewell, Iowa; Ira R. Kempkes, Gen'l S. & T., Nevada, Iowa.
- No. 77, DENVER, COLO.—Meets 1st Monday evening in each month at Markham Hotel, Denver, Colo.; F. Epplesheimer, Chief Tel., 2341 King st., Denver, Colo.; C. L. Cheney, S. & T., 935 Seventeenth st., Denver, Colo.
- No. 80—Division covers the N. O. M. & C. Ry. System. C. H. Thompson, Gen'l Chairman, Leaf, Miss.; H. C. Hughes, Acting G. S. & T., Mahned, Miss.
- No. 81—Division covers the Colorado Midland Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. A. C. Ellis, Gen'l Chairman, 209½ E. 7th st., Leadville, Colo.; H. M. Loveland, Gen'l S. & T., Howbert, Colo.
- No. 82—Division covers Western Maryland Ry. System. Meets subject to call of Gen'l Chairman and Local Chairman. R. E. Smith, Gen'l Chairman, Smithsburg, Md.; E. C. Kohlbaugh, Gen'l S. & T., 24 Eichelberger st., Hanover, Pa. Local Chairmen Maryland Division: C. E. Stouffer, Edgemont, Md., First District, including Middle Division and Fifth and Sixth Districts of Eastern Division; R. E. Smith, Smithsburg, Md., Second District, covering territory on Eastern Division from Security east to Hillen Station; E. C. Kohlbaugh, Hanover, Pa., Third District, covering territory from Fairfield, Pa. to Hampstead, Md., and the Fourth District, inclusive. West Virginia Division: C. G. Blair, Ohioptyle, Pa., Eastern District, covering territory from Connellsville, Pa., to W. Va., C. Junction and the G. C. & C. Ry.; N. T. Downs, Mill Creek, W. Va., Western District, covering territory east of W. Va., C. Junction to and including Durbin, W. Va.
- No. 83—Division covers the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the Chairman. C. S. Newcomb, Gen'l Chairman, Frankfort, Me.; J. L. Robbins, Gen'l S. & T., Grindstone, Me.
- No. 88—Division covers the Texas & Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to call of the Chairman. W. K. Gremillion, Gen'l Chairman, Donaldsonville, La.; B. T. Hambright, Gen'l S. & T., Roanoke, Tex.
- No. 89, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets 1st Saturday each month at 8 p. m., in Harmony Hall, also 3d Saturday each month at 10 a. m. (daylight meeting), in Harmony Hall, 694 Washington st., Boston, Mass. J. E. Kerns, Chief Tel., No. 2 Josephine ave., Medford, Mass.; J. H. McDermott, S. & T., 46 Crocker st., Mansfield, Mass.
- No. 91, CHICAGO, ILL.—Meets 1st Saturday of each month at 8:15 p. m., in Hall 912, Masonic Temple, cor. Randolph and State sts., Chicago. Ill. G. Dal Jones, Chief Tel., 2530 North Kedzie blvd., Chicago, Ill.; W. E. Carter, S. & T., 5443 Broadway, Chicago, Ill.
- No. 92—Division covers the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg Railway System. Meets subject to the call of Chairman. F. L. McGraw, Gen'l Chairman, Backus, McKean Co., Pa.; J. T. Simmons, Gen'l S. & T., 901 W. Long ave., Du Bois, Pa.
- No. 93—Division covers the Illinois Central Railroad and the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley Railroad. Meets subject to call of Chairman. C. A. Mulhall, Gen'l Chairman, Clarkson, Ky.; G. E. Chance, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, Mounds, Ill.; R. R. Green, Gen'l Chairman Y. & M. V. Lines, Doddsville, Miss.; R. L. Shannon, Gen'l S. & T., Anna, Ill.
- No. 94, MERIDIAN, MISS.—Meets 2d Saturday night of each month in Pythian Hall at Artesia, Miss.; W. W. Wilkins, Chief Tel., Brooksville, Miss.; C. E. Hendley, S. & T., Artesia, Miss.
- No. 95, PORTLAND, ME.—Meets 3d Thursday of each month at 546½ Congress st., Portland, Me. C. E. Adams, Chief Tel., Springvale, Me.; F. S. Twombly, S. & T., Buxton, Me.
- No. 96—Division covers Chicago Great Western Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. A. L. Colman, 402 Troup ave., Kansas City, Kan., Gen'l Chairman; C. E. Norris, Gen'l S. & T., Inver Grove, Minn.

- No. 97—Division covers the Seaboard Air Line Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. D. May, Gen'l Chairman, Carlton, Ga.; F. O. Cumming, Gen'l S. & T., 15 Dinwiddie st., Portsmouth, Va.; J. T. Benn, Local Chairman Virginia Division, Thelma, N. C.; E. H. Moore, Local Chairman North Carolina Division, Marshville, N. C.; Frank Taylor, Local Chairman Georgia Division, Lawrenceville, Ga.; W. L. Tidwell, Local Chairman Alabama Division, Helena, Ga.; J. L. Vining, Local Chairman South Carolina Division, Macclenny, Fla.; F. W. Brown, Local Chairman Florida Division, Cedar Keys, Fla.
- No. 99, COBALT, ONT.—Covers Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Ry. Meets at Englehart, 2d Sunday in May, July, September, November and January, or on call of Gen'l Chairman. F. J. Murray, Chief Tel., Englehart, Ont.; J. B. Flagler, Gen'l Chairman, Englehart, Ont.; M. R. Doherty, S. & T., Uno Park, Ont.
- No. 102, PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Meeting place subject to notice from Secretary and Treasurer. J. J. McLaughlin, S. & T., 15 North Dover st., Philadelphia, Pa.
- No. 103, STELLARTON, N. S.—G. L. Tattrie, Chief Tel., New Glasgow, N. S.; J. P. Swift, S. & T., New Glasgow, N. S.
- No. 104, AYER, MASS.—Meets 3d Sunday of each month at 9:30 a. m., in Room 5, Oxford House, Clinton, Mass. C. A. Wheeler, Chief Tel., Berlin, Mass.; James P. Rutledge, S. & T., Box 174, Clinton, Mass.
- No. 105, CONCORD, N. H.—Meets third Saturday each month at 7:30 p. m., in Concord Hall, Concord, N. H. J. T. Turcotte, Chief Tel., Pembroke, N. H.; H. M. Clay, S. & T., Gerrish, N. H.
- No. 106, HAGERSTOWN, MD.—Meets 3d Thursday of each month at 8 p. m., 8 Court Place, Hagerstown, Md. John H. Goshorn, Chief Tel., Greencastle, Pa.; J. K. Snyder, S. & T., Box 46, Hagerstown, Md.
- No. 108, ADDISON, N. Y.—Meets 2d Monday each month at 8 p. m., Edgcomb Hotel, Galeton, Pa. E. C. Cole, Chief Tel., Cowanesque, Pa.; C. E. Belcher, S. & T., Osceola, Pa.
- No. 111—Division covers San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. W. D. McGee, Gen'l S. & T., 320 Concord st., Los Angeles, Cal.
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- No. 116—Division covers the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Railway System. Meets 2d Sunday of February, April, June, August, October and December, in places designated by Gen'l Chairman. P. M. Stillman, Gen'l Chairman, Seney, Mich.; C. W. Danielson, Gen'l S. & T., Chassell, Mich.
- No. 117, SHAMOKIN, PA.—Meets at Milton, Pa., in S. of V. Hall, 4th Saturday of following months at 7:15 p. m.: January, February, April, May, July, August, October and November, and at Catawissa, Pa., in S. of V. Hall, 4th Saturday of the following months at 7:30 p. m.: March, June, September and December. H. M. Michael, S. & T., Quakake, Pa.
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- No. 124—Division covers Lehigh Valley Ry. System. L. W. Quick, Acting Gen'l S. & T., 711 Star Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.
- No. 125—Division covers Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Railway System. Meets at 8 p. m., the 2d Friday of each month, at Fredericksburg. E. A. Foster, Gen'l Chairman, Potomac, Va.; J. C. Farmer, Gen'l S. & T., Fredericksburg, Va.
- No. 126—Division covers Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway System. W. T. Brown, Gen'l Chairman, Room 314, New England Building, Topeka, Kan.; C. H. Meador, Gen'l S. & T., Room, 314, New England Building, Topeka, Kan.
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- No. 128—Division covers the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. L. A. Tanquary, Gen'l Chairman, Board of Trade Bldg., Pueblo, Colo.; L. W. Quick, Acting Gen'l S. & T., St. Louis, Mo.
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- No. 130—Division covers Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. J. F. Carder, Gen'l Chairman, 717 S. 4th st., Burlington, Iowa; J. H. Rogers, Jr., Gen'l S. & T., 717 N. 10th st., La Crosse, Wis.
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- No. 139, NORTH ADAMS, MASS.—Meets on the 2d Saturday of each month in Odd Fellows' Hall, North Adams, Mass. O. A. Pitcher, Chief Tel., Charlemont, Mass.; J. W. Banker, S. & T., Schaghticoke, N. Y.
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- No. 152, NASHUA, N. H.—Meets every 3d Sunday of each month at 10:30 a. m., in Elks' Hall, Beasom Block, cor. Main and Factory sts., Nashua, N. H.; H. E. Heath, Chief Tel., Pone-mah, N. H.; J. Wilfrid Vaillancourt, S. & T., 111 Allds st., Nashua, N. H.
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- No. 156, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets in Rathbone Hall, 694 Washington st., Boston, Mass. Day-light meeting 1st Tuesday of each month at 10 a. m. Night meetings 3d Saturday of each month at 7 p. m. Robert H. Buxton, Chief Tel., 8 Dresden st., Jamaica Plain, Boston, Mass.; James Melville, S. & T., 2 Kearsarge ave., Roxbury, Boston, Mass.
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raphers employed by roads entering Denver, all of whom should make a special effort to attend. C. L. Cheney, Pres., 935 Seventeenth st., Denver, Colo.; D. O. Shoults, S. & T., Room 39, Union Depot, Denver, Colo.

THE O. R. T. CLUB (Omaha Railroad Telegraphers' Club)—Meets 8 p. m. Monday following the 3d Tuesday of each month, in Assembly Room, Paxton Hotel, Omaha, Neb. Joseph Ackerman, Pres., 3023 S. 21st st., Omaha, Neb.; Jas. Freeder, S. & T., 2617 Cass st., Omaha, Neb. All O. R. T. members are cordially invited to attend. This club is organized more particularly in the interest of telegraphers employed on all roads entering Omaha, who should make special effort to attend our meetings.

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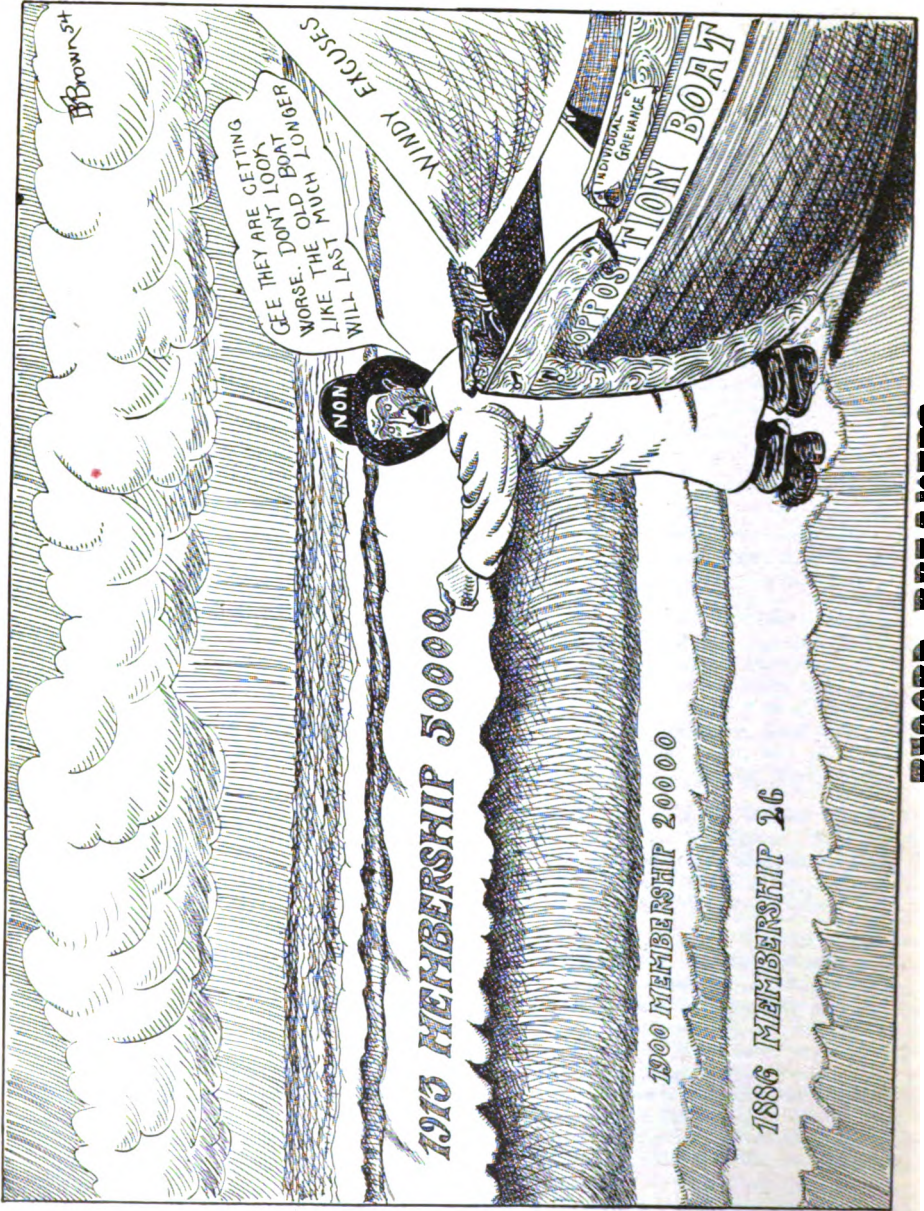
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The Bartlett-Bacon Bills

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MEMBERSHIP of Judiciary Committees, to which the Bartlett-Bacon (labor's) bills were referred.

Every division, as well as every individual member of each division, is urged to immediately address a letter to each member of the two judiciary committees and also to their own United States Senators and Representatives in Congress, urging favorable action at once on the Bartlett-Bacon bills. Members, do your duty now. The committees are as follows:

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Since current discussion has been largely upon a matter of vital importance to many millions of people whose welfare has been entrusted to your keeping, and since special interests have endeavored to prejudice the minds of legislators and the public and to place them at variance with the contention of the workers thereon, there rests upon me an imperative duty, not only to those upon whom the dead weight and burden of industry have ever fallen, but to you, that you may avoid being placed in opposition to labor's contentions without having had them fully and completely presented for your consideration.

The matter to which I refer is embodied in the Bartlett-Bacon bill (H. R. 1873, S. 927), Sixty-third Congress.

I am addressing you to explain why the working men and women demand, as a matter of social justice and humanity, that they be given relief from the status in which they are now placed by reason of court interpretations of the Sherman anti-trust law of 1890.

The history of those who toil has been one of pathos and bitter struggle, one of great suffering and indomitable courage.

In the earlier centuries the toilers were compelled to work at the will or caprice of masters who owned their bodies and their labor power. Living beings with human hearts and brains were legally and socially rated as things, property. As a result of the barbarian invasions that overturned the social, economic and political institutions of Europe and produced feudalism, it was expedient that changes be made in the status of the workers—they were made serfs and villeins. Although their bodies were made free, the overlord retained an ownership in their labor power. From this status, this semi-thralldom, the workers struggled to secure more definite and more advantageous terms affecting the services they owned, until finally they reached the level of freedom of contract.

Yet liberty, equality in justice, equal opportunity, had then not been won, nor are they yet assured to those who have always been the oppressed, wherever or whenever oppression has existed. They had no voice or influence in determining the laws of the land, or in selecting the administrative agents who made them effective. The laws of the land had been made by those whose interest, environment, experience in no way touched the world of the workers; political and judicial theories, precedents, were in accord with the convictions and viewpoints of the controlling classes; intellectual life and interests were isolated from the work-a-day world. Ethical and moral standards were as yet untouched by enlightened and merciful humanitarianism. It was the task of the workers to present their pleas and conceptions of justice so that established practices and standards might be broadened to include the welfare of all the people. This was the task laid upon untutored, undisciplined workers. Opposed to them were the keenest, most subtle intellects and forces vested interests could retain. Each forward step was fiercely contested. The controlling interests would not abandon their special privileges even when once lost, but sought to regain them by circumvention, sophistry, and legal chicanery.

Law is a product of two elements—the imperative and the traditional. Most of our difficulties have arisen through the second element. Precedents and judicial interpretation, determined by the individual bias of the judge or by prevailing economic and political philosophy, have been obstacles to the adoption of newer ideals of justice and to the shifting of standards to suit changing conditions.

These are some of the difficulties which the workers of today inherit from the past ages. They explain why the workers of today have to combat legal and economic theories which accord to employers certain rights to labor power, and why greater consideration has been paid to safeguarding wealth than to safeguarding the freedom of the men who help to create that wealth. The working men of our country ask most seriously and solemnly whether it is just that property be hedged about by inviolable sanctity, while they are denied normal activities in furtherance of the interests of human beings.

When feudal regulation of labor conditions was broken down by the disturbances resulting from the black death, a system of State regulation was inaugurated. This was never effective and completely failed under the changes set up by the "industrial revolution." With the coming of the factory system, individual relations between employers and employed became impossible, and the workers were powerless to protect their rights, interests, and even their lives. Collective action by workmen in furtherance of their own interests, as opposed to those of the employers, was legislated against as "conspiracy." According to the old political and economic theories of justice, employes had no right to withhold labor power necessary to the operation of the employer's business, a theory evolved under the conditions of the former periods when workmen were the master's property. We, in our country, inherit many of the problems and theories from the old country, and some are of our own making. It took years to secure relief from the old "conspiracy" laws which curbed and restricted the workers in pro-

tecting and promoting their industrial rights and interests. When at last it seemed that efforts of the toilers were to be rewarded, the courts of the United States, by interpretations which amounted to judicial legislation, applied the Sherman anti-trust law to trade unions in a way which virtually and actually revived the conspiracy laws.

When the courts applied the Sherman anti-trust law to labor organizations, it created an offense never intended by the makers of that law. As has been repeated again and again, but never refuted, as an investigation of the *Congressional Record* will prove, the men who drafted the Sherman anti-trust act, Senators Sherman, Edmunds and George, did not intend that it should apply to organizations instituted not for profit. On March 25, 1890, when the bill was before the Senate, Senator Sherman insisted upon the following amendment:

"Provided, that this act shall not be construed to apply to any arrangements, agreements, or combinations between laborers, made with a view to lessening the number of hours of labor or the increasing of their wages; nor to any arrangements, agreements, or combinations among persons engaged in horticulture or agriculture, made with a view of enhancing the price of their own agricultural or horticultural products."

Senators George and Edmunds did not oppose the amendment, but regarded it as surplusage. The amendment was agreed to while the Senate was sitting in Committee of the Whole. On March 26th, when the bill came up again for consideration, Senator Stewart, of Nevada, said:

"The original bill has been very much improved and one of the great objections has been removed from it by the amendment offered by Senator Sherman which relieves the class of persons who would have been first under the prosecution under the original bill without amendment. * * * The bill ought now to be satisfactory to every person who is opposed to the oppression of labor and desires to see it properly rewarded."

In advocating the amendment, Senator Hoar said in part:

"I hold we may constitutionally and wisely allow laborers to make association * * * for the sake of maintaining and advancing their wages * * * their contracts are made with corporations who are but associations or combinations of capital on the other side. When we are promoting and even encouraging that, we are encouraging what is not only lawful, wise, and profitable, but absolutely essential to the existence of the Commonwealth itself."

Afterwards the bill was referred to the Committee on Judiciary, where the amendment was suppressed.

Because of the failure to include this amendment in the law, organized labor was always apprehensive that attempts would be made to pervert the act from its real purpose. Nor were we mistaken, and that is why we now seek legislative relief that organized labor may not be prohibited from doing things "not in themselves unlawful."

That which we seek is not class legislation. It is a common custom in speaking to couple together the words "labor and capital," as though they stood for things of similar natures. Capital stands for material, tangible things, things separate and distinct from personality; labor is a human attribute, indissolubly bound up with the human body. It is that by which man expresses the thought, the purpose, the self that is his own individuality; if he is a free man, he has the right to control this means of self-expression. This he values above all, for if he lose this right to decide the granting or withholding of his own labor, then freedom ceases and slavery begins.

Under the present industrial order with its concentration of industry on the one hand, and the division and sub-division of work on the other, the individual working man is unable to maintain his right of self-assertion unaided, hence workers instituted organizations and banded together to secure for themselves wider freedom of action, to regain their economic and social power they lost by the conditions mentioned. To classify these com-

binations, not for profit and without capital stock, in the same category with corporations, trusts, and monopolies, is forcing an indefensible classification, and grouping together things of a directly opposite character.

The associations of working people, commonly known as labor unions, deal not with property, material things, but with labor power alone, with lives, happiness, rights and welfare of men, women and children. They strive for the uplift and conservation of the nation itself.

Corporations, trusts and monopolies aim to create monopoly conditions, to manipulate capital and production so as to secure monopoly profits. It is most unjust to try to co-ordinate these two inherently different kinds of organizations and to apply to them similar regulations. Justice does not necessarily result from the application of identical provisions to all people, or to all groups or associations of people. On the contrary, it works injustice if the conditions, rights and purposes are dissimilar or the people unequally situated. Theoretical justice only becomes real justice when the men as well as the deeds are taken into consideration.

It is impossible to legislate equitably for "labor" and "capital" under the same law. Certainly it is not class legislation to make different provisions for two things inherently different, aiming at different purposes and employing different methods. The provisions of no law will admit of universal indiscriminate application.

This is no "special privilege" or "exemption" that organized labor asks. Our demand for justice is that working men and women, and their organizations, shall not be prosecuted for entering into any combination or agreement having in view the increasing of wages, the shortening of hours, or the bettering of conditions of labor, or for any act done in furtherance thereof *not in itself "unlawful."*

Attention is respectfully and particularly called to those last four words that have been so persistently and unfairly suppressed by the press and our opponents. We are not seeking to be permitted to do criminal acts, but are demanding that the

rights of which we have been deprived by judicial interpretation be restored to us. We are not asking to be "exempt" from the application of a law which properly applies to labor organizations as well as to other voluntary associations organized not for profit, but we are asking that inherent differences that exist be recognized by the laws and the courts as well as by reason.

The mere fact that a law or a legal precedent exists, does not necessarily imply that it works justice. Oppression and wrong may become established, and under the cloak of authority and regularity take on a prestige and a sanctity usually ascribed to accepted rules of justice. These are the insidious forces that have fought labor under the guise of conspiracy laws, and now seek to accomplish their purpose by interpreting the Sherman anti-trust law as a modernized conspiracy act.

Those rights which we wish restored are rights necessary to conducting the normal activities of labor organizations. Labor organizations are formed to protect the workers and their rights against the cupidity of employers and combinations of employers dealing in the products created by labor power. The right to cease work, to strike, to withhold labor power, is essential to the maintenance of the freedom of the workers. It would be impossible to retain present advantages, or to increase wages, or better conditions of work, without the right or the power to strike not only as individuals, but as organizations. Organized labor does not advocate strikes. On the contrary we deplore the necessity for them, but we know, and we know from actual experience, how powerless and helpless workmen would be to protect themselves without the right and the power to strike. To make acts in furtherance of these purposes either enjoined or punishable both by fines and imprisonment takes from the associations of workers that which gives them virility and effectiveness.

The men and the organizations that have instituted suits against labor unions under this law, the methods that have been employed and the charges made, make it

manifest beyond a doubt that the purpose of the prosecutions is not to prevent restraint of trade or competition, but to disrupt or make ineffective labor organizations.

Those who have been in the ditches, the factories, the grinding toil of modern industry, know what the labor movement has done for human progress and welfare. Those who work for the steel corporations, the tobacco trust, know what it is to deal with organized employers without collective protection. In the light of these facts, which are well known, would it not be well to consider seriously whether or not this fear of alleged "conspiracies" of labor associations should be allowed to pervert an effort to arrive at standards of justice that do not sacrifice human rights to the right to conduct business?

Peaceful, rightful attempts to secure advantages for labor or to resist deterioration and oppression have been deemed "combinations in restraint of trade." The Workmen's Amalgamated Council of New Orleans struck to induce the employers to make a beneficial joint agreement with union labor—a purpose certainly not in restraint of trade. No violence was charged, and yet the court ruled, "the defendants were in restraint of trade." In the case of *Loewe vs. Lawlor et al.*, it was offered and accepted as evidence of "conspiracy" that out of eighty-two manufacturers of hats in the United States, seventy were in agreement with the union of hat makers to maintain the best standards of wages and other labor conditions prevailing in the trade. Is it any wonder that the men of labor have been forced to the conclusion that judicial interpretation of conspiracy is synonymous with successful hostility to the humanizing influences of unionism? It is absurd to argue that activities of organized labor are intended to destroy or injure business; such a result would defeat the very purpose they have in view.

Even should the activities of labor organizations be rightfully classified as conspiracies, has not the time come when it must be considered whether these "conspiracies" of organized labor do not do more to further the advancement of humanity and national

welfare than the property interests which have been heretofore carefully safeguarded? It is no "man of straw" that we fear in the application of the Sherman anti-trust law to organized labor.

While it is unthinkable that the organized labor movement can be crushed out of existence, yet the repression of normal activities thus rousing among the workers resentment at injustice, and the denial to them of legal methods of redress, would lead to situations and conditions which thoughtful, patriotic citizens can not consider without dread.

This struggle of the working people to secure individual rights and liberty has not been confined to our own country. In England the same problems have been confronted and solved. In 1824 Parliament enacted that no workman should be:

"Subject or liable to any indictment or prosecution for conspiracy, or to any other criminal information or punishment whatever, *under the common or statute law*, for 'entering into any combination to obtain an advance, or to fix the rates of wages, or to lessen or alter the hours or duration of the time of working, or to decrease the quantity of work, or to induce another to depart from his service before the end of the time or term for which he is hired, or to quit or return to his work before the same shall be finished, or, not being hired, to refuse to enter into work or employment, or to regulate the mode of carrying on any manufacture, trade or business, or the management thereof.'"

For a while the toilers were released from "legal shackles," but the courts by judicial legislation and interpretation, in England as here, sought again to bind on the chains. As soon as legislative relief was given against the judicial theory of "criminal conspiracy" under the common law, the interests took refuge behind the doctrine of "civil conspiracy." Finally the workmen won their fight by securing the British Trade Disputes Act of 1906, which contains the following provisions:

"1.—The following paragraph shall be added as a new paragraph after the first paragraph of section three of the Con-

spiracy and Protection of Property Act, 1875:

"'An act done in pursuance of an agreement or combination by two or more persons shall, if done in contemplation or furtherance of a trade dispute, not be actionable unless the act, if done without any such agreement or combination, would be actionable.'

"2.—(1) It shall be lawful for one or more persons, acting on their own behalf or on behalf of a trade union or of an individual employer or firm in contemplation or furtherance of a trade dispute, to attend at or near a house or place where a person resides or works, or carries on business or happens to be, if they so attend merely for the purpose of peacefully obtaining or communicating information, or of peacefully persuading any person to work or abstain from working.

"(2) Section seven of the Conspiracy and Protection of Property Act, 1875, is hereby repealed from 'attending at or near' to the end of the section.

"3.—An act done by a person in contemplation or furtherance of a trade dispute shall not be actionable on the ground only that it induces some other person to break a contract of employment or that it is an interference with the trade, business or employment of some other person, or with the right of some other person to dispose of his capital or his labor as he wills.

"4.—(1) An action against a trade union, whether of workmen or masters, or against any members or officials thereof on behalf of themselves and all other members of the trade union in respect of any tortious act alleged to have been committed by or on behalf of the trade union, shall not be entertained by any court.

"(2) Nothing in this section shall affect the liability of the trustees of a trade union to be sued in the events provided for by the Trades Union Act, 1871, section nine, except in respect of any tortious act committed by or on behalf of the union in contemplation or in furtherance of a trade dispute.

"5.—(1) This act may be cited as the Trade Disputes Act, 1906, and the Trade Union Acts, 1871, and 1876, and this act

may be cited together as the Trade Union Acts, 1871 to 1906.

"(2) In this act the expression 'trade union' has the same meaning as in the Trade Union Acts, 1871 and 1876, and shall include any combination as therein defined, notwithstanding that such combination may be the branch of a trade union.

"(3) In this act and in the Conspiracy and Protection of Property Act, 1875, the expression 'trade dispute' means any dispute between employers and workmen, or between workmen and workmen, which is connected with the employment or non-employment or the terms of the employment, or with the condition of labor, of any person, and the expression 'workmen' means all persons employed in trade or industry, whether or not in the employment of the employer with whom a trade dispute arises; and, in section three of the last-mentioned act, the words 'between employers and workmen' shall be repealed."

It may not be amiss to quote here the declaration upon this subject of the Democratic party platform of 1908 which was repealed in 1912:

"The expanding organization of industry makes it essential that there should be no abridgment of the right of wage-earners and producers to organize for the protection of wages and the improvements of labor conditions, to the end that such labor organizations and their members should not be regarded as illegal combinations in restraint of trade."

In his speech of acceptance of the presidential nomination by the Democratic party, Honorable Woodrow Wilson took occasion to make the following declaration:

"The working people of America—if they must be distinguished from the minority that constitutes the rest of it—are, of course, the backbone of the nation. No law that safeguards their life, that improves the physical and moral conditions under which they live, that makes their (the working people of America) hours of labor rational and tolerable, that gives them freedom to act in their own interests, and that protects them where they can not protect themselves, can properly be regarded as class legislation or as anything but a measure taken in

the interest of the whole people, whose partnership in right action we are trying to establish and make real and practical. It is in this spirit that we shall act if we are genuine spokesmen of the whole country."

The Progressive party platform of 1912 contained the following declarations upon this subject:

"The Progressive party, in order to secure to the people a better administration of justice, and by that means bring about a more general respect for the law and the courts, pledges itself to work unceasingly for the reform of legal procedure and judicial methods.

"We believe that the issuance of injunctions in cases arising out of labor disputes should be prohibited when such injunctions would not apply when no labor disputes existed.

"We believe also that a person cited for contempt in labor disputes, except when contempt was committed in the actual presence of the court, or so near thereto as to interfere with the proper administration of justice, should have a right to trial by jury. * * *

"We favor the organization of the workers, men and women, as a means of protecting their interests and of promoting their progress."

Mr. Wilson, presidential candidate of the Democratic party, and Mr. Roosevelt, candidate for president of the Progressive party, represented the principles enunciated in the two party platforms of 1912. Those principles quoted above, declared in favor of the legislation urged by the workers, and received, computing together the votes for both the Democratic and Progressive presidential candidates, 10,412,977 votes as against Mr. Taft, the candidate of the Republican party, which did not declare for labor's principles, who received 3,484,974 votes. Surely no one can, therefore, truthfully declare that the people are not in sympathy with that which the workers deem so necessary for their welfare. The people desire the welfare of human beings and seek information how best to promote their purposes. The spirit of the age is sympathetic, humane.

But overwhelming as was the indorsement by the people of this legislation, it is submitted that the fundamental principles involved in the assertion of labor's rights should be more amply set forth. Those principles are based upon established truths. Who will gainsay that the ownership of a free man is vested in himself alone?

The only reason for the ownership of bondmen or slaves is the ownership of their labor power by their masters. Therefore, it follows that if free men's ownership of themselves involves their labor power, none but themselves are owners of their labor power. If a free man by choice or by reason of his environment sells his labor power to another and is paid a wage in return, this wage is his own. This proposition is so essentially true that it is the underlying idea upon which is based the entire theory of private property. To question or to attempt to destroy the principle enunciated, involves the entire structure of civilized society.

- The free man's ownership of himself and his labor power implies that he may sell it to another or withhold it; that he may, with others similarly situated, sell his labor power or withhold it; that no man has even an implied property right in the labor of another; that a free man may sell his labor power under stress of his needs, or he may withhold it to obtain more advantageous returns.

Labor power is not a product; it is human ability to produce. Because of its very nature it can not be regarded as a trust or a corporation, formed in restraint of trade. Any legislation or court construction dealing with the subject of organizations, corporations, or trusts which curtail or corner the products of labor, can have no true application to the association of free men in the disposition or withholding of their labor power.

The attempt to deny to free men, by injunction or other process, the right of association, the right to withhold their labor power or to induce others to withhold their labor power, whether these men be engaged in an industrial dispute with employers, or whether they be other workmen who have taken the places of those engaged in the

original dispute, is an invasion of men's ownership of themselves and of their labor power, and is a claim of some form of property right in the workmen who have taken the places of strikers or men locked out.

If the ownership of free men is vested in themselves and in them alone, they have not only the right to withhold their labor power, but to induce others to make common cause with them and to withhold their labor power also that the greatest advantage may accrue to all. It further follows that if free men may avail themselves of the lawful right of withholding their labor power, they have the right to do all lawful things in pursuit of that lawful purpose. Neither court injunctions nor other processes have any proper application to deny to free men these lawful, constitutional and inherent rights.

In the disposition of the wages from the sale of labor power, man is also his own free agent. All things that he may lawfully buy, he may also lawfully abstain from buying. He may purchase from whomsoever he will, or he may give his patronage to another. What he may do with his wages in the form of bestowing or withholding his patronage, he may lawfully agree with others to do.

No corporation or company has a vested interest in the patronage of a free man. If this be true, and its truth can not be controverted upon any legal basis, free men may bestow their patronage upon any one or withhold it, or bestow it upon another. And this, too, whether in the first instance the business concern is hostile or friendly. It is true for any good reason, and, in the last analysis, for no reason at all.

It is not a question of whether we like or dislike lockouts or strikes, boycotts or blacklists. The courts have declared that lockouts and blacklists and all that pertain thereto are not unlawful. It is difficult to understand, then, unless the courts have the concept that an employer has some form of property right in the laborer or the laborer's patronage, how they are justified in stretching their authority, perverting the purpose of the law, and undertaking by the injunc-

tive process to outlaw either the strike or the boycott.

To claim that what one man may lawfully do becomes unlawful or criminal when done by two or more men, is equal to asserting that nought and nought make two.

The legislation sought is not what can be termed "class legislation" if that expression is interpreted in the disparaging sense implied by those opposed to Labor's position. Practically all legislation is group or class legislation. Universal categories of the Kantian type can deal only with metaphysical principles. Specific laws deal with groups clearly differentiated from others and possessing common characteristics. Unlike quantities, groups, or conditions, can not be subjected to the same controls, if justice is the end sought. It follows, then, that special legislation is necessary and just, provided, however, that the differentiation is based upon correct principles. This fundamental truth has been upheld by the judiciary in the following decisions:

"Legislation which, in carrying out a public purpose, is limited in its application, if within the sphere of its operation it affects all persons similarly situated, is not within the amendment (the fourteenth amendment). (*Barbier vs. Connolly Laundry Case*, U. S. 27; *United Railway Company vs. Beckwith*, 129 U. S. 26, and cases cited therein; *Railroad Cattle Damage case*.)

"The inhibitions of that section (section 1 of the fourteenth amendment) are laid upon the action of the several States and have no reference to legislation by Congress. (Chinese summary trial, presumption of guilt; in *re Sing Lee*, 54 Fed. Rep., 337.)

"The equal protection of the law * * * does not forbid classification. * * * The power of classification has been upheld whenever such classification proceeds upon any difference which has a reasonable relation to the object sought to be accomplished. (*Atchison Railway vs. Matthews*, 174 U. S. 103. See also *Kentucky Railroad tax cases*, 115 U. S. 321.)

"Classification must also rest upon some difference which bears a reasonable and just relation to the act in respect to which the classification is proposed, and can never be made arbitrarily and without any such

basis. (*Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway vs. Ellis*, 165 U. S., 155.)"

The fact, then, that organizations not for profit but for securing humanitarian benefits for the workers, would be exempt from the application of the provisions of the Sherman anti-trust law would not constitute a reason for declaring the measure unconstitutional—such a decision would depend upon whether there are real or inherent differences between the voluntary associations of working people (organized not for profit), and monopolies or combinations whose sole purpose is profit, or upon whether the application of the law to the two kinds of organizations would produce similar results.

Such differences do exist. Organizations of labor have their origin in human need; they seek human welfare and betterment; they have to do with human labor power. Capitalistic monopolies have their origin in desire for larger profits; they seek economic control and the elimination of competitive rivals; they deal in material things, in the products of labor, in wealth.

Between capital and labor there is a vital and fundamental difference, an understanding of which is essential to those upon whom falls the responsibility of dealing with matters influencing the freedom of men.

Capital consists in material things, which are external, useful and appropriable.

Capital is that which a man has, not what he is.

To classify skill, knowledge, labor power as capital is an error in terminology that has crept into the thinking of some economists and political scientists.

It is an error conducive to grave injury to the working people.

These attainments or attributes are not possessions of the individual; they are the individual and can not be separated from personality. Cultivation of powers and ability increases the potential labor power, increases and enriches the resourcefulness and efficiency of the individual. But these things are subjective, immaterial, and are not in themselves capital. The individual may be able, powerful, and therefore fortunate, but it does not necessarily follow

therefrom that he has capital. The wealth which he may produce and use as capital is separate and distinct from himself.

It follows, then, that to apply to voluntary associations of working people (commonly called labor organizations) which are concerned with individuals and their powers, the same regulations as are applied to organizations manipulating the products of labor leads to mischievous results and perversion of justice. Legislation recognizing the inherent difference between these two kinds of organizations could not be condemned as unconstitutional on the charge of unjustifiable discrimination.

After considering the charge of "class legislation" from the angle of "difference of kind," it remains to take up the matter as to whether the law would produce similar effects upon both kinds of organizations. The effect upon trusts and monopolies of the application of the Sherman anti-trust law is an open question, the discussion of which is not essential to the matter in hand. Suffice it to say, the law aims at the prohibition of conspiracies, monopolies, or combinations in restraint of material things, the re-establishment of competitive conditions in material things. So far as the law has been invoked against labor organizations, it has been directed against two kinds of collective action—the withholding of labor power and the withholding of patronage. It is at once evident that both labor power and patronage are not capital or material things, property, to which that law was intended to apply, but are subjective, personal.

If labor power and patronage are treated as something to be controlled as property, then so much of the individual no longer belongs to himself. The individual, like a nation, can not exist part slave and part free—it must be either one or the other.

A free man has the right to bestow or withhold his labor power and his patronage whenever or wherever he may wish. To gainsay this right is to deny freedom. Since no individual is given any legal or inherent proprietary right in a man's labor power or patronage, he can not be aggrieved or afforded grounds for action when they are withheld from him. Labor power and

patronage are what make the individual workmen effective and forceful—they constitute his principal protection and means of self-expression. They must be guarded as the foundation of individual freedom, the precious birth-right of a man free to be himself and to possess his own soul.

Not only must the theoretical right to bestow or withhold labor power and patronage be maintained, but this must be given reality and effectiveness by permitting men to pursue lawful courses of action in exercising this right. If the end is lawful and worthy, then the normal means for attaining that end must also be recognized as legal and necessary. Justice must be reasonable and practical. There has been an attempt—it matters not whether consciously or unconsciously—to build up a legal fiction which tends to nullify these rights by discrediting and misrepresenting the means by which they are exercised.

The legal mind is strongly influenced by the traditional element of the law developing out of the observance of precedents in its application. It is concerned for consistency, for continuity of even an antiquated concept.

Consequently, the old legal concept that labor unions and their normal activities for making their demands effective are either conspiracies or partake of the characteristics of conspiracies, is very hard to dislodge from the legal mind, and continues to influence many decisions and arguments. Lawyers of this type speak the orthodox vernacular, and their curiously twisted phrases take on the semblance of accepted principles and lines of reasoning. Yet the heterogenous elements of their legal fictions appear somewhat incongruous and mystifying to the layman. They speak of an unlawful combination or conspiracy to accomplish a lawful purpose, and of a lawful combination to accomplish some criminal or unlawful purpose, or to accomplish some purpose not in itself criminal or unlawful, by criminal or unlawful means, as being equally criminal. Then by using one or more of these hypotheses, together with the use of precedents based upon the principle that labor combinations and collective action are conspiracies, lawyers and judges have restricted labor organizations in their

elemental, normal activities intended to promote the welfare of those who toil. In this connection permit me to call your attention to these memorable words of Junius upon the nature of precedent:

"If any honest man, and, I may truly affirm, a laborious zeal for the public service has given me any weight in your esteem, let me exhort and conjure you never to suffer an invasion of your political constitution, however minute the instance may appear, to pass by, without determined, persevering resistance. One precedent creates another. They soon accumulate and constitute law. What yesterday was fact, today is doctrine. Examples are supposed to justify the most dangerous measures, and where they do not suit exactly, the defect is supplied by analogy. Be assured that the laws, which protect us in our civil rights, grow out of the constitution, and that they must fall or flourish with it."

This legal fiction of theoretical justice and equal protection of all men under the law does not accord with the facts as experienced by those upon whom the burden of the world's heavy toil has fallen. This legal fiction represents what might be called visible or outward justice. But greater and more real than this is the invisible or real justice that is not bound by theory or convention, but goes straight to the heart of things, takes into account facts and modifying conditions, and is not circumscribed and bound by conventions and precedents. That is the justice too often gagged, bound and wellnigh stifled by lawyers. That is the justice that must be rescued and established by our statesmen, if liberty and freedom are to be maintained. This was the course advocated by Edmund Burke in regard to the American colonies, the policy which Honorable Woodrow Wilson admirably expressed in his history of the American people thus:

"Mr. Burke admitted that his theory was not a theory for the strict lawyer; it was a theory for statesmen for whom fact must often take precedence of law."

Law and legal interpretation have not divested themselves of all the influences of that time when men were not free and were looked upon as chattels and property.

They have not yet come under the sway of the newer expressions of the social conscience which Professor Charles E. Merriam has aptly termed "social politics."

Hostile lawyers, lawyers paid to present the cases of their clients, judges under domination of the employer's and the legalist's viewpoint, have misrepresented and misinterpreted acts and purposes of the workmen to make them appear criminal and destructive, whereas the guiding purpose animating the labor movement is not destruction, but construction, completion and perfection of general welfare.

It is charged that workingmen conspire to destroy business when they withhold labor power or patronage, pending the securing of specific rights. As a matter of fact, destroying business would frustrate the end sought. This legal fiction, called destroying business, arises out of confusing physical property with the immaterial something called good will which is dependent on reputation and patronage. This latter emanates from individuals not concerned in the particular business under consideration, it has a direct relation to business, but it is not business. For detracting from patronage, either individually or collectively, workingmen can not any more be charged with destroying business than can competitors who build up their business at the expense of others engaged in the same line. Workingmen have the right to pursue policies for their welfare which may entail losses by employers. To be sure, the employer has a right to his property and a right to do business, but the latter is a general right. He is not guaranteed the right to be protected against all hazards in a particular business. That is the principle involved in the reduction of tariff, even though that may mean some decrease in the employers' or other business men's profits.

Whenever the activities of organized labor have raised new issues and problems, or brought precedents into question, rather than adjust to meet the new ideas and the new conditions and blaze out newer and straighter paths to justice, judges and lawyers have applied the well-nigh threadbare dictum, "criminal conspiracy," following the old legal maxim, "When in doubt,

hang the prisoner," figuratively if not literally. Legal fiction and misunderstanding have placed restrictions upon individual freedom through which it is hard to break.

Since the Sherman anti-trust law has been so interpreted as to increase these limitations, labor has found the right to unite for mutual protection, but a mere legalistic expression. The law as now interpreted has the effect of crippling and enervating labor organizations and prohibiting the exercise of necessary powers. What we seek is not special privilege, immunity from prosecution for crimes, but the right to do those things necessary to organizations accomplishing a real work for human workers.

In regard to another point made by opponents, namely, that the Bartlett-Bacon bills if enacted into law would be regarded as unconstitutional, your attention is respectfully called to the exemption provision of sections imposing a tax on corporations embodied in the tariff law of 1909, approved and signed by Mr. Taft, then President. That proviso is as follows:

"Provided, however, that nothing in this section contained shall apply to labor, agricultural or horticultural organizations, or to fraternal beneficiary societies, orders, or associations operating under the lodge system, and providing for the payment of life, sick, accident and other benefits to the members of such societies, orders or associations, and dependents of such members, nor to domestic building and loan associations, organized and operated exclusively for the mutual benefit of their members, nor to any corporation or association organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable or educational purposes, no part of the net income of which inures to the benefit of any private stockholder or individual."

In *Flint v. Stone Tracy and Co.*, the Supreme Court of the United States, in rendering its decision on the validity of the proviso excluding labor and other organizations from this corporation tax, anticipated the objection raised by opponents. The Court decided thus:

"As to the objection that certain organizations, labor, agricultural and horticul-

tural, fraternal and benevolent societies, loan and building associations, and those for religious, charitable or educational purposes, are excepted from the operation of the law, we find nothing in them to invalidate the tax. As we have had frequent occasions to say, the decisions of this court from an early date to the present time have emphasized the right of Congress to select the objects of excise taxation, and within this power to tax some and leave others untaxed, must be included the right to make exemptions such as are found in this act."

That there is nothing novel or pernicious in provisions of this nature is further proven by the tariff law recently enacted by Congress. That law contains, in the section dealing with the income tax, the following provision:

"Provided, however, that nothing in this section shall apply to labor, agricultural or horticultural organizations, or to mutual savings banks not having a capital stock represented by shares, or to fraternal beneficiary societies, orders, or associations operating under the lodge system, or for the exclusive benefit of the members of a fraternity itself operating under the lodge system, and providing for the payment of life, sick, accident and other benefits to the members of such societies, orders or associations and dependents of such members, nor to domestic building and loan associations, nor to cemetery companies, organized and operated exclusively for the mutual benefit of their members, nor to any corporation or association organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, or educational purposes, no part of the net income of which inures to the benefit of any private stockholder or individual, nor to business leagues, nor to chambers of commerce or boards of trade, not organized for profit or no part of the net income of which inures to the benefit of the private stockholder or individual, nor to any civic league or organization not organized for profit, but operated exclusively for the protection of social welfare."

Nor is this the only exemption—all annual incomes under \$3,000 are exempt; the

tax itself is graduated, making the burden, not mathematically, but really, equal and in proportion to ability to pay; the compensation of all officers and employes of a State or any political subdivision thereof, is exempt, except when such compensation is paid by the United States government. In fact, all excise taxation is based upon class differentiations. The question to be considered is not whether a distinction is made, but whether the distinction is founded upon a real difference, and whether the results from recognizing the distinction would promote the welfare of the greatest number.

The opponents of the legislation assert that the principal activities and methods of organized labor are destructive and subversive to orderly progress. Quite the contrary is true. To be sure, things have been done by some connected with the labor movement which all right-thinking people deplore. These excrescences have been featured by the sensational and hostile press. The undue prominence given them tends to minimize or obscure the constructive, permanent, fundamental work of the movement. This side is often wholly hidden from persons whose lives do not come in contact with those who work in the ditches, the mines, the factories, and wherever the burden of toil is borne by those who can not enter the easier places.

This labor movement is a real, vital expression of human need and hope; it must conform to life as it is, and though it hopes to establish better things, it can not deal with men and present conditions as though they were ideal. The men and women in the movement are human beings with all the passions, frailties, and possibilities of human nature. Is what they are and are not due, in a large measure at least, to existing social conditions? If they have at times done that which they should not, it has not infrequently been because they had been made desperate by denial of justice, and because protective measures had been declared illegal by those in judicial and political control. As the thoughts of men have widened, practices and acts which had been held illegal have

been legalized. The working people have won many such victories; by the adoption of the legislation under consideration they seek to establish recognition of the right to effective collective action, not in itself unlawful.

Our opponents simulate great alarm as to the disastrous effects of the boycott. But is that such a new anarchistic device? Quite the contrary. It is a weapon that has been successfully used for good purposes by men of all times. Our revolutionary fathers used it most effectively to defeat what they considered the unjust demands of the English government. It may be interesting to here call attention to the placards reproduced in the second volume of Honorable Woodrow Wilson's "History of the American People," which illustrates the point so nicely. The one on page 159 is an "unfair list;" on page 162 is a "conspiracy" agreement; on page 173, an unmistakable boycotting poster, though conceived in patriotism and ended reverently with "for ever and ever, amen."

The boycott *per se* is not evil. Its purpose and the means employed to make it effective determine whether it should be given praise or condemnation. It has been used for innumerable purposes by all classes and kinds of people. Nor are the "interests" adverse to these devices used by labor organizations. A short time ago the Missouri legislature repealed a law legalizing rates filed in accordance with the statute, thereby reviving the anti-trust law. Ten insurance companies promptly withdrew from the State. Later, the agents of over one hundred companies were instructed by their respective superiors to do no more business in the State. That policy of the companies is to all intents and purposes a strike, ceasing to do work until their demands shall have been granted. There are innumerable illustrations of effective boycotts prosecuted by certain interests against other interests—for profit.

Organizations to promote temperance, prohibition and like purposes, in making a campaign against the liquor traffic, are trying to institute an effective boycott against the liquor interests. The efforts of

the Consumers' League to create a public sentiment hostile to establishments, business houses, factories, which pay low wages, fail to provide seats, conveniences, and sanitary conditions for their employes, and then to give this sentiment expression by refusing to purchase articles without the label which guarantees "fair" conditions of production, are, in the last analysis, a boycott against establishments where low standards prevail.

The boycott in itself can not, therefore, be condemned as pernicious, illegal, or as a class weapon. But opponents insist that if the Bartlett-Bacon bills, or the principle embodied in them, are enacted into law there would then be no recourse under existing law, for violence or lawlessness in connection with a strike or lockout. As a matter of fact, existing federal and State laws now provide penalties for violence or crime committed by persons whether the result of a strike, lockout, blacklist, or boycott, connected with any other activity, or due to any other cause.

Acts of violence and crimes can be and are punished under proper laws made and provided to meet them. No one need fear but that all crimes of working men will be duly punished. It is not immunity from such punishment that labor asks, only exemption from a statute which was not intended to and should not apply to it, and which was framed to regulate an essentially different kind of organization.

Opponents usually say that the working man may strike, agree to strike, and apply the direct boycott, but when it comes to going farther and so acting as to impede and obstruct the natural and lawful course of trade in this country, then the law says he shall stop.

That sounds well to those who can be content with mere phrases and paper declarations. But to those who know and who have felt the power of the invisible forces working in and through the government, it is but an empty platitude, an expression of theoretical or academic rights which lack the effectiveness of reality. It is the old, old story of the employers who approve of unions, but only of unions that do nothing.

The working man shall not interfere with the "natural and lawful course of trade." Forsooth, is there any trade independent and uninfluenced by some human agency and directing control? Is not its course determined by these human agents for their own satisfaction and benefit? If these agents, who are now accorded, by law, limited powers to regulate and manipulate trade, and who by the domination of wealth, corrupt bargains, and secret agreements, exercise unlimited power over trade for personal interests, is it equitable that the workmen should be barred from exercising control of themselves and their normal activities? The statement of our opponents which I have quoted, is akin to the phraseology of the old-time idealistic sciences, the "natural" man of the political rights school of thought, the "economic" man of the early economists, the "average" man of statistical theories—straw creatures, like unto nothing seen upon the earth or in the spaces above or beneath.

Even Senator Root, scarcely recognized as a leader of progressive legislation, yet in the first of a series of lectures on "The Essentials of the Constitution," he delivered last year at Princeton University thus acknowledged the domination of the interests in political affairs:

"All of these new political methods are the result of efforts of the rank and file of voluntary parties to avoid being controlled by the agents of their own party organization and to get away from real evils in the form of undue control by organized minorities with the support of organized capital."

Government was first organized to protect property. Property owners and wealth possessors long controlled and directed it. With changing social and economic conditions, the development of the social conscience, men have realized that political agencies may be made to serve social ends, hence all should participate in the government, and that the welfare of all should be secured in that way. The courts have been especially backward in recognizing the rights secured by legislation. As in the Danbury Hat-

ters' case, the Supreme Court applied the Sherman anti-trust law to the union, and found a "conspiracy in restraint of trade" for three reasons:

A strike at the factory; collective bargain agreements by which seventy out of eighty-two hat factories of the country agreed to union shop conditions; and a boycott of the hats of the Danbury firm. It is evident from this that theoretical rights do not always constitute real rights. The hatters were confronted by the following alternatives:

First, for the Loewe Company, with which the dispute arose, to pay whatever wages it pleased to its workmen, to force its employes to toil a longer working day, and to impose any other conditions at variance with those prevailing in the trade without resistance or strikes on the part of the union, and thereby to encourage other employers in the trade to follow the same policy, and even creating the necessity for their cutting wages, increasing hours of labor to meet the conditions prevailing in the Loewe establishment; or

Second, for the hatters to do as they wisely and justly did, to exercise their lawful, constitutional, and inherent right to quit work, to strike, and to endeavor to persuade their fellow-citizens and friends to give their patronage to hat manufacturers disposed to be more just in their dealings with their employes, and thus to maintain a higher general standard of life afforded by the conditions prevailing generally in the trade.

As George W. Alger says in his book, "Moral Overstrain," in discussing some equivocal rights of labor:

"Stated as concretely as possible, the principal difference between the working people and the courts lies in the marked tendency of the courts to guarantee to the workmen an academic and theoretic liberty which he does not want, by denying him industrial rights to which he thinks he is ethically entitled. His grievance is that in a multitude of instances the courts give what seems to him counterfeit liberty in place of its reality. * * *

"The workman does not want the vain liberty so often declared to him by the

courts, of throwing up his job and looking for another. He does not take kindly to the judicial affirmations to him of the right to be maimed without redress, or to be killed, by his employer's indifference to his safety. His grievance is not directly with the courts and law. The workman knows little about the law, and most of what he understands he does not like. He objects to the economics on which those killing decrees are rendered against him. He does not call it economics, but at the bottom the real trouble from the workman's point of view is the blindness of courts, which do not seem to notice or to understand the social and economic conditions under which he has to work. For the law still embodies in these decisions an outworn philosophy, the old *laissezfaire* theory of extreme individualism. * * *

"The whole point to be noticed is simply this: that by the working class ideal of liberty a special demand is made on the law—a demand more frequently refused than granted. What it demands from the courts is the recognition and protection, and at times the creation, by law of the worker's economic rights. The law, on the other hand, guarantees to him the ancient and largely negative individual liberty, freedom from legal restraints, the right to do any unforbidden thing he wants to—if he can—and tells him to shift for himself for his economic rights. The worker's discontent with the law lies in the fact that it guarantees him individual and not social or industrial freedom."

The hatters' case was retried last year and the men again found guilty of "illegal conspiracies" because they tried to establish a minimum standard of wages and conditions for all the workers in the trade, and because they determined to withhold their patronage from an unfair firm which refused to conform to the union wage scale and conditions prevailing in the trade. For these reasons, their little property holdings and deposits were levied upon and held to satisfy the threefold damages allowed by the anti-trust law.

Recently the Supreme Court of Errors of Connecticut, in *Connors v. Connelly*,

rendered a decision ignoring the difference between trusts and labor organizations, and declaring that there is danger in a monopoly of "anything" of which there is common need. Though a laboring man may be very humble, yet he is not a *thing*. The whole opinion is reasoned from that false hypothesis. It ignores the economic necessity for collective bargaining and ignores the difference between that human act and a monopoly or a trust in material things. The toilers grow weary and restive under laws and courts that promise them the rights of men, but judge them as "things." How long must they ask for relief?

In addition to the instances already cited, in which men of labor were indicted under the criminal provisions of the Sherman anti-trust law because they sought to protect and advance the interests of their fellow-workers as workers, proceedings were brought against the Electrical Workers' Union, of Chicago, Ill. Since then the officers of the coal miners' unions were indicted under the provisions of that law, and for no other reason than that already mentioned.

Federal district attorneys and grand juries make so-called "investigations" of the normal activities of workers to see whether some indictment or other process can not be employed to estop the workers from protecting their rights and their interests against conscienceless employers. These investigations at the least result in harm to the workers by harassing the organizations of labor and leaving them with a burden of expense in legal defense. These prosecutions, which may better be termed persecutions, should come to an end. They can be ended by the enactment of the Bartlett-Bacon bills.

Unless the principles involved in this discussion are promptly and effectively enacted into law, securing to the working people freedom to unite for the purpose of safeguarding and exercising recognized rights necessary for their physical protection and the development of those qualities which determine their very being, the sense of injustice already stirring abroad in our land will be fostered by even a greater reason for existence.

The working people of our country ask nothing in the form of legislation—the subject we are discussing—that is not already statute law in Great Britain, for in 1906 the British Parliament enacted the British Trades Dispute Act which has been quoted.

The specific applications of the Sherman anti-trust law to labor organizations have done violence to the right to strike—to cease work collectively—with all that that involves, and the right to withhold patronage and to agree to withhold patronage. The issues in this legislation involve the same principles found in our contention against injunction abuses, namely, there is no property right which an employer has or can have in the labor power or the personality of another citizen—a workman. In a hearing before a subcommittee of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, during the last session of the Sixty-second Congress, I presented some reasons why the law should be amended to protect workmen from present abuses. I had incorporated in the record documents substantiating the position of labor. They are as follows:

"Why Injunctions Should Not Apply: Edward J. Livermash.

"Trial by Judge and Jury: Henry C. Caldwell.

"Section 20 from High on Injunctions.

"Arthur *et al.* vs. Oakes *et al.*, Opinion by Justice Harlan.

"Contempt Case, Buck's Stove and Range Company vs. Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison, Dissenting Opinion of Chief Justice Shephard.

"Injunctions in Labor Cases: David Silverstein.

"The Misuse of Equity Power: Andrew Furuseth.

"Man's Ownership of Himself: Samuel Gompers.

"Government by Law, Not Discretion: Samuel Gompers.

"Essence of Labor's Contention in the Injunction Abuse: Samuel Gompers.

"Another presentation of this same principle is found in the address of Mr. Jackson H. Ralston, made before the American Academy of Political and Social Science, and published in *The Annals*, July, 1910."

My presentation of the cause of organized labor has not been from the legal viewpoint, for I am not a lawyer. But even could I present the legal phases, I doubt whether that would aid in determining justice for the workers. Often justice is obscured in the mazes of legal theories and technicalities. The law is not an unfailing source of justice, it can only approximate that ideal as it is rendered flexible enough to adjust to new conditions and needs. That is what we ask for in the legislation we seek.

It is not my purpose to present here a legal argument in defense or in furtherance of labor's position with respect to the principle involved in legislation of this character, nor can I herein make a sociological or even an economic presentation of the subject.

The legislation sought, that is the enactment of the principles embodied in the Bartlett-Bacon bills, is one of deep concern to the workers of our common country. It lies very close to their hearts, and vitally effects their rights, their interests, their progress.

A sense of duty and the obligations devolving upon me as a citizen, a man, a

worker, as well as president of the American Federation of Labor, impels me to express in this form the thoughts, the hopes and aspirations of the toiling masses of Americans to whose welfare it has been my good fortune to devote the best efforts of which I am capable. It is this sense of duty and obligation which impels me to submit in this way, perhaps rather voluminously, whatever of information or experience I have upon the subject under discussion. It is a duty not only to the toilers of America, to its citizenship, but also to the representatives of the people, their governmental agents, in the interest of the great principles upon which our republic is based, to present the cause of justice and human welfare as fully and as clearly as lies within my power. That the facts and the arguments herein set forth may be available to all in determining their course upon this issue, fraught with such tremendous possibilities for weal or woe, directly to the millions of working people and generally to all the people of our common country is my warrant for the length of this statement.

It is earnestly hoped that the appeal may not be in vain and that the legislation sought may be promptly enacted.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Nine hundred and one new members were initiated into the Order during the month of March.

Congressman Palmer, of Pennsylvania, has introduced a bill in Congress to reduce the hours of service of the 18,000 postal clerks who work at night.

At the time of going to press, the Board of Directors of the Order is in session at headquarters, making its annual check of the account of the organization.

John Mitchell, formerly President of the United Mine Workers of America,

has been appointed a member of the Workmen's Compensation Commission of New York.

In an appeal that was published in the March number of *THE TELEGRAPHER*, in behalf of C. E. Moss, a member of Division 32, through a typographical error, his address was given as "R. F. D. 2, 'Symrna,'" instead of "R. F. D. 2, Smyrna, Ga."

J. M. Edwards, a member of the Grand Division, who, two years ago, was elected as Treasurer of the State of Texas, is again a candidate for that office. He has made an excellent record and no doubt

will receive the active support of all unionists of that State.

Attorney-General McReynolds of the United States, in an opinion rendered to the Judiciary Committee of the National House of Representatives, holds that impeachment proceedings against a federal judge must begin on the floor of the House and can not be brought into Judiciary Committee.

What is believed to be a record verdict was recently rendered against the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad in favor of Matt Yurkonis in the State District Court in Brooklyn. Yurkonis was working in the railroad company's mine at Lucerne, Pa., where he lost the sight of both eyes by an explosion of a squib of fuse in a powder hole.

On account of the great importance of the Bartlett-Bacon bills to organized labor, a greater part of the Editorial Department of this issue has been devoted to the reproduction of a very able article on this subject by Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor, and every member should carefully read that article.

The United States Supreme Court recently upheld the decision of a lower court, assessing damages to the amount of \$45,000 against the Grant Brothers Construction Company, a California concern, for violating the alien contract labor law, or bringing in through its representatives forty-five Mexicans to the United States to work on railroad construction in Arizona.

The United States Senate has passed a resolution directing Secretary of the Navy Daniels to submit to Congress a plan that will permit of the using of fast war cruisers for commercial mail service between the United States and South American ports after the Panama Canal is opened. The suggestion was proposed by the Secretary, who recommended that vessels of the navy, not required for

immediate military purposes and best adapted for postal and commercial activity be placed in this service.

A law just passed in Kentucky provides that in cities of the first, second and third classes, no persons under twenty-one years of age shall be employed in delivering goods or messages between 9 p. m. and 6 a. m. Another provision prohibits boys under fourteen or girls under eighteen years of age from selling papers or engaging in any other occupation in streets or public places.

On April 6th the Supreme Court of the United States passed an order directing a reargument in the contempt case now pending on appeal before it of Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell and Frank Morrison, President, Vice-President and Secretary respectively of the American Federation of Labor. The reargument is to take place on April 20th, at which time Judge Lurton, who did not attend the original hearing, will be present.

A grand jury in Terre Haute, Ind., has indicted T. F. Grover, manager of the street car company of that city, and David Masterson, confessed slugger, etc. They are charged with breaking into the room of Joseph C. Colgan, a representative of the Amalgamated Street Car Men, and carrying away books, papers and private correspondence. It is claimed that Grover induced Masterson to break into the unionist's room. Both men were held under \$5,000 bond.

The statement issued by the Bureau of Immigration for the month of February, 1914, shows that there were 73,571 aliens landed at the various ports of entry during the month; that there were 1,995 debarred from entrance, classified as follows: Idiots, 44; insane and epileptic, 11; loathsome or dangerous contagious diseases, 270; likely to become public charges, 1,054; mentally or physically defective, 245; contract laborers, 119; accompanying aliens, 29; under sixteen

years of age and unaccompanied by parent, 51; assisted aliens, 30; criminals, 63; polygamists, 2; prostitutes and procurers, 44; without passport, 7; under provisions of Chinese exclusion act, 26. The report also shows that there were 361 aliens returned after landing.

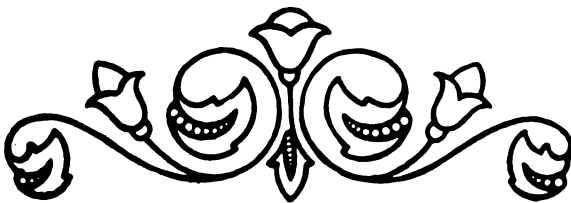
The Senate Immigration Committee has reported to the Senate that it favors the Burnett Immigration Bill with its literacy clause, recently adopted by the House of Representatives. Several amendments to the bill as it passed the House are recommended, but the literacy clause was not changed. Of this, the Senate Committee says: "The literacy test has been adopted as the best device, so far suggested, for reducing immigration where it most needs to be reduced. As now reported, it is confidently believed the measure is nearly ideal in its selective, administrative and restrictive features, as it is possible to make such a law."

A widow's pension bill, which aims to contribute materially to the support of fatherless children in the State of New York, has been completed by a commission after several months study of the question in this country and Europe. The bill to be introduced will provide a pension of \$20 per month for any worthy dependent widow with one child, \$35 per month where two children must be supported by the widow, and \$10 per month for each additional child. The maximum sum that shall be paid in any case would be \$60. Children over sixteen years old would be excluded from the provisions

of the bill. The naming of child welfare boards for the administration of the law is provided. The members are to serve without compensation.

The members of the Board of Directors who are now in session in St. Louis were treated to a surprise when they convened in annual session at the headquarters of the Order, by being informed that one of their number, George E. Joslin, was a "newlywed," and that his trip to St. Louis was a honeymoon as well as that of business. Further inquiry developed the fact that Bro. Joslin was married on Wednesday, March 25th, in Dorchester, Mass., to Miss Ethel May Potter, the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Potter of that city. **THE TELEGRAPHER**, on behalf of the entire membership, as well as itself, extends congratulations to the happy couple.

The statement issued by the Bureau of Immigration for the month of January, 1914, shows that there were 68,339 aliens landed at the various ports of entry during the month; that there were 2,329 debarred from entrance, classified as follows: Idiots, 32; insane and epileptic, 13; loathsome or dangerous contagious diseases, 190; likely to become public charges, 1,430; mentally or physically defective, 234; contract laborers, 194; accompanying aliens, 21; under sixteen years of age and unaccompanied by parent, 50; assisted aliens, 23; criminals, 45; polygamists, 2; prostitutes and procurers, 49; without passport, 6; under provisions of Chinese exclusion act, 40. The report also shows that there were 490 aliens returned after landing.



PERSONAL MENTION

The following births have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

To Bro. and Mrs. D. F. Carter, a girl.
 To Bro. and Mrs. T. W. Sellman, a boy.
 To Bro. and Mrs. John H. Arps, a girl.
 To Bro. and Mrs. B. Burlingame, a girl.
 To Bro. and Mrs. V. L. DePatie, a girl.
 To Bro. and Mrs. F. J. McCormick, a girl.
 To Bro. and Mrs. W. B. Richardson, a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. C. Eure, of Eure, N. C., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. J. Blank, of Seneca, Neb., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. F. E. Gallivan, of Butte, Mont., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. M. C. Hahn, of Cranesville, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. Henry Jacoby, of Chicago, Ill., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. Z. Crabill, of Dudley, Iowa, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. E. Baker, of Lindsey, Ohio, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. R. H. Pender, of Jamesville, N. C., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. C. Glenn, of Wyomere, Neb., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. S. D. Popeck, of Huntingdon, Que., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. M. Larkin, of Fairmont, Okla., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. E. Browning, of Fletcher, Ala., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. P. L. Peacher, of El Reno, Okla., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. P. H. Albert, of Green Island, Iowa, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. L. Stephens, of Kremlin, Okla., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Myles Richardson, of Mansdale, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. L. Haley, of Colorado Springs, Colo., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. T. M. Wallace, of Alexandria, La., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. W. McFarland, of Fairpoint, Ohio, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. J. Halverson, of Menomonie, Wis., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. Wm. R. Brukardt, of Escanaba, Mich., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. F. McCully, of Farmington, N. M., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. G. E. Johnson, of Round Pond, Ark., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. W. Livengood, of Oregon City, Ore., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. F. E. Kilbreth, of Scales Mound, Ill., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. K. Corbett, of Campbellton, N. B., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. T. Peterson, of Crystal Lake, Minn., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Wm. H. Pruden, of McNutt, Sask., twins, boys.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. E. Johnson, of Benton Harbor, Mich., a girl.

The following marriages have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

Bro. R. B. Silver, of Div. 130, to Miss Hohm.

Bro. C. E. Love, of Div. 54, to Miss McKeen.

Bro. W. S. Goode, of Div. 40, to Miss Bertie Acord.

Bro. J. L. Freeman, of Div. 93, to Miss Effie Lee Choate.

Bro. M. E. Clark, of Div. 2, to Miss Kathleen Benthall.

Bro. Elmer W. Wilson, of Div. 119, to Miss Ella Ruhbusch.

At Mer Rouge, La., Bro. R. Richards, of Div. 31, to Miss Danch.

Bro. Lee A. Akers and Sister Edith M. Johnson, both of Div. 126.

At Naperville, Ill., Bro. John Foley, of Div. 138, to Miss Lucile Young.

At Fairfield, Iowa, Bro. C. C. Griswold, of Div. 126, to Miss Jesse Weld.

At Hartford, Ark., Bro. H. H. Martin, of Div. 126, to Miss Anna Boyd.

At Galesburg, Ill., Bro. George Larson, of Div. 130, to Miss Minnie Nelson.

At Alexandria, S. D., Bro. H. R. Hauskey, of Div. 76, to Miss Bird Converse.

At Fairbury, Neb., Bro. G. B. Snyder, of Div. 126, to Miss Gertrude Belle West.

At Petersburg, N. Y., Bro. L. F. Hewett, of Div. 157, to Miss Florence Durand.

At Hartford, Conn., Bro. Wm. E. Murphy, of Div. 89, to Miss Unice Midgley.

THE TELEGRAPHER extends congratulations to the happy couples.

The following deaths have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

Bro F. E. Shea, of Div. 7.

Bro. J. B. Davis, of Div. 25.

Bro. A. D. Clink, of Div. 39.

Bro. J. R. Gillespie, of Div. 59.

Bro. E. E. Merrill, of Div. 29.

Bro. W. J. Scrimger, of Div. 76.

Sister Flora E. Wood, of Div. 53.

Wife of Bro. Alex. Smith, of Div. 23.

Brother of Bro. D. J. Burns, of Div. 8.

Wife of Bro. Wm. Ross, of Div. 39.

Mother of Bro. F. S. Earl, of Div. 42.

Father of Bro. Geo. Werts, of Div. 151.

Brother of Bro. J. M. Cash, of Div. 130.

Father of Bro. J. H. Cogil, of Div. 130.

Wife of Bro. D. L. Hastings, of Div. 130.

Infant son of Bro. W. T. Nish, of Div. 96.

Mother of Bro. J. F. Evans, of Div. 49.

Brother of Bro. J. E. Bauer, of Div. 40.

Wife of Bro. J. J. Ferguson, of Div. 34.

Father of Bro. John Jamison, of Div. 130.

Father of Bro. B. J. Rogers, of Div. 119.

Mother of Bro. J. R. Karns, of Div. 17.

Father of Bro. M. W. Larson, of Div. 17.

Father of Bro. J. L. Lovin, of Div. 25.

Father of Bro. E. W. Burch, of Div. 39.

Mother of Bro. L. A. Warren, of Div. 39.

Mother of Bro. Frank Lasher, of Div. 8.

Father of Bro. Thos. Manning, of Div. 8.

Mother of Bro. H. L. Weaver, of Div.

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Father of Bro. E. J. Hastings, of Div.

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Infant son of Bro. J. H. Andress, of Div. 126.

Daughter of Bro. E. W. Slappey, of Div. 46.

Brother of Bro. J. R. Hughes, of Div. 138.

Wife of Bro. A. C. Deutschbein, of Div. 76.

At Perry, Mich., Bro. H. F. Burdick, of Div. 1.

At Ashton, Iowa, Bro. A. M. Sundet, of Div. 4.

Mother of Bro. R. S. Niswonger, of Div. 49.

Mother of Bro. W. F. Challender, of Div. 40.

Mother of Bro. C. E. McFerrin, of Div. 34.

Brother of Bro. W. G. Fitzgibbons, of Div. 33.

At Liberal, Kan., Bro. C. M. Pierce, of Div. 126.

Daughter of Bro. Chas. W. Crane, of Div. 89.

Brother of Bro. H. W. Johnson, of Div. 17.

At St. Paul, Minn., Bro. T. J. Vesper, of Div. 54.

At Galesburg, Ill., Bro. J. L. Stafford, of Div. 130.

Father of Bro. John H. Mulstead, Jr., of Div. 158.

At Westale, Mass., Bro. E. E. Wright, of Div. 89.

At Birds, Ill., mother of Bro. C. D. Hill, of Div. 2.

Father of D. D. Hungate, local chairman, of Div. 25.

Sister of Bro. T. M. Pierson, Second Vice-President.

At Alexander, Ark., Bro. Elmo L. Jamison, of Div. 31.

At Portland, Ore., father of Bro. Chas. Hall, of Div. 31.

At Seaforth, Ont., wife of Bro. Wm. R. Plant, of Div. 1.

At St. Louis, Mo., father of Bro. E. K. Sechler, of Div. 31.

At Rossville, Ill., mother of Bro. G. C. Price, of Div. 34.

At Sacred Heart Hospital, Tomahawk, Wis., Bro. R. E. Schultz, local chairman W. V. Div., of Div. 23.

At Aurora, Mo., wife of Bro. M. H. Jacobs, of Div. 32.

At Cusetta, Ga., brother of Bro. A. H. Warlick, of Div. 46.

At New Concord, Ohio, Bro. Harley A. Whipps, of Div. 33.

At Ponca, Okla., father of Bro. B. C. Snyder, of Div. 23.

At Hillsboro, Ohio, father of Bro. L. L. Garrett, of Div. 31.

At Harvel, Ill., father of Bro. G. C. Weber, of Div. 138.

At Lyons, Iowa, brother of Bro. H. F. Flansburg, of Div. 23.

At Murry Hospital, Butte, Mont., Bro. L. O. Hinton, of Div. 54.

Wife and mother of Bros. E. W. and S. K. Anderson, of Div. 71.

At Hackley Hospital, Muskegon, Mich., Bro. E. S. Shaner, of Div. 39.

Mother of Bro. W. H. Dillon and Bro. R. E. Dillon, both of Div. 130.

At St. Anne, Ill., infant twin boys of Bro. J. W. Begbie, of Div. 34.

At Boulte, La., father of Bros. Paul and Ambrose Champaigne, of Div. 53.

Mother of Bros. Ed. R. Derrickson, general secretary and treasurer, and Harry I. Derrickson, both of Div. 23.

The bereaved relatives have the sympathy of all.

WANTED.

Present address of Eugene S. Broussard.
J. L. PICKENS,
Agt. S. A. & A. P. Ry., Hallettsville, Tex.

Present address of H. L. Croffin, whose home was in Malone, N. Y. Have important and interesting news for him.

C. W. CHANCE, Box 179, Sabina, Ohio.

Present address of Wm. Lesley or Leslie, who worked at Eagle Pass, Tex., some years ago.
L. S. MENTZER,

Box 405, Childress, Tex.

Present address of Roy P. Conner; last heard of working for Frisco in Oklahoma. Roy, if you see this, write me.

J. V. McCONNELL, Leeds, Mo.

Present address of E. C. Rimmer, telegraph operator; last heard of in Nebraska three years ago. His folks wish to sell the

old homestead, and need his signature to do so. Address any information to W. A. Miles, 1527, 19th Av. South, Seattle, Wash.

Present address of H. P. Bobb, who soldiered with me in same company in Chinese Relief Expedition, 1900.

J. E. LEISER, Westgate, Iowa.

Present address of L. J. Pettit; last heard of working for C. M. & P. S., at Butte, Mont. "Pet," if you see this, write me at Buhl, Minn., care D. M. & N. Ry.

F. B. GRANGER.

Present address of E. S. Ford; last heard of working on the Tehautepec National Ry., Rincon, Mexico, in 1908.

ED. R. DERRICKSON,
Room 403, 3946 Cottage Grove Av., Chicago, Ill.

Present address of J. A. Barnes, also goes under name of J. A. Parks; 23 years old, 5 feet 10 inches tall, light complexion, quite stooped. He has no regular trade. Any information as to his whereabouts will be greatly appreciated.

J. G. MINTLINE, Austin, Mont.

Any information as to the whereabouts of E. P. Logan, brakeman, last heard of in Houston, Tex., will be appreciated. His mother is worried about him. Address any information to Mrs. Lon Logan, Prospect, Tenn., or D. E. Logan, Jr., San Marcos, Tex.

Information in regard to making application for position as railroad telegrapher in Central America or South America. Have had eighteen years' experience and speak English and Spanish.

YSAURO G. GALINDO,
Route 2, Box 72, Kingsbury, Tex.

Any one having the following songs, "words and music," or can secure same, kindly do so and mail to me, and I will pay for same: "Why Don't the Band Play Dixie?" "Sleeping by the Silvery Rio Grande" and "Where the Silvery Colorado Wends Its Way."

C. D. PICKARD, Melstone, Mont.

Present address of J. J. Egan, who was at College Point, N. Y., about four or five years ago, and left to accept a position on

the D. & R. G. near Denver. His father is anxious to hear from him. Anyone knowing his present address kindly communicate with me.

C. M. SCULLY,
College Point, N. Y.

Present addresses of H. L. Sale, G. O. Greiner, Thos. W. Powell, J. M. Maloney and J. C. Peterson, all formerly employed on the Rock Island lines. Any information as to their whereabouts will be greatly appreciated by C. H. Meador, general secretary and treasurer, Div. 126, 314 New England Bldg., Topeka, Kan.

Present address of R. S. Cross, telegrapher and agent. Formerly employed by the M. K. & T. as operator and ticket agent; later with the National Line of Mexico. Lived in Dallas, Tex., several years. Age about forty-eight years. Anyone knowing his present address, kindly communicate with Mrs. Ella Healy, Box 292, Sweetwater, Tex.

Present address of A. Frank Dillinger; age 47 years, 6 feet tall, weight 155 pounds, slender, narrow shoulders, walks very erect, dark complexion, hair black, mixed with gray, which he wears well trimmed, scar across nose, scar in forehead, slip off first finger left hand, deep cut in root of thumb nail, bridged teeth, dimple in chin; a Free Mason, Independent Order of Foresters, Knight of the Golden Eagle. Last heard of working in Ludington, Mich., on P. M. Ry. Aged mother and wife would appreciate any information as to his whereabouts.

MRS. A. FRANK DILLINGER,
335 Lyon St., Ottawa, Ont.

LOST OR STOLEN.

Card No. 12782, Cert. 1023, Div. 132, for term ending June 30, 1914.

Card No. 23484, Cert. 3045, Div. 59, for term ending June 30, 1914.

Card No. 15818, Cert. 400, Div. 62, for term ending June 30, 1914.

Card No. 28906, Cert. 1153, Div. 132, for term ending June 30, 1914.

Card No. 3906, Cert. 3734, Grand Div., for term ending June 30, 1914.

Card No. 10765, Cert. 230, Div. 88, for term ending June 30, 1914.

Card No. 3402, Cert. 3005, Div. 126, for term ending June 30, 1914.

Card No. 21054, Cert. 4554, Grand Div., for term ending June 30, 1914.

Card No. 16956, Cert. 1459, Div. 32, for term ending June 30, 1914.

Card No. 15818, Cert. 400, Div. 62, for term ending June 30, 1914.

Card No. 28201, Cert. 2736, Div. 2, for term ending June 30, 1914.

Card No. 13546, Cert. 315, Div. 97, for term ending June 30, 1914.

Card No. 7371, Cert. 676, Div. 39, for term ending June 30, 1914.

Card No. 16919, Cert. 175, Div. 146, for term ending June 30, 1914.

Card No. 25678, Cert. 3346, Grand Div., for term ending June 30, 1914.

Card No. 5934, Cert. 290, Div. 88, for term ending June 30, 1914.

Card No. 29011, Cert. 689, Div. 97, for term ending June 30, 1914.

Card No. 3389, Cert. 2719, Div. 126, for term ending June 30, 1914.

Card No. 35745, Cert. 412, Div. 96, for term ending June 30, 1914.

Card No. 16646, Cert. 2899, Div. 53, for term ending June 30, 1914.

Card No. 19754, Cert. 839, Div. 43, for term ending June 30, 1914.

Card No. 949, Cert. 1371, Div. 7, for term ending June 30, 1914.

Card No. 2288, Cert. 4378, Grand Div., for term ending June 30, 1914.

Stolen from 1007 Taylor St., Ft. Worth, Tex., tan grip, double deck, with initials R. L. H. Enclosed were book of O. R. T. receipts, and T. & P. schedule and other valuable papers, such as clearance letters, etc. Liberal reward offered to anyone who can furnish clue to same or return to above address.

R. L. HODGE.

LADIES' AUXILIARY

NOTES FROM THE GRAND SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

THE Just Government League of Maryland held their annual convention in Baltimore, Md., April 14th and 15th. The Grand Secretary and Treasurer attended as the representative of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Order of Railroad Telegraphers. This is the first time our Auxiliary has been represented in conventions of other women's organizations.

We note the list of prize winners in the O. R. T. for the year 1913. Do not forget that we also have our prize contest, and that much interest is being taken in it, and we hope the next term that more will be, as now the winter is over many can go over their divisions, and see the nons personally. Anyone wishing to know what the prizes are we are offering can look for them in the back numbers of **THE TELEGRAPHER**. We hope to give out many of the new Ladies' Auxiliary emblem pins as prizes, and hope the locals will work for the silver spoon prize.

Sister Florence Graham, of Div. No. 140, is working for a local, and we hope by the next issue to announce that they have sent for the charter, and have elected their officers. She writes that they are nearly ready.

Sisters Helen F. Cook and J. W. Banker are working for a local on Division 139, and they hope to secure the charter very soon, and put out a campaign all over the division. Many others are giving them support, and with the interest they should have a very flourish-

ing local. They desire the help and assistance of every O. R. T. brother, and they will be repaid for their trouble.

Bro. Jno. E. Cowgill wrote for L. A. and M. B. D. blanks, also enclosed an invitation to attend the joint meeting of division Nos. 22, 25, 141, 53, 144, held April 5th at Houston, Tex., and that they propose to form an O. R. T. Club in Houston, and we have requested these brothers to form an L. A. Club at the same time, as they will enjoy their meetings much better, and their club will be more of a success with the L. A. We hope the booster movement will spread all over the country, and we may have the pleasure of supplying blanks for these kind of meetings, where they are inviting the wives for the first time.

Sister Edmund Mulvihill has resigned as General Chairman of Local No. 18, and Sister Blume has been selected to fill the vacancy, she writes that she was to attend a big meeting to be held at Mojave, Calif., on Easter Sunday, and they look to secure many new members in the Auxiliary. They are also working for the big prize to be given at the next convention.

Again it is my sad duty to report the passing to the great beyond of the father of one of our most faithful members. Sister King, of Division 139, has met with this sad loss. We extend to her our sincere sympathy in this her hour of sorrow, and hope that she will bear it with the fortitude to help her see that these things come to all of us, and they must be met in that spirit.

The Mutual Benefit Department is the most absorbing subject of interest among the members, and new members are being added, and many write that this insurance for the O. R. T. men is a most commendable business move on the part of the Auxiliary.

Up to the writing of my last notes the consensus of opinion seemed to be that on account of the small initiation fee, and the small dues, that we should not reduce the dues for any part of the term. We are now in receipt of opinions that some reduction should be made for the L. A. M. B. D. the same as it is in the O. R. T. M. B. D. If the M. B. D. is not the success we expect it to be the money will not be turned into the L. A. fund, but returned to the members, and in order to accumulate the Mortuary Fund as quickly as possible, we have desired to request all members to realize this, and to pay full dues. This question is very important, and the final decision will be given in the May issue of our department.

I still urge all prospective members and others to send direct to me for blanks and all information in order that you will have the attention sooner than by applying to others.

Rates are as follows in Series "A" and "B": Series "A" initiation and dues, \$1.30 per six months (18 to 50 years). Series "B" initiation and dues, \$2.10 per six months (18 to 40 years). By adding initiation and dues to join the L. A. to the above amounts, and noting the amount to join the L. A. at bottom of blank, you will have full amount to join both L. A. and M. B. D.

Notes from the Board of Directors.

I am just in receipt of notice from the President of the appointment of Sisters J. R. Hefner, Monticello, Ill., and G. F. Willis, Greenup, Ky., to fill the unexpired terms of Sisters Nightingale and Boutwell as members of the Board of Directors.

Sister Hefner needs no introduction to the membership, having already served one term as a member of the Board of

Directors. I think it is due her to state that she was unable to attend the last convention, and was not a candidate for re-election. Her services were so entirely satisfactory that we looked to her immediately to help fill the breach made by the retirement of the two sisters elected to these offices.

Sister Willis is new to the work, but is well known in her territory and we have great confidence in her ability. We cordially welcome both sisters and anticipate a year of co-operation and pleasant associations.

The annual report of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer was received too late for mention in the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER, on account of some of the local secretaries not quite understanding what was desired from them. This report shows our organization in better shape financially and numerically than ever before. The Mutual Benefit Department is also beginning to take on a semblance of reality and I think our next report will show a marked increase in membership because of it.

Very much credit is due to our Grand Secretary and Treasurer and to secretaries of the locals for the excellent reports they were able to make for the year 1913, and our organization is indeed to be congratulated in securing their services.

DITA MAY WEST,
Chairman.

Northern Pacific Ry., Local No. 24.

I am pleased to announce that the last thirty days have witnessed a very material growth in the membership of Local 24, and that an increasing spirit of enthusiasm has been manifested by both sisters of our local and brothers of Division 54. During the month of March we have been able to gain new members on both the Dakota and Montana Divisions, Sister W. W. Jaynes, of McKenzie, N. D., having been appointed as local chairman of the former and Sister B. I. McDonald, of Bozeman, Mont., local chairman of the latter division. In both of these good

sisters we will have persevering and loyal workers for the cause and the results of their labors are this early in evidence through the applications coming in from their respective territories.

To Bros. H. H. Ellsworth, of the Dakota Division, and B. I. McDonald, of the Montana Division, I wish to express my personal thanks and those of Local 24, for their action in securing us a new member each, and making it possible for us to be represented by a local chairman on those divisions. We are in the infancy of our work in this local, and the kindness of these brothers in giving us first aid in getting a start on their divisions will be the means later of adding many members to our ranks.

In a great many cases our appeals to the brothers of the O. R. T. have met with indifference, and we have no desire or intent to criticise on this account, because we know that most of them are busy with the affairs of their organization and have but little time to devote to our cause, but it seems that those brothers who by experience have become acquainted with the ups and downs of organizing their own ranks, would take cognizance of the fact that we are now experiencing the hardest struggle that we will ever have, the struggle to get representatives on every division, so that we can spread our doctrine of fraternity and co-operation, and step aside from their every day routine long enough to assist us in getting at least one active member in the territory we have been unable to reach, so that we can build the foundation for future expansion. Try it, brothers of Division 54, give us a helping hand in our hour of need and when we have arrived at the point in our journey where we are able to do so, we will repay your kindness by assisting you in your battles for the right.

We welcome to membership in Local 24 Sisters W. W. Jaynes, of McKenzie, N. D.; Harry S. Marsh, of Brinsmade, N. D.; B. E. Donley, of Temvik, N. D., and B. I. McDonald, of Bozeman, Mont. I am sure that every one of these sisters will make a good worker for the cause

and that much good will result from their enrollment in our ranks.

MRS. B. E. NASON,
General Chairman.

Local No. 16.

The question of holding an election of officers for the ensuing year has been decided by a ruling of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer and concurred in by the First Vice-President of our Order, therefore before this article gets into print we will without doubt have had an election of officers. This question will be explained more fully in the next issue of THE TELEGRAPHER.

Also by the time this appears in THE TELEGRAPHER many of the members of New York Div. No. 44 of the O. R. T. will have received substantial increases in wages due to the untiring efforts against great odds of the Long Island General Committee. THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER goes into the home of every member of the O. R. T. who is in good standing in the Order. The question very naturally arises have the women, the wives and other members of the family who are eligible to membership in the Ladies' Auxiliary done their full duty towards assisting the bread winner to obtain better wages, shorter hours and better working conditions. If not, they can aid very materially by becoming members of the Auxiliary. Application blanks for membership may be had by addressing a post card to the secretary and treasurer or from any member of the Auxiliary.

Master Georgie Hilley, Arnie Martin and Willie Decker, who were on the sick list at one time or another during the past few weeks, we are glad to say are very much better at this writing.

Let's see, was it a girl or a boy that arrived at the residence of Bro. and Sister D. H. Powers recently? Anyhow, congratulations on behalf of Local 16 hereby extended.

MRS. J. E. SHIELDS,
Secretary and Treasurer.

MISCELLANY

NUMBER FIVE'S HEADLIGHT.

AN old engineer was telling me not long ago how they came to put a stop to smoking while on duty on a northern railroad some years ago. "There was a certain engineer named Patrick McFarland—he's dead now. Pat pulled the daily express, as fast trains were called in those days. He was an inveterate cigar smoker, and seldom was he seen on his seat in the cab, either standing or running, without the inevitable cigar in his mouth. In fact, it was a standing joke among Pat's companions as to which emitted the most smoke—the stack of old No. 236 or Pat's cigar.

"The train that our hero pulled was doing most of its traveling during the night, and used to arrive at the terminal where the engine and crew took their rest about 5 o'clock in the morning. Several miles from this point was a long up-grade toward the terminal, and Patrick, like many other locomotive drivers, used always to take a little 'cat nap' going up this grade. I was his fireman," said the engineer who told me this story, "and Pat knew I was young and alert and looking for a promotion, and that I would watch the track ahead with the sharpness of a lynx while he took his little 'nods,' as he called them. There was an express train due to leave the terminal track over us. It was in the days of what they term 'variation of watches,'—that is, the train that had the right of track had to wait five minutes beyond the time they were scheduled to meet another, then if the delayed train was not in sight, the one with the right of track pulled out and went ahead, and paid no attention to its belated companion, no more than as though they were not on the road. On the night in question Pat

had a half-smoked cigar in his mouth going up the long grade, and as usual I noticed his head nodding right and left as old 236 crowded steadily up the long hill. In some way or other there was a slight jolt—probably a low joint, but enough to arouse Pat, whose head came up to the perpendicular with a jerk, and at the same time he lurched forward, jammed in the throttle, threw on the emergency pressure of the air brake, and 'hossed' her over, as we used to call reversing the lever. Just as he threw her over he yelled to me, his eyes staring ahead, like balls of fire, 'For God's sake, Pete, jump!'

"I had been looking ahead while he was making these frantic efforts to stop, and I could see no danger. I looked back and could see by the tail lights that we had not broken in two, so thinking maybe the old man had gone daffy, I jumped to his side and looked ahead over his shoulder, while he was pulling out the throttle again to its full length, had opened the cylinder cocks, and was letting the sand run a full stream. 'God, man, don't you see No. 5's headlight? Drop off, my boy, I'll stay with her until we hit.'

"He still had the cigar firmly grasped between his teeth; the ashes had got knocked off when he awoke so suddenly, and the lit end of the cigar was casting a reflection on the cab window in front of Pat that did in truth look like the headlight of an approaching train. I sprang forward ahead of him, threw the front window open and back, and the supposed headlight approaching faded from view. We were now stopped and Pat's face wore a sickening expression as he seized an oil can, monkey wrench and a torch I lit for him, and climbed down off the machine

to put up a bluff when the conductor came forward to learn the trouble.

"The division superintendent was aboard that night, and as he had been waked up by the porter just as we approached the long grade, so he could dress before we reached the junction, he came over ahead with the conductor to learn the trouble. Pat fussed around the eccentrics and cylinder for a minute or two, then suddenly and to the surprise of us all, addressed the superintendent and said: 'It's no use, boss, I thought I saw No. 5's headlight coming, and it was only the reflection of my cigar in the cab window. It's not safe, and I will never smoke a cigar, pipe or any other contrivance in my mouth again, while I'm running an engine.'

"The story got out, of course, and Pat was unmercifully giped by his companions, but he kept his resolve. The management of the road heard the story and in less than a month a circular came out, that any trainman caught smoking while on duty would be discharged, and that was, I believe, the first official order on this subject emanating from a railroad company."
—*Dallas News*.

THE HAUNTED TUNNEL.

WHEN they told the boys at the round-house about it they were laughed at, of course.

"May be you had a little too much mountain dew," one of them suggested, good naturedly.

"Been hypnotizing him, Jim?" they asked the engineer in regard to the fireman.

Some one suggested they might have been dreaming; some one else rubbed his hand across his brow significantly.

It was evident that no one would believe the story.

As those who cross the Alleghenies on the road of soot and dust well know there is a certain tunnel built at such a grade that the train must slow up to go through it. It isn't long, as one thinks of long tunnels, like the St. Gotthard or the Hoosac, but in the light of things tunular, otherwise it is of goodly size.

Aside from an occasional red light at the side there is nothing in the tunnel to take

the eye, and from the cab of the locomotive one looks ahead into a shaft of headlight and black night.

That had been the accustomed thing until this run.

Now, however, as the engineer hung to his window, looking idly into the tunnel, seeing and yet seeing not, his reverie was suddenly broken by an apparition, a something on the wall.

It was a ghost—a woman—she moved her hands, waved a red flag, unfurled this farther to show the single words "Warning; do not come here again!" and then disappeared.

The tunnel was dark as before.

The thing lasted but a brief instant, but the engineer's instinctive "Oh, Jim!" had caused the fireman to turn and see it before it had vanished.

Then each held the other and asked the other, had they seen it? What was it, who was it, how came it there?

A woman of gigantic size, all in white, and plainly seen in a tunnel black as ink! And what of her warning.

They discussed it between themselves, then each advised the other to say nothing until they were certain.

On the return trip again they saw the woman. Only this time she brandished a pistol and as the train passed through the tunnel they heard a shot like the roar of a torpedo placed on the track to indicate trouble ahead.

Both saw it, both could not contain themselves at the information, so they told it to the round-house crowd, only to be laughed at as indicated.

Just then a long freight came pulling in from the mountains.

"By Jiminy, dat-vos a crossing," the German fireman began as soon as he had stepped from the engine. "Ve seen a spooks, and it, she, it fire a revolver at us."

"Vot, you no believe? Then you go look at the window; dere am a big crack in it."

The engineer came to the group, his face blanched despite the grime.

"Boys, it's no joke; the tunnel's haunted, and what's more the ghost's got a revolver it's mighty handy at."

Number nine, east-bound, was just about to leave for its flying trip over the mountains.

"I'm not fooling, but when you get into the Conemaugh tunnel, duck low."

"Yes, so we don't see your ghost," the fireman retorted jocosely. "I guess we won't see him after all. You fellers are pretty slick with this put-up tale of yours, but I guess a crew of freight and passenger engine men ain't so clever after all. Come on, Harry."

They climbed into the cab, and the engine sped on its way.

It was some two hours later when the round-house was thrown into consternation. An order had come from Shoo Fly, just beyond the tunnel, to send down another engineer.

Harry Smith had been shot in the tunnel, and while the fireman denied the crime, he was under arrest. Only he or some tramp could have done the thing, but any tramp riding blind baggage would not murder an engineer in a tunnel for no apparent cause.

The fireman told a tale of a woman of giant size who shot at them. It was possible that he had gone suddenly insane and while so shot his companion. That, or else was now trying to shield himself by shamming insanity through pretending to believe so fantastic a story as this.

When the other four men who had seen the ghost told their experiences, the general superintendent ordered them locked up as accomplices to the act. All five had connived at this story, to give Harry's death a cause other than the real. Did any man think the general superintendent was a fool to believe such a story?

He himself would go through that tunnel with any fireman who would take him, and show them who was afraid.

The taunt was too much, and a half dozen volunteered.

"What's more, you men can all come along in a flat car behind us!"

Engine and flat car were hitched up, right-of-way given, and the little company set out.

On the way they passed an up-special with the dead engineer. The general superintendent halted them and heard the story.

It took away the fantastic to see poor old "Booster," as they'd called him, cold in death. And to know that five of the brotherhood were under arrest for the murder of a sixth, members all of the same lodge, put a damper on one's feelings.

Ahead, now, loomed the tunnel. Innumerable villagers had gathered about it, speculating on the crime.

Two daring fellows had gone into the tunnel for half an hour's walk and reported seeing nothing.

The superintendent ordered all trains stopped at either end, and then had his little special begin its journey. The men sat on the open flat car looking anxiously at the night. There was no longer the levity that marked the outset of the occasion.

Suddenly, just as half a dozen mingled "Oh's," "There it is," "What's that?" came from them, and as a figure appeared on the tunnel side, there came a terrific whistle and roar as of a Mauser bullet, and a groan of pain from a man in the cab, brought the train to a stop.

Lanterns were lit, and rushing to the cab, the general superintendent was found hit almost in the temple by a bullet.

The train backed—it was the quickest way out—and then made full speed to the nearest village. There the doctor was uncertain if the man would live or not.

The thing had now passed the stage of levity or suspicion.

There was some devilishness that warned the train to keep off the tracks, and if it did not, aimed so well as to hit whoever might be in the engine cab.

Local gossips got busy and looked a little into history.

The mountain hereabouts were tenanted by a peculiar set, somewhat similar to the Amish. They had fought tooth and nail against the tunnels here, because they feared their houses would be caved in under. Not that this was groundless, either, for in a number of cases, as a tunnel came out of a mountain side it happened to poke its nose

right into some mountaineer's garden, and he was forced to sell and move.

They are a home-loving lot, these folk, and many were not evicted without trouble.

Possibly they had to do with it.

When the road detective got to the tunnel they investigated in a new way.

There was no need of running risk of more shedding of blood, so they took one engine, boarded it up completely with sheets of iron, like the engines of the last war in South Africa, and fixed these plates one overlapping the next, so that one could peer down along the track through them.

Then they ran the train in at a snail's pace.

Going this slow, and with a dozen eyes glued to the track, they detected what had not been noticed before, that the tunnel had been much tramped. Ordinarily the bed of track between the two inner rails, is undisturbed, for years well-nigh, but this had been walked very recently.

They halted the engine long enough to see that the footsteps were large, then they went on.

Suddenly again came the roar of a shot, and it flattened out against the piece of iron that covered the window pane of the cab, falling off to the ground. Again they stopped, then went on.

Emerging from the tunnel they ran the curious engine into a switch and sent on for some incandescent bulbs and wiring. With these they festooned the entire train, so that it would light up the entire track on signal. Then they backed her into the tunnel.

This time it made the entire circuit, but nothing came of it. Back and forth, in and out the train went, but without hurt.

In fact, in a day or two, a letter came to headquarters. "You kin run yer trains now; I had my revenge for the wreck of my place."

It was scrawled on a piece of birch bark and came in a torn envelope, evidently used before. It held good, though. The man who wrote it was one of the mountaineers, and he held to an "eye for an eye, and a tooth for tooth," as so many of them do. His revenge satisfied, he was content.

But the how of obtaining it?

Years later, the man on his death-bed confessed. Simple mountaineer as he was, he had attended the university as a youth and learned a thing or two. What was more, he was an expert in physics. The mountains round about the tunnel were full of caves, and one of these led very close to the tunnel's side. From it it was easy indeed to bore a hole just big enough to fit the lamp of a lantern; then to this he attached a magic lantern, and to that put the film of a little biograph, such as are sold over the mountains, lantern, film and all at five dollars, for home entertainment. The idea was for the operator to turn the wheel fast, and thus give to the picture-cycle the appearance of life. Not risking it to remain here, he put an electric battery nearby, and rigged it up to do this work. Then, on the track some little distance in the tunnel, either way, he laid wires leading to the battery. As soon as a train struck the proper point on the track, it set the connection, and the pictures were rotated before the lantern while a little light, as that of a pocket electric, carried them into the tunnel and onto the opposite wall. There was need only of a short series, as the train was soon passed, and what was more he did not wish to exhaust his batteries. That was the first step in his devilishness. The next was not difficult to accomplish.

Finding, by riding on the train himself one day, that passengers heard nothing of this, and that it failed to scare the firemen, he went a step farther. He set a repeating rifle into another cranny, which he cut into the cavern, in such a way that just its mouth showed out. Then the electric wires were arranged that the end of the pictures meant the shooting of a single bullet, this aimed at just the point a man in the cab must be. It was neatly timed, too, after much practice in the lonely tunnel.

To a skillful electrician the whole arrangement was nothing more than a little trouble, for the old man had removed enough stones from the tunnel side to allow his easy entrance and exit. As soon as a distant rumble apprised him of a train either way he had plenty of time to make his exit. Between, there was no chance of detection.

Finally, to make assurance doubly sure, he had a little flap arranged to lower itself over both the mouth of the lantern and the gun, after each had done service. This was of a sliver of stone and so like the rest of the interior, remaining, therefore, undetected. Above, he had screened the entrance to his cave so that no chance passer would find it, and he was secure.

Once his revenge was full, it was little labor to remove lantern and gun to his home in the valley and rip up the wire next the track.

So the ghost of the tunnel was laid, nor did it ever rise to haunt folks again.—By FELIX J. KOCH, in *The Railway Conductor*.

AN EASTER STORY.

ONE spring day, the Saturday before Easter Sunday, a boy of fifteen trudging along a road with a little bundle containing his clothing stopped under a tree to eat a bite of luncheon he carried in his pocket. While he was there a girl a year or two younger than he came along and said to him:

"You look very tired. Have you come far?"

"I have walked all the way from L. since 4 o'clock this morning. I am going to the city and must reach it before night."

"What are you going there for?"

"To begin to make myself independent. I am a half-orphan with a step-mother. She has made it so disagreeable for me at home that I can stay there no longer."

"Have you any friends in the city to help you?"

"No."

"Any money to use till you get a start?"

"No."

"What will you do for food and for a place to sleep?"

"As for food, I will go hungry; as for a place to sleep, I hear there are benches in the parks."

A great pity welled up into the girl's eyes. Presently she unclasped her palm and uncovered a crisp five dollar bill. She looked at it longingly, then extended it to the boy. "Take this," she said. "My uncle gave it to me for a birthday present. I am thirteen years old today."

"What were you going to do with it?"

"I was going to buy a sweater. All the girls have sweaters, and I have long wanted one. But you will need it far more than I. It may keep you till you get a position."

The offer of this money was the only sacrifice the boy had ever experienced. Thus far whatever had been given him had come from those whose duty it was to protect him, but everything he had received had come grudgingly.

"What is your name?" he asked.

"Laura."

"Laura what?"

"Laura Maryweather."

"And you think me so despicable as to take from you your birthday gift? Nothing would induce me to do so. I am going to the city to make my fortune. I have learned the value of money by hard knocks, and I shall take more such lessons. I shall make people pay me for what they get out of me, and I shall work, work, work, and save, save, save, until I am rich. But I will do it all myself. I will be beholden to no one."

"What are you going to do with your money when you get it?"

"Do with it? Well, one thing I will do with it—I will hold it up to glitter before the eyes of those who have denied me those things a boy desires, and I will make them feel how easy it would be to make them happy, but I won't."

The girl looked at him through a pair of eyes that grew big with wonder, mingled with which was an expression of reproach. Finally she said:

"Aren't you a queer boy?"

"Do you think that, too?"

"Yes."

"Well, I suppose I am queer since you say so. Others have told me that, but I would not believe them. Well, I must get on. Goodby."

"Aren't you going to thank me for offering you my birthday gift?"

"No. Thanks are empty words."

"Well, you have taught me a lesson in courage and independence, for which I thank you very much."

The boy turned away from her without another word. She watched him till he passed out of sight, then said to herself:

"That's the queerest boy I ever saw in my life."

After that she went on to the village and bought a sweater.

And what did the boy say of the girl as he drew away from her? "That girl is the biggest fool I ever met."

Twenty years passed. Laura Mary-weather in a worldly point of view fulfilled the boy's opinion of her. She gave first to others, second to herself. As to economy, she never knew what it meant. The day came when she passed beyond her father's and mother's care and was obliged to take care of herself, being compelled to work very hard. She was always giving away things she needed herself, taking no forethought for her future and spending what money she devoted to her own use without much wisdom. She was the personification of improvidence.

When she was twenty-five she married a man named Spellmeyer, who had no better head for getting on in the world than herself. Several children were born to her, then her husband died and left her with just what she had when he married her—nothing. Another five years passed, during which her children were growing older and needing more and more every year. Then she broke down in both health and spirit.

One morning the postman left a letter for her containing a check for \$25, signed with a name she had never heard before, Simeon Wrinkle. The letter said that on Saturday before Easter there was to be an auction sale of household furniture in the city. "Attend the sale and bid on a cake of maple sugar." The check bore date of several months before, and the envelope looked a little faded. The recipient was puzzled beyond measure. There was nothing to eat in the house and she was furnished with \$25 with which to buy a cake of maple sugar probably not worth a dollar. She spent the money for necessities.

One trait common with us all, curiosity, led her to attend the sale. She tried to borrow a dollar to take with her to buy the maple sugar, but though she applied to

those indebted to her, no one could spare the amount at the time, so she went with but a few cents in her pocket.

She found that a man supposed to be wealthy had died and left no will, so far as had thus far been discovered. He had left instructions that his household effects be sold at auction and all his relatives be bidden to the sale. An army of these persons were there, believing that a legacy would be contained in some of the articles sold. As soon as the auctioneer mounted the stand a spirited bidding commenced on everything that was hollow. Crockery, knives and forks that could not be used to conceal a treasure went for nothing. Mrs. Spellmeyer regretted that she had spent her \$25, for she could have bought lots of things she wanted for a song. But sofas, bureaus and desks with locked drawers brought fabulous prices. As soon as an article was knocked down to a bidder it was torn to pieces in the hope of finding a sum of money, stocks, bonds or jewelry.

Finally some kitchen stores were put up and among other things a cake of maple sugar. Mrs. Spellmeyer by this time began to suspect that the deceased had intended to favor her, but she could scrape together only 7 cents of the money provided to secure the sugar. She made the first bid on it she made on anything, and, this attracting attention, the cake was soon up to \$10, so she lost it.

Meanwhile there was a smashing and a tearing to pieces of all sorts of articles as fast as they were bought.

The sale was over without any large sum being discovered, though those who had made purchases were still pulling to pieces what they had bought. One old lady who had bought a bed had ripped the ticking off the mattress and was throwing the contents aside, as a ship throws the waves from her bow. A man who had purchased an iron box (locked and no key) was drilling a hole in it with a view to inserting an explosive and blowing it open. A boy was chopping to pieces a bureau, the drawers of which could not be removed in any other way. A young girl added to the din by trying to blow bank bills out of a cornet's

piston. At the moment some one stove in the head of a drum.

The auctioneer, standing on the platform with a bit of paper in his hand, wrapped with his gavel. When he had secured attention he began to speak.

"Ladies and gentlemen, the intention of the deceased in ordering this sale has been discovered. One of the articles sold, a cake of maple sugar, was broken apart and this paper found within: 'I give and bequeath all my property, real and personal, to Laura Spellmeyer, nee Maryweather.'"

There was a hush for a moment, followed by a howl of disappointed rage. The auctioneer rapped and cried above the din, "Is Laura Spellmeyer present?"

The widow, not knowing whether she was on her heels or her head, stood up and said she was the party called for. A sleek looking gentleman advanced toward her and stated that he had been the deceased's attorney and had the care of the property. He had forwarded to her the mysterious letter she had received. It had been left with him by the testator some time before his death.

A crowd gathered round the widow, composed mostly of those who had expected little or nothing, to congratulate her. To their questions as to her connection to the deceased she replied that she had never heard of him, whereupon the attorney said that the testator had told him the reason for willing his property as he did.

In all his life he had received but one offer of purely disinterested kindness. When journeying to the city a penniless boy he had met a girl who offered him a five dollar bill she had just received for a birthday gift. That girl he made his heir.

Mrs. Spellmeyer tried to remember the incident, but failed. It had occurred many years before, when she was a child, and it had passed out of her memory.

She was receiving congratulations, her face wreathed in smiles, when the lawyer asked her if she knew how much money she had inherited.

"La' sakes," she exclaimed, "I never thought of that!"

"Guess."

"A thousand dollars."

"A thousand dollars! It's more than a million."

"Oh, my goodness gracious! I wonder how I came to deserve such treatment of my heavenly father."

"Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these ye did it unto the king."

In the collection plate in Mrs. Maryweather's congregation the next day was an Easter offering of \$100,000 for a new church and another \$100,000 for an endowment. This was only the beginning of the widow's gifts. She seemed to take as much pleasure in scattering her money as the man from whom she inherited it had taken in hoarding it. The only smart thing she ever said was in this connection:

"The Lord needs two people to dispense benefactions—one to get money together, another to scatter it."—By AMELIA WRIGHT, in *Journal of Industry*.

"HAPPY."

FROM the first moment there must have been some vague familiarity about the thin young man in the greasy dinner coat who moved with jerky quickness among the tables, dexterously setting down here whiskies, there beers, there cocktails, and over at a more spendthrift table drawing out with a muffled "plump" the cork of a bottle of domestic champagne; some subtle but insistent prompting from the past, for though my eyes still followed the young man, my mind, for the time unconscious of its swift voyage, had left the din and glitter of the Elite Cafe, had drifted back—far back—ten years back—and was searching over half-forgotten scenes, almost forgotten faces; and presently, my outer mind still unaware of this subconscious quest, my memory stopped at and fastened upon a single dominant figure—a boy, thirteen or fourteen—with other shadowy figures playing lesser roles about him. And I felt a pleasant, romantic tingling. * * *

"Oh, come now, your dope's all wrong!" a man was declaring to me in good-natured irritation, a man with the large, emphatic manner of superior knowledge—a man in that far, shadowy ten years ago. "Good God, don't you suppose I want what's right

for the kids as much as you do? But I could never help along a measure like that you've been talking about. It's all sentimental rot! Why, nothing prepares a kid for life so well as actual experience. I'm a business man, a practical man, and I know! Oh, sure, schooling is all right, and I'm for it; but life, that's the real thing! And these kids that work in the streets that you've been rowing to me about—why, they've got the best chance of the lot. They're little business men. What they make is their own. That stimulates them to look for opportunities, and to make the most of opportunities. There's nothing in the world like the street to sharpen up a kid's wits. I tell you I know! Why, there's a kid, a great little kid, that brings me in my evening paper about this time—why, if you could see him, then you'd realize what the street could do for a kid. 'Happy' they call him. And a great little kid he is, a great little kid, with a great career before him!"

We argued on, and presently Happy came in with the paper. The business man engaged the boy in talk which brought out his points. Happy was shrewd, no doubt of it; shrewd beyond his years, and had ambition, and was energetic, and also was irresistibly likable. As far as the concrete example was concerned, I was worsted; and I went out of the office in defeat. But I had made a new friend in Happy.

After that I saw Happy often. His shrewd, racy, observant talk was a delight; and he sang, in a very good voice, all the popular sentimental ballads of that day. He liked to come to my room and sit with me; and also I used to take him to a settlement where there were boys' clubs and a kindergarten. He became a favorite with the boys of his own age, and the way he directed and protected the kindergarten children when they were dismissed was a marvel. His humanity was of the most natural strain. And he was always so good-natured!—no wonder some one had nicknamed him "Happy." All of us who met him thought him amazingly clever; all felt that he was going to develop into a man very much worth while if not alto-

gether remarkable. For certainly he was rare material.

To be sure, a few slight things cropped out that disturbed me. I caught him in more than one lie, in more than one petty theft, and discovered that on several nights he had not even gone to bed—and I had a sense that there were aspects and portions of his life that he discreetly kept from my knowledge. But all boys have their defects; these seemed to me merely the natural defects of Happy.

And then I had moved away. There ended my knowledge of Happy and of his promising career, and the long-ago film that had been unreeling within my memory became suddenly blank. * * *

A violent clashing of chords upon the piano jerked the whole of me back to the Elite Cafe—with its foggy odor of slopped-over drinks—with its stale girls, too worn-out for more pretentious places, whose inviting eyes were so callously bold as no longer to hold allurements—with its fresher and younger working girls who had dared to be "sports" and come in here with their young escorts to see what "life" was—girls whom one could imagine a little later with these other girls' cold, bold invitation come into their eyes.

I had already noticed such originality as the Elite's cabaret show possessed; that the dress-suited waiters, in regular turn, laid aside their trays and sang the favorites of musical comedy and vaudeville. At this moment there took his place beside the piano the young man who had first caught my attention. As I studied him I shivered. Hardly ever have I seen a body so emaciated, and yet still have life in it. His eyeballs made me think of glass marbles precariously balanced upon his cheekbones; his cheeks themselves seemed but merest webbing; his larynx stood out ridged, alone, almost as though it had been dissected away from its neighbors; the two great tendons at the back of his neck were each the ridge-poles of translucent skin-tents.

The hilarious piano changed into a softer mood. The young man began to sing. A joyous light sprang into his marble eyes; his whole frail body began to sway and gesture with a strangely infectious happi-

ness. His song was "When It's Apple Blossom Time In Normandy," and the sentiment he threw into that syrupy melody, for all his cadaverous handicap, was a genuine expression of an element of his being. But his voice came out with the peculiar dead huskiness which makes clean-minded doctors shudder.

That sudden flash of happiness, that sentiment, threw a bridge across the years for me. I thought I knew him. And when he had ended and, artist no more but tray in hand, was passing me, I said:

"Hello, Happy."

He turned about and gazed down on me. His bulging eyes were good-natured, but puzzled.

"Hello, pal. But I guess you got it on me all right."

"Don't you remember ten years ago—where you used to come in Sixth street off Second avenue?" And I mentioned my name.

"Say, but I'm certainly glad to see you again!" And he gave me his hand—a few loose bones and their wrappings of skin; no more flesh than a duck's foot. He leaned down. "Wait a few minutes if you can. The joint closes at one, and we can have a chin—what?"

A little later Happy and I were in the December street. It was his nature to talk freely and the chance that our old acquaintance had been renewed in a place like the Elite perhaps unconsciously impressed him with the belief that our ways of looking at life were much the same. At any rate he soon was telling me, in light humorous fashion, his history from the far time when that business acquaintance had declared that the street was making a business man of Happy.

And Happy's was certainly an industrial Odyssey of many and swift changes. From selling evening papers, which he had been doing when I had known him, he had shifted to the sale of morning papers. At this, his work began about twelve or one and kept him on the streets throughout the night—Broadway and Third avenue and Sixth avenue—streets that were moving-pictures, of late theater parties, and revellers, and degenerates, and bums, and crooks.

Then a friend whom he had made through me got him a place in an office. But after the freedom and constant change and high excitement of his old life, the regularity of his new job irked him.

The street and the night life had called, and he had gone back. Again he had sold morning papers—adding to his profits by performing nameless services for the inhabitants of the night and getting their free-handed tips. And then at various times he had been a waiter on a Coney Island steamboat, a waiter in a Coney Island restaurant, an omnibus in a Broadway cafe; a bookmaker's helper on Southern race tracks; a pool-room employee; a singer of illustrated songs in the cheaper motion picture theaters, a stage hand, a "puller-in" for stands at country fairs and at Coney Island; and when down on his luck, selling papers again, calling carriages after theater, and opening and closing their doors; always change—change—change—always excitement—always something doing; until at last he had landed his present job of minstrel-waiter at the Elite where he got \$10 a week and tips.

And, he ended, he was going to be married—"just as soon as things got to break-in' better."

"Married!" I cried, gazing at that fleshless figure, which jerked along with what to me was inexplicable speed and jauntiness. I adopted his light tone: "Where'd you pick her up?"

"In a cabaret over on Eighth avenue. She's a bit of an actorine. I was settin' at a table next her, and she lamped me. 'Oh, you black eyes,' she says. I was flush then, and I nerved myself up, and moved over to her table and threw down a ten-dollar bill, and I says, 'What'll you drink?' That's how it begun."

While we had been walking he had asked me to come with him to "Joe's"—Joe being an ex-newsboy for whom he had once worked. "Runnin' a gamblin'-joint now. He's sure one lucky guy. Why, between Saturday night and Sunday morning, last week, he cut thirty-three dollars. Ain't that goin' some!"

We now turned into a stairway off Seventh avenue, and mounted two flights.

A peculiar rapping by Happy and the door swung open and admitted us into a three-room flat, smoke filled, stiflingly close. In the farthest room a card game was going on and playing about the table, and standing around the room watching, were seventeen young fellows from perhaps eighteen to thirty—all of them, as Happy afterwards told me, ex-newsboys—the smart, clever, admired newsboy of the corner grown to manhood. In a moment Happy was among those around the table, a faint flush in his shrunken cheeks, a hectic brightness in his protuberant eyes. For an hour he sat there, tense, feverish—winning sometimes, more often losing; then arose with a laugh, stripped of his week's earnings, and gaily kissed his long fingers at the table.

We joined a group in the front room who were drinking the bottled beer that Joe served free to his patrons. They were exchanging tales of their amours—in humorous, cynical, matter-of-fact tone, as though such things as these they told of were the order of the universe; tales of sumptuous debauchery, where there had been light and beauty and wine and the tossing of large bills—and of dark hallways where the coin that had passed to the young girl or the old woman "bum" had been merely carfare or the price of a drink.

To these tales Happy contributed his share. The history of his life given on the way to Joe's, I had sensed, had been unconsciously edited and expurgated. Here was Happy unexpurgated. All of the man, as he now was at twenty-three, came out. He told a story, told it as a joke on himself, told it in a gutter-language and with a realism that made ordinary vileness seem chaste and desirable—a tale that in sordid, revolting horror capped all the sordid, revolting horrors that had gone before.

Presently some one called on Happy for a song. He at once stood up—smiling as always. But from the first moment, I saw that his wasted, over-stimulated body was unsteady. He gripped the backs of two chairs to support himself, and in that thin husky voice of his—that huskiness which was to me now so significant!—and in the close, sweaty room, foul with the odor of

the late familiar talk—he sang once more, "When It's Apple Blossom Time in Normandy," and sang it with that sure touch of sentiment which springs alone from genuine feeling. The crowd applauded loudly, for none love song-chromos more than such an audience as was Happy's. Then he sang another emotional song about "That Little Kid at Home," and was in the midst of a third whose refrain was woven about "Your Dear Old Mother," when of a sudden he began to sway. Before anyone could reach him he had slumped down between the two chairs in a loose heap of angles.

They stretched him out upon the floor, and hastily brought water from the bathroom and threw it into his face. "Jest a faint, lately he's been havin' them spells purty often," one of the young men assured me, the one they had pronounced the "lucky boob." "But he'll come 'round all right. He's a pal o' yours?"

I answered that I once had known him, but until tonight had not seen him for a long time.

"Well, Happy's a reg'lar feller all right," the young man explained, "only he's always hit up too fast a pace. Never knowed what it was to stop. You can't last goin' like that. A while ago he was fixed up swell; had two girls—queens, bo' of 'em, you bet—hustlin' for him. But they quit him. Tough on Happy o' course—but, gee, you can't blame them gashes a lot. Look at the shape he's in. O' course you know what's the matter wid him?"

I did. And I shrank away from the casual confidences of the 'lucky boob.'

Perhaps I should have stayed on until Happy had "come 'round." Perhaps there was something I might have done for my acquaintance of long ago. But as I gazed down at that wasted, waxen-yellow face among the cigarette stubs on the floor, the vision which that same face had raised at the Elite arose before me once again—of a light, boyish figure, a frank, clever, likable face, instinct with promise. And I could stand no more. When the next persons left the flat I slipped unobtrusively after them, and down into the street. Shivering, I gasped at the fresh air.

Through the four o'clock dark I hurried for my subway station in Times Square. As I came toward it a small huddled body started forward from the wide mouth of the kiosk. "All the mornin' papers, sir," it called out.

I halted. The boy before me might have been twelve, or he might have been sixteen; he was of that stunted breed whose size is no index to their age. But he was very young; and though heavy with sleep, this face also was shrewd, and likable, and instinct with promise.

I gripped his shoulder with spasmodic fierceness. "What are you doing out like this?" I demanded huskily.

"Now, what'n hell!" he exclaimed, starting. "I'm tendin to my business, see!"

Yes, he was attending to his business! I could see! The scenes back at Joe's, the talk I had heard—they were flames of fire within me. Passion-lost, incoherent, I began to question the boy, argue with him.

"Aw, cut it out, bo," the little fellow interrupted. He threw open his coat, revealing a newsboy's license. "Jest point your lamps at that, will youse? Say there, copper"—to a passing policeman—"make this here nut quit buttin' into me affairs."

The officer wanted to know what was up. I turned the flood of my expostulation upon him. At first he looked bewildered; then he began to smile, ever so faintly.

"I don't get you, friend," said the representative of the law, in patient, propitiatory tone, politely trying to repress his amusement. "Why, the kid ain't doin' nothin' except just attendin' to his business. He's got a right to be here. And what's more, I know him, and I can tell you he's a fine, bright little kid. So you see there ain't nothin' at all for you to worry about."

I looked from the kindly, reassuring officer back to the boy, who now was grinning at me. I wanted to act; I burned to do something big, decisive. But I began to waver. A sense of helplessness closed about me. What could I, an individual do?

Silently I turned and went down the subway stairs.—By LEROY SCOTT, in *Child Labor Bulletin*.

"RED" HAWKINS.

"There's so much good in the worst of us,
And so much bad in the best of us,
That it ill becomes any of us,
To speak evil of the rest of us."

AS a last resort to try and rid the country of an exceptionally undesirable citizen, a reward of \$5,000 dead or alive was placed upon the person of "Red" Hawkins, bandit and outlaw.

Hawkins was a man of cunning and endurance. For months and months the different stage lines and other valuable-carrying messengers could go their way without fear and unmolested, then, suddenly, seemingly from nowhere in particular, would come this mysteriously masked man and make his haul.

The wife of "Red" Hawkins, a fragile and law-abiding little woman, lived alone in a cabin, except for occasional and secret visits from her adventurous but loving husband. She knew no more when to expect these visits than did the sheriff, and although both she and the cosy little cabin were watched by day and night it availed naught.

Sheriff Herbst was at his wits end, it was his territory that suffered the heaviest losses and it was beginning to wear upon his nerves. The sheriff was a true Western Arizona character—a man of few words, decided actions, and sometimes called cruel in the performance of his duty, but always in all cases a true weigher with the scales of justice.

As all strong men have certain weak spots, the sheriff was not without his—his little ten-year-old daughter, Nellie, could twist him around her finger. His mild-mannered wife often told him he would spoil the child, but the warning fell upon barren ground. The great rugged heart of the man beat for his little child day and night, not a day passed but what he tried to think up some new pleasure for the dainty, blue-eyed babe—the sun may cease to shine, the world may stop its motion, let any strange calamity take place, but harm not the sheriff's child.

For one solid week the sheriff had hardly been able to get his necessary rest and sleep. Not only was "Red" Hawkins busier than usual, but a posse headed by the sheriff had been scouring the mountains for

a crazy man, who after killing and mutilating his keeper had made good his escape and was still at large.

One evening, as the sun was just sinking out of sight, and dusk was beginning to throw its mantle over the earth, a solitary horesman could be seen gingerly walking his horse down a narrow mountain trail. Both horse and rider seemed perfectly suited to each other, and a slight pressure of the man's knees was instantly obeyed with almost human intelligence by the horse and he came to a stop.

"I'd swear I saw something skulk across the road there, Don," muttered the man, speaking to his horse, "but I guess maybe 'twas the shadows, they are mighty foolin' about this time o'night." Once more "Red" Hawkins pressed with his knees and the horse again began his journey, picking his steps like a dainty lady and making scarcely any noise.

After covering a few more yards, both horse and rider were suddenly startled by hearing a child's voice cry out in piteous anguish and then as suddenly cease, as if the cry was strangled in its throat. Although Hawkins was a seasoned man and had experienced great hardships, this child's cry seemed to touch an otherwise unused chord within his breast and he shuddered. Slipping quickly and silently from the saddle, he swung his heavy-laden holster more to the front and then dropping the reins straight down from his horse's bit, he went forward alone. As he approached a shadowy clump of bushes, he was aware of a struggle going on just beyond them near the roadside. Drawing his revolver, he crept noiselessly along and peered over the hedge—there before him, in the deepening gloom, writhed a shapeless, wild-faced man and within his grasp was a swooning little child. "Red" Hawkins, with a stifled curse of horror, darted forward, there was a sharp report and the writhing figure on the grass gave a shudder, as if of relief, and gradually the clutch loosened from the child and all was still.

Some few minutes after midnight that night, a strange occurrence could have been witnessed within the sleeping town. Upon its outskirts appeared a horseman and

within his arms he held a tear-stained but peacefully sleeping little child. Looking neither to the right or left, he rode straight to the sheriff's house, and after carefully placing his precious burden upon the door-steps, he drew his pistol and hit the door a resounding clatter. Before the echo of the blow had died away the horse's galloping hoofs were lost in the night.

When the sheriff returned, weary-eyed, weak and almost heart-broken, he was told of the good fortune and given a note that was found pinned upon the little one's breast.

"Friend Sheriff," it read, "Here's your kid. I happened along just in time, and I'm glad I wasn't a few minutes later. You'll find that crazy man with a bullet-hole through him, lying just around the corner from that split-pine tree on the Gulch trail. Yours truly, 'Red' Hawkins."

Two months later, when things had again assumed their normal state of affairs, the stage pulled into town, over two hours behind time, with a bunch of passengers demanding justice and protection from such a calm and methodical bandit.

For exactly nineteen consecutive nights, the sheriff had arisen promptly at midnight and gone to his secret vigil, watching the cabin of "Red" Hawkins. Upon the twentieth night, as he cautiously approached his post, he was gratified to see a big, black horse, saddled and bridled, standing like a statue before the cabin door.

Without even a thought of wasting time by going for help, the sheriff crept silently, with cocked revolver, to the door, and quickly pushing it open, threateningly covered a man who was kneeling beside the bed.

"Hands up, Hawkins," growled the sheriff, "no foolin' now, don't try any tricks with me or I'll shoot. Come, hand over."

His words were interrupted by the feeble cry of a new-born infant. Hawkins looked at him for the space of a second and then kept right on with his work.

The arm of the sheriff fell by his side, and he tip-toed towards the bed.

"You want any help?" he asked, in a husky tone, "where's the water and other stuff?"

"Get that kettle from the stove," replied "Red," "and take away this quilt. Everything is alright now."

One year later Sheriff Herbst received a letter postmarked from a northern State:

"Friend Sheriff," ran the letter, "I told you I'd write, and we sure are doing fine. I've got a good job here as line-rider now, and I've cut out the rough stuff. You ought to see the little kid, she's growing big, and her and Don are great old pals. I won't forget your kindness, and I'd like to be remembered to little Nellie. Your friend, Ed. Hawkins."

Anyway, the sheriff always prided himself upon the art of reading human nature.
—by JACK WOLF.

IN THE SMART LITTLE TRAP.

AND he has the smartest looking trap you ever saw, Madge! It's champagne colored and a perfect love. What do you bet I don't land him, trap and all, before the summer's flown by?"

Miss Irene Warden, a beauty (and aware of it), was writing to her girl chum concerning the bachelor who had just taken the big colonial house with the carriage road and iron archway, which for several seasons now had abandoned hope of usefulness.

She was writing by an open window where the scent of the roses came up from the front garden. Beyond lay the pretty tree-lined road over which the bachelor and his champagne-colored trap had just flown by.

"Although I've told you his name is Horace Matlock," ran on Miss Warden's pen, "I haven't told you what he looks like. He's an old man, forty or fifty, I should say. His nose is rather too big, although people call him handsome, and he's a bit bald; but, then, I suppose most men who live in big houses and drive smart traps have big noses. What?" Miss Warden smiled a little soft smile into the glass above her dressing table and then bent over her portfolio again.

"Of course, I'd prefer dear old Tom. He's young and stunning and sings college songs so beautifully; but, as you know, he hasn't a red! And I really must do some-

thing this summer, Madge. My already meager allowance will be cut considerably in the autumn, for in September pa's going to enter the matrimonial game himself—a horrid, designing widow, too! So I must 'step lively,' in the parlance of street car officials.

"In point of fact, though," pursued the voluble pen, "it'll be pretty easy, plain sailing. I haven't a single good-looking rival up in this out of the way place except old Professor Thornton's daughter, and she's the quietest poke of a girl—a regular stay at home. And as for dressing—well, Madge, you and I spend as much on our gloves and veils, I reckon, as she does on her whole outfit. That's what comes from having a bookworm for a father."

The next week in the little village post-office a friend presented Mr. Horace Matlock to Miss Irene Warden. Apparently the meeting was by accident, but Miss Warden felt her smooth cheeks flush, and her habitual composure was rippled for a second, while, for his part, Mr. Matlock scarcely looked at her, and, having passed a conventional "glad to meet you," lifted his hat politely and walked out to his smart little trap.

"I had on my chic voile, the one Aunt Tessie sent me from Paris, you know," wrote Miss Warden to Madge, "and my big white hat with flopping fuchsias. But it was all rank waste."

She couldn't understand it. Her dreams hadn't ended that way at all.

One day in the tiny idle little bank Horace Matlock stopped short as he recognized a stooped, gaunt figure with a patrician face.

"Why, it's Professor Thornton, isn't it?" he cried, stepping up to him with a cordial outstretched hand.

When Matlock years ago had entered Yale as a freshman, Thornton had been tutoring, and quite a friendship had sprung up between them. Subsequently they had lost track of each other. But the satisfaction of the younger man in meeting the older one again was genuine.

"Poor, old professor! How thin and worn and aged he's become!" thought Mat-

lock as he drove the professor home to his modest little cottage.

Out in the cottage's sideyard by the hollyhocks a girl was picking a great bunch of sweet peas for the lunch table. When she heard the smart little trap stop at the gate she looked quickly up from the blossoming vines and wondered. Who was the distinguished looking stranger? And where had he picked up dear daddy?

A few days later Matlock drove up to the cottage again. It was only decent, he told himself, that he should show the professor some attention and take him driving now and then. Perhaps some day also he would take the professor's daughter. He liked her. He liked the natural, unabashed way in which she had acknowledged her father's presentation of him, with her sleeves rolled up and her arms full of sweet peas; he liked the width between her eyes, the breadth of her brow, the lines of her mouth. She was less pretty than many young girls, but there was about her a freshness, a sweetness, that pleased him, and he had noticed that her figure in her simple little gown was well molded and slim.

One evening toward twilight, when out in the open lawn bats were whirling aimlessly and tirelessly, Matlock dropped in upon the professor to make him a little call. He had fetched him his afternoon mail as pretext. While they were sitting out on the porch from the shadowy little parlor came the first chords of Beethoven's beautiful "Moonlight Sonata."

"That's Cynthia," said Professor Thornton in answer to his guest's start of surprise. "She's never too tired, no matter how hard or long the day has been, to play that sonata for me in the evening. I love it above all other written music, and she never forgets."

Then while the three toads droned their harmonies he told Matlock a little about his daughter—how four years ago he had suffered a paralytic stroke and she had been obliged to leave school in her graduating year and nurse him night and day with untiring sweetness; how, when their slender income was exhausted a year back, she had begun to make use of her musical skill

and give lessons on the piano. And when the professor told of Cynthia's tri-weekly trips to Adams, the nearest town, his silvered head went down on his coat sleeve, and in the gloaming behind the honeysuckles the two men were silent.

Presently they smoked their usual cigars and indulged in their usual conversation—newspaper topics chopped fine by individual opinion, a good deal of politics, a little of art and science. Last of all, Cynthia came out.

"Delighted!" she said, going prettily up to Matlock with outstretched hands. "While you two have been gossiping I've been remembering your weakness for tea and have drawn you a cup. Will you come in, or shall we have it out here?"

They went in. Near the little fern screened fireplace was a tea table, dainty in its array of polished silver and thin china. The hanging lamp shed the rich, soft glow of olive oil, and there was an air of intimate homelikeness about everything. Matlock had been a stranger to that sort of thing for so long that it sent a kind of thrill shivering through him. After all, to have a cozy tea table and a slim white hand to inclose in yours—Cynthia's hands were slim and white enough as they moved along the china in the half light. He pulled a chair close for the professor and then sat down himself.

Before Horace Matlock went to bed that night he remembered that on the morrow Cynthia Thornton was to drive with him in his champagne-colored trap. How it would harmonize with her soft hair before the ambitious sun touched it to gold! What a dear, womanly little treasure of girlish brightness she was anyhow!

Cynthia only returned from Adams the next day a half hour before her drive and was consequently a bit tired. She was not one to make conversation, and the quiet and beauty of the scenes stretched out before her made her very silent. Matlock, as he handled the reins, watched both her and the landscape. There was a certain peace about them both. And peace was, above all things, what he wanted.

The next day Miss Warden wrote to her girl chum again:

"In the beginning of the summer, Madge, dear, I wrote you that a certain matrimonial venture would be 'easy, plain sailing.' Alas! I'm afraid I shall never find port—not at least with my bachelor up on the hill. And in the name of wonders, who of all people do you suppose has taken the wind out of my sails? Cynthia Thornton, the old bookworm's daughter! He had her out driving in that little beauty of a trap three times during the last week to my knowledge! I'm afraid Cupid isn't very kind to me. You'll find I'll die an old maid after all, unless Tom!"

At this point Miss Warden's pretty teeth absently caught the top of her penholder, while she looked dreamily toward the sunny, three-lined street. Then she began to hum.

As she started on the fourth bar of her song a champagne-colored trap skimmed by. In it was the charming bachelor, and by his side was Cynthia Thornton.—By VIRGINIA LELIA WENTZ, in *Winnipeg Voice*.

NEIL FARRINGTON.

I AM a telegraph operator at a lonely little office. I had just finished reading a Pennsylvania newspaper which had been thrown from a passenger train the day before. Presently I heard footsteps, and looking up I saw a man approaching. He was whistling, and now and then he would sing a snatch of an old song. When opposite my cabin he stopped and looked at me.

"Hello," he said, and "Hello," I responded.

"Got anything to drink?"

"Nothing stronger than coffee," I replied. "There is a spring here, back of the cabin, if you prefer water."

"Water let it be," said he. "I had a good breakfast this morning and all I want is a drink of something cool."

I took the glass from the shelf in the office, filled it at the spring, and handed it to him.

"Gee!" he said. "That's a little bit like!"

Then he sat down beside me, on the doorstep. "Well, what's the news?" he began, picking up the newspaper which I had

thrown aside at his arrival. "Pennsylvania, huh? I've traveled a heap in Pennsylvania."

His eyes wandered over the columns until he came to one headed, "The Heights."

"Oh, gee!" he exclaimed. "Listen to this! 'Grant-Lindeman. Married, at Wynnewood, the summer residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Lindeman, Eleanor Irene Lindeman to Marcel Edward Grant.'"

"Well," I replied, "I see nothing extraordinary in that announcement."

"Maybe not!" he chuckled. "Maybe not! But if it hadn't been for yours cordially there wouldn't 'a' been no weddin' at Wynnewood this year I reckon."

I looked at him in interested surprise.

"I sure don't look much like a Cupid, do I, pal?" he continued. "But I was right there with the goods, all the same."

"Tell it to me," said I.

"Ah, yuh wouldn't believe me, anyhow, so what's the use?"

"Well, I don't know. I am a firm believer in the saying that truth is stranger than fiction. At any rate, it will do no harm to tell me."

"All right," he returned. "Yuh see, it was like this."

Here I, the operator, will withdraw, and permit Neil Farrington, hobo, to tell his own story in his own way.

"I was stretched out on a flat car, half asleep, lookin' up at the sky an' wonderin' where I was at.

"All of a sudden I heard somebody say, 'This is your terminal, bo.' I looked up an' seen it was the con, an' just then he gave me a shove with his foot an' off I went. Some conductors is awful reckless, but this one was all right, for I landed in a big heap o' weeds an' never got a scratch. Two snakes wriggled out o' the grass near me, an' I felt a prick on my hand and thought I had got bit, but it was nothin' but a nettle, or a thistle, or whatever yuh call 'em.

"Well, I got up an' took a survey o' my surroundin's. I looked down the track an' seen the caboosie o' the train I had been on hittin' 'er up around the curve. I looked up the track an' seen a water-tank an',

farther on, a depot. I looked straight ahead o' me an' seen a small-sized town. Couldn't see much of it on account o' the trees, but there was a little path leadin' up that way, so I thought I'd go up an' have a look at the burg. I was feelin' kind o' hungry an' wanted to see what was doin' in the grub line. I went up the path an' came onto the main road. There was a road leadin' off on the right-hand side, an' a big house at the end of it that looked plumb good to me. So I struck out for it, whistlin' to myself as I went along.

"It was a nice street, all right. A long, white road in the middle, an' a gravel walk on each side, an' trees borderin' the paths all the way.

"Well, I came to the big house an' went in at the back gate. There was a big iron gate at one place, an' a broad walk leadin' up to the front steps, but I went in by the little gate, an' up the path, an' around the house to the kitchen.

"The door was open, an' I seen a girl sittin' there, with a big blue apron on. She was lookin' right mad, but she sure did look pretty. I stood there a minute or so gazin' at her, an' then she raised her head a little an' seen me.

"She gave a little yelp an' jumped to her feet. It was no wonder she was scared of me, for I had two weeks' growth o' hair on my face, an' I was tattered an' torn, an' not a bit pretty to look at.

"I took off my hat an' came a bit closer to the door, an' said, as nice as I knew how:

"I didn't mean to scare yuh none, lady."

"Well, yuh did it, all right," she said. She stood there lookin' at me for a minute or so, then she said:

"Well, to what do I owe the honor o' this call?"

"Lady," says I, "yuh needn't be none afraid o' me. I'm under the painful obligation of informin' yuh that I'm downright hungry, an' I'd appreciate a little assistance in the eat line."

"The cook is out," she snapped.

"A beefsteak will do just as well," says I. "I ain't no cannibal."

"Well," she says, "I'll see what I can do for yuh."

I stood there waitin', while she skirmished around in the kitchen. At last she came to the door an' said:

"I might as well tell yuh that I'm alone here, but yuh see this, don't yuh?"

An' out of her apron pocket she pulled a cute little pearl-handled revolver. I replied that my vision was unusually keen.

"Well," she says, "it's loaded, an' it shoots straight, an' I know how to handle it. Now come in."

"Sure Mike," says I, acceptin' the invitation.

She put a white cloth on the table, an' set out all the eatin' utensils, an' then she said:

"Which do you prefer—cold beef or cold chicken?"

"Chicken," says I, without deliberatin' any.

"Or maybe you'd rather have eggs?" she suggested.

"Don't bother," says I. "Chicken's good enough for this child."

So out come the chicken, an' a lot more stuff that I don't dare mention now, or I'd get indigestion from thinkin' about it. Talk about your grub!

"Cake or pie," says she.

"Both," says I; an' out come the cake an' the pie.

"Coffee or milk?" says she; an' "milk," says I.

"Chocolate if you like?" says she; an' "All right," says I.

By and by she got everything ready, an' asked me to sit up an' make myself to home. I'm not like the boy that can't do it, you bet, an' I wasn't a bit slow.

"I suppose," says she, "that you're a—that is, a gentleman of leisure?"

"You're a good guesser," I answered. "How did yuh spot me so sudden? Yes, I'm a gentleman of leisure all right—only most folks hasn't got the manners to say it that-a-way."

"How do they say it, then?"

"Well," I says, "mostly they call me hobo—when they ain't callin' me worse."

"A tramp," says she. "An ordinary tramp, huh?"

I had my mouth full o' chicken, but when I got it down I says, "Yes, ma'am—but some do say that I'm an extraordinary one."

"Indeed? As to how, may I ask."

"Well, in the first place, as to the fact that I prefer a glass o' cold water to a quart o' red-eye."

"How remarkable!"

"On Sundays, an' in Kansas," said I—but she didn't hear that.

"In the second place, as to the fact that I always carry a cake o' soap an' keep my face an' hands right clean."

"Indeed?" says she again.

"Yes'm. An' also as to the fact that I am considered a most elegant dancer."

She gave another yelp.

"What! Do you dance? Are you a good dancer, sure?"

"Well," says I, "I'm some out o' practice, but I guess I could hold my own."

"Say," says she, "how old are yuh, when you're shaved?"

"Twenty-six—an' twenty-five when I'm togged out in a bunch o' glad rags."

"An' how tall are yuh?" says she, gettin' plumb excited, "an' what size collar an' hat do yuh wear an' all that?"

I told her, an' yuh just ought to seen her.

"Why," says she, "you're just the man I'm lookin' for."

"Glad to hear it," says I. "I didn't know yuh wanted me, or I'd 'a' been here sooner."

"Say," she continued, "are yuh in a hurry to get to where you're goin'?"

"I don't happen to be goin' anywhere in particular," I told her, "so the question o' speed ain't none important."

"Well," says she, "are you open for engagements?"

"In what capacity," says I, "an' how much is there in it?"

"Twenty-five."

"Say, lady," I says, lookin' at her reproachful-like, "two bits looks kinda small to me. Make it half a dollar, an' I'm right with yuh."

"Two bits, indeed! Twenty-five dollars is what I'm sayin', an' yuh can take it or leave it."

"If I don't take it, make me take it," says I. "What's the game?"

"Quit eatin'," says she, "an' listen to me."

"I never learned to eat with my ears," says I, "or to listen with my mouth."

"But I want your undivided attention," she says.

"Age before beauty, lady," says I; "an' the chicken has yuh plumb skinned."

"Well," says she, "quit eatin' for a little while. I want yuh to dance with me."

I follows her till we came to a phonograph, which she started goin'.

I stepped it off with her, an' when the record was played out she put the brake on an' took the record off.

"You'll do," she says. "A little out o' practice, but you'll do. Now, if you're hungry, we'll go back to the kitchen." An' back to the kitchen we went.

"Yuh see," says she, "it's like this." An' there she stopped.

"Well, go on. It's like what?"

"Why," says she, "I am engaged to be married. Not exactly engaged, that is, but —er—there was an understanding—yuh see?"

"Yes'm, I see. An' affair o' the heart, is it?"

"Yes. That's what makes it so hard to explain. Yuh see—"

"Now, lady," says I, "to make it easier for yourself an' for me, suppose yuh tell me just who all is concerned in this deal."

"Two men, an' another girl an' myself."

"Names, please—or numbers. I must have somethin' to go by, or I'll get all tangled up."

"The one man is Marcel Grant. The others don't count."

"An' Marcel was the one yur was most engaged to, huh?"

"Right."

"An' you had a little run-in, huh?" says I. "What was it about—the other man or the other girl?"

"The other man. Yuh see, I—"

"I see, lady. Look here, now, did this man Marcel ever ask yuh right out to marry him?"

"No, but—"

"Go easy, go easy! I'll bet you did something to make him jealous. Am I right? What was it yuh did?"

"Oh, I just danced with the other man, an' played tennis with him, an'—an' such like."

"An' Marcel spoke to yuh 'bout it, an' yuh got hot under the collar. What did yuh tell him?"

"I told him," says she, "that I hadn't signed no agreement to the effect that I'd not receive attention from anyone else but him," or words to that effect.

"An' Marcel 'lowed yuh hadn't, if that was the way yuh felt about it. Say, lady, how long have yuh bullied him around—this man Marcel?"

"'Bout two years, an' I thought—

"Sure yuh did, but you missed your guess that time. Where is the other man now, an' where does the girl come in?"

"I got so mad," said she, "that I shipped him off an' he went back to Philadelphia last week. The girl is a girl from Maryland, who is visitin' frien's here, an' everybody is plumb crazy about her, includin' Marcel."

"Which is humilatin' to you. Now, where do I come in?"

"Why," says she, "there's a dance to-night, an informal sort of affair, and I want yuh to be there, see? I'll fix it with the hostess, all right. Yuh see, half o' the unmarried men o' this burg is engaged, an' the other half—"

"An' the other half has at various times an' places been refused the privilege o' footin' your bills for the rest o' your natural lifetime."

"Precisely."

"An' therefore they'd be only too glad to see somebody hand yuh the same-sized lemon that yuh handed them."

"Precisely."

"An' yuh want to show them that they ain't the only sands on the shore, an' that yuh got an escort o' your own."

"Precisely."

"An' this man Marcel, when he sees yuh ain't missin' him none, will also see that you're worth while havin', after all, an' yuh'll make up an' live happy ever after."

"Precisely."

"All right," says I. "I'll be Romiet if you'll be Julio—an' I'll do my best or break

my neck a-tryin' of it." An' I pushed back my chair, signifyin' that I was through.

"Now," says she, "my brother's clothes will just fit yuh, I know. Yuh'll put on a traveling suit, an' I'll show yuh the path that leads down to the railroad tracks. Then, after the noon passenger train goes, yuh'll come up the front way, but don't come in by the back gate, like yuh did this morning."

"Yes, ma'am," says I.

"By the way," says she, "what might your name be?"

"Farrington," says I.

"Nice name; where'd you get it? The Duchess? Bertha M. Clay?"

"Lady," says I, "I come by that name honest. I didn't beg it, ner borrow it, ner steal it, ner buy it. I come by it honest—an' I ain't never disgraced it."

"Beg your pardon. No offense intended." Then she gave another yelp.

"Farrington! Herbert Farrington, of New York!"

"No, ma'am. Neil Farrington, of nowhere in particular."

"You don't understand," says she.

"Maybe not."

"Your name is Herbert Farrington—"

"Beggin' your pardon, lady—" but she looked at me an' says, "Don't interrupt." So I dried up sudden.

"Your name is Herbert Farrington, an' you're the hero of that New York automobile accident."

"Ain't it funny," says I, "how a fellow forgets a little thing like that?"

"Yuh saved my life," she continued. "I'd have been killed, sure, if it hadn't been for yuh."

"Don't mention it," says I. "Besides I must 'a' been asleep when I done it, so I don't deserve much credit."

"An' Jim offered yuh his wallet—five hundred in it—an' a promise o' more later, but yuh refused it."

"Oh, gee," says I. "Why, oh, why didn't yuh wake me up, lady?"

"Yuh disappeared then," says she, "but we met yuh later, an' we became very good frien's. An' last week yuh met Jim in New York—"

"No, lady, it was in Pittsburgh. I got a chip on my shoulder for Jim, all right. I'll break his face for him the next time I see him. He took every cent I had."

"Sir," says she, "do yuh mean to say that my brother—"

"Oh, is Jim your brother? The Jim I'm talkin' about is an old pal o' mine what played me crooked last week an' robbed me."

"An' Jim told yuh that he'd be at home this week, sure, an' if yuh got a chance, yuh should run up an' spend a couple o' days with us."

"I accept the invitation, all right. Don't worry none about that."

"Now," says she, "I had a telegram from Jim this morning, sayin' that he won't be home till next week. But that's between yuh an' me, an' ain't intended to go any farther. So o' course yuh'll stay till tomorrow, an' as pressin' business demands your presence in Baltimore or St. Louis or any other place yuh care to mention, yuh'll be sorry that yuh couldn't see Jim, but yuh couldn't think o' stayin' any longer—an' yuh'll try to accept our invitation to spend a week or two with us in the fall, but yuh can't promise for sure."

"I get yuh," says I. "An' how well acquainted am I with yuh? Well enough to call yuh by your first name?"

"Well, not steady. But yuh might once in a while—beggin' my pardon immediately."

"Right. An' what is your name?"

"Well, it ain't Mamie, an' it ain't Maggie."

"No, an' it ain't Peggy ner Poll. Quit tellin' me what it ain't an' tell me what it is."

"Eleanor," says she. "Eleanor Irene Lindeman."

"Eleanor," says I. "That's a kind of a smooth runnin' name, ain't it? Eleanor," says I, tryin' it over. "Eleanor," emphasizin' the "nor." An "Eleanor," again, soft an' sweet like.

"Well," says she, "what's the matter? Don't it suit?"

"Sure it suits. I'm just practicin'. I want to say it just right, yuh know, so as to make that man Marcel plumb jealous."

"Say," says she, "I don't want to hurt your feelin's none, but—but—"

"Out with it! Ain't my appearance up to standard?"

"Yes, but your grammar ain't."

"Don't let that trouble you, Miss Eleanor. I can sling Reed and Kellogg like an old-timer, an' do all sorts o' stunts with infinitives without spittin' 'em a mite."

"Is that straight?"

"Straight as a wire clothes line. I keep my grammar for State occasions, an' to-night I'll do my very best. I went to high school a while once, an' I reckon I ain't forgot quite everything I ever knew."

"All right, then. You be sure, now, an' don't disgrace me. Now for the clothes."

"One minute," says I. "Where's all your folks?"

"Oh," says she, patten' her apron pocket where her pistol was, "Papa an' Mamma are out o' town, an' won't be back till four o'clock. Aunt Nell is spendin' the morning with one o' her frien's over town, an' she an' the chauffeur an' the car will be due in at one p. m. The telephone is out of order, so the cook had to go over an' order the groceries. She'll be back pretty soon now. The maid got sick yesterday, an' we're hookin' our own gowns till she comes back."

"I admire your grit," says I, "an' here's hopin' yuh'll never need to use that little shootin'-iron. Now, where's the glad rags?"

"This-a-way," an' she led me to the staircase. "Second room, right-hand side. By the way, there's a suit-case there, which yuh can just take along. Yuh can put your old clothes in 'em, if yuh like. Yuh'll find everything yuh need, I reckon—hats, shoes an' all."

"All right," says I.

"Now," says she, "I gotta put away the remains of your meal, an' wash those dishes."

Well, it didn't take long to make a new man o' me, for those clothes just fit. Then, downstairs I went, an' out into the kitchen, where Eleanor had just finished washin' my breakfast dishes. She looked me over critically, an' said, "All yuh need now is a shave. There's a barber shop right near the depot."

"Do yuh think my face is good?" says I.

"I beg your pardon?"

Then she saw daylight. "Just a minute!"

She ran into the next room, an' came back with a five-dollar bill.

"This," says she, "don't come out o' the twenty-five. Now come on, an' I'll show yuh the short-cut down to the track. Hike it up to the station, an' get a shave, an' manage to arrive here about one o'clock."

I followed her instructions, an' arrived at the house just at the stroke o' one. A hair-cut an' shave had improved my appearance a whole lot, an' I was feelin' fine.

Aunt Nell had come home a little ahead o' her schedule, it seemed, for she an' Miss Eleanor was sittin' on the porch, chattin' like old frien's an' takin' life easy. When I opened the gate I seen 'em lookin' at me keen, as if they were wonderin' who the deuce, ace an' ten spot I was, anyhow. When I got half way up the walk, Eleanor jumped up an' stepped forward, like she's awful glad to see me again.

"Why, Mr. Farrington!" she exclaimed. "How do you do? This is an unexpected pleasure," an' a lot more on that order.

I made an appropriate answer, an' if any rules o' grammar got smashed that day, I didn't smash 'em. It was hard, an' I ain't ashamed to admit it—but the twenty-five looked good to me.

"Aunt Nell," says Miss Eleanor, "this is Mr. Farrington. I'm sure you've often heard me speak of Mr. Farrington in connection with that dreadful automobile accident?"

Aunt Nell gave me the glad hand, an' I told 'em the little tale about meetin' Jim in New York. Eleanor told me how sorry she was, but they were expectin' him right now, an' when they first seen me comin' with the suit case, Aunt Nell thought I was him.

Well, I spent a mighty pleasant afternoon, I tell yuh, an' when I spoke of goin' they insisted on my remainin', so I consented.

"Yuh must meet Mamma an' Papa," says Eleanor. "An' besides I'd like yuh to meet some of our frien's. They've all heard of yuh," an' I whispered to myself, "Gee! I hope not!"

"An' besides," says Aunt Nell, "Jim will probably arrive tomorrow, so yuh musn't think o' leavin' yet awhile."

"An' oh, Auntie," says Eleanor, "Mrs. Brown's dance tonight! It's rather informal, yuh know—"

"Sure thing," says Auntie. (Course, she didn't say it just like that.)

Would I like to meet some o' their frien's? Was I too tired?

Sure, Mike! Oh, no!

The phone had been fixed, so it didn't take long to arrange things with Mrs. Brown.

'Bout three o'clock they ordered up the auto to go down to the station to meet Pa an' Ma. More instructions, an' the glad hand from every side when they reached home. They was glad they had a chance to meet me personally, to thank me for havin' saved their dear Eleanor's life, an' wouldn't I, couldn't I possibly spend a month or two with them? But I told 'em I couldn't possibly, 'cause I had to leave for Salt Lake City the next day, but if nothin' happened, I'd be around later.

Pa an' Ma didn't go to the dance, but Aunt Nell did, as chaperone to Eleanor. No use botherin' about preliminaries. We got to Mrs. Brown's, all right, an' then a lot more introductions. I reckon I met everybody in town worth knowin'.

Everybody seemed glad to know me, an' after a while I noticed a chap lookin' at me mighty keen. I spotted him for Marcel, an' I didn't miss my guess. After a bit I got an introduction to him, an' he didn't seem pleased to death about it. I could see he was gettin' right jealous.

Eleanor was lookin' mighty pretty, with her big dark eyes a-shining', an' I reckon Mr. Grant didn't know what he was doin' when he shook her. She had it fixed so he didn't get a single dance with her. He came up to where she was sittin' once, an' said, "I may claim this dance, may I not, El—er—Miss Lindeman?"

"Sorry," says she, as she looked at her tally-card, "but this is Mr. Farrington's."

Just then I came up to claim her, an' he bit his lip, mad-like, an' walked right off.

"Eleanor," says I, "this is my dance, I believe?"

"Yes, Herbert," says she, just loud enough for him to hear, an' yuh oughta seen him look at me.

After a while we seen him drift into the conservatory. He was so blamed hot an' mad at himself an' me an' Eleanor an' everybody else, that I reckon he just had to get off by himself, or he'd bust.

Eleanor looked at me an' whispered, "It's up to yuh," an' I wasn't slow about takin' the tip.

So we slid into the conservatory, an' way back in a corner, behind a lot o' palms an' roses an' such. I could see Mr. Grant, nursin' his grouch.

We sat down, an' I said, "Eleanor—"

"Please don't Bert," says she.

"Eleanor," says I, emphasizin' the "nor," which made it sound soft an' smooth an' sweet, "Eleanor, dear, why won't you say yes?"

"Don't ask me, Bert," says she. "Please don't, Bert. I know I owe my life to you, an' I am truly grateful to you, an' I appreciate—"

"Don't say that, little girl," says I, takin' her hand in mine an' raisin' it to my lips. "Don't say that, Eleanor. Can't yuh say yes, little girl? I'll give yuh everything that money can buy, and I'll be true as steel to yuh."

"I know yuh would, Bert. Your too good to me. I don't deserve it"

Maybe I 'magine it, but I'd 'a' swore I heard Mr. Grant cussin' under his breath.

"No, little girl," says I. "Not half good enough for yuh."

"I appreciate your friendship, Bert," says she, "an' I hope it will always continue, an' grow stronger with the years; yuh'll always be my friend, won't yuh, Bert?"

"Eleanor," says I, "what you say goes with me. I'll always be your friend, if yuh want it that way, but is that all the hope you're goin' to give me. I know I was some hasty, little girl, an' I'll give yuh time to think about it. Maybe yuh ain't sure o' your feelin's. Maybe there's someone else that yuh like, too, an' yuh can't choose be-

tween us. I won't ask yuh, an' you needn't tell me, but if such is the case, I'll give yuh time. I've always played square with yuh, Eleanor, an' yuh ought to—"

"Bert," says she, in a tremblin' voice, "come to me six months from now, an'—"

Just then another couple entered, an' found us discussin' our favorite authors. Pretty soon we went out, an' joined in the dance again. An' when Marcel Grant emerged, about five minutes later, he was lookin' anything but happy. I didn't see much of Eleanor for the rest of the evening, but once, when she glided past me, she whispered, "Good for you!"

Next morning we were sittin' out on the veranda, when a boy came up with a bunch o' roses an' a note. Eleanor read it an' handed it to me. Just one line it was—

"Eleanor: May I call this evening? M. E. G."

"Tell him yes," said Eleanor to the boy. Soon as he was out of hearing, I said, "What yuh goin' to tell Jim, when he comes?"

"If yuh knew Jim yuh wouldn't ask. I'll tell him all about it, an' he'll say, 'I always knew yuh were a game youngster, Eleanor!' That's what Jim'll say."

Well, the train was due in about forty minutes, so she ordered the auto up, an' we went inside to get ready. She handed me an envelope, sayin', "Yuh've earned it, Neil—I mean Mr. Farrington."

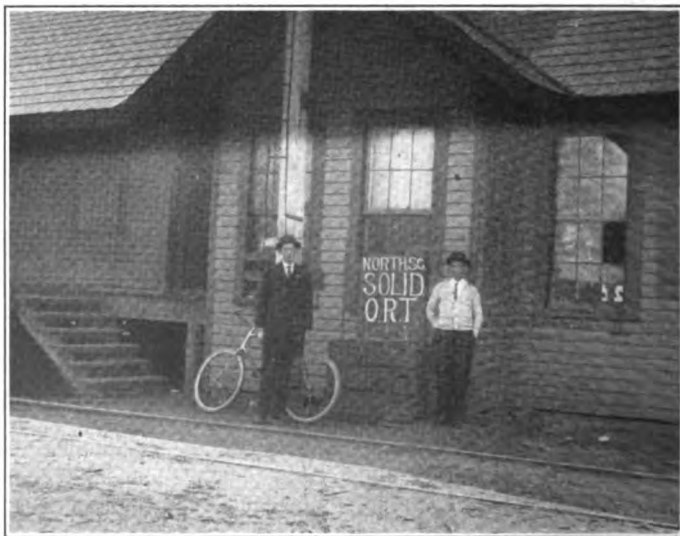
They all went down to the station with me—Pa, Ma, an' Eleanor. Just as the train was pullin' in, Eleanor says to me, "If there's ever anything I can do for yuh, Mr. Farrington—"

"Aw," says I, "name the first boy—good-bye Miss Eleanor! Good-bye Mrs. Lindeman an' Mr. Lindeman! Yes, I'll be around later. Regards to Jim!"

When the train pulled out, Eleanor waved her handkerchief, an' I called good-bye once more. I opened the envelope, an' took out five fives, an'—well, that's about all, I reckon.—LYDIA M. DUNHAM O'NEIL, in *The Railroad Trainman*.



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April Music.

Haste, oh, April, haste and wake
Silver notes in field and brake,

Liquid music, timid in tune,
To the morn's gold dancing-shoon!

Quicken with a magic word
Fife of reed and flute of bird,

Tripping measure, dying fall
Of the south wind's madrigal;

Bid the brook's wild tambours clash
Where the cool, brown pebbles flash;

Touch the oak-leaf's sounding shell,
Sway the tinkling flower-bell.

Then, I pray, ere strains like these
Melt in mellow melodies,

In the wonder grant me part—
Smite the wind-harp of my heart!

—HILTON R. GREER.

Prejudice.

He pricked his finger on a rose
And then went forth to warn
His neighbors of the bush that grows
A sharp and dangerous thorn.

"Beware," he cried, "that little tree;
It is an ugly thing,
For once it sorely wounded me,
And you 'twill surely sting."

And so he went along his way
Proclaiming loud his woes,
Advising every one to stay
In terror of the rose.

And there are men who walk about,
With logic just as sound,
Of other fellows pointing out
The faults that they have found.

They bid us heed their cry of "thorn,"
And fail the rose to scan;
And they would bind us with their scorn
To what is good in man.

—EDGAR A. GUEST, in *Detroit Free Press*.

If You Don't Watch Out.

When the auditor—he checks me up—
To see how things are run,
He scares me mighty nigh to death;
I'll tell you it's no fun.
He'll say: "Be sure you charge enough,
Or I haven't any doubt
That the I. C. C. 'll git you,
If you don't watch out."

And then he'll say: "Don't charge too much,
Not even by a cent,
And watch the stars and asterisks
To see what all is meant;
Be sure you read up all the laws
To see what they're about,
Or the I. C. C. 'll git you,
If you don't watch out."

There are two million tariffs
Which you must memorize,
And they each have a supplement
Of monumental size;
And then there's Circular 39,
Learn it—you lazy lout
Or H. J. S. 'll git you,
If you don't watch out.

And watch your liquor shipments;
On that you must not fail,
Or the sheriff he will git you
And lock you in the jail.
Don't overlook your crop report,
Or J. O. B. will pout
And send Candee to git you.
If you don't watch out.

When you have read up all the rules
In Circular 39
And can repeat them, word for word,
And not omit a line,
Why study up your baggage rules,
Or I know some baggage scout
Will snoop around and git you,
If you don't watch out.

But it's the salary I get
That makes me stick around,
For a job at forty dollars
Can't every day be found,
And so I learn about the law
And the auditor put to rout,
For there can't nobody get you
If you just watch out.

—DIV. COR., U. P. Railway.

Parcel Post.

Our postmaster says, says he to me
 Our Uncle Sam is up to date,
 We take no further chance you see,
 Awaiting packages by freight;
 That's why we boast of parcel post,
 And I'm sorry for to say
 Your fast express will carry less
 Than in the bygone day.

In days of old, says he, I'm told
 The stage-coach was the best,
 Long before rail brought eastern mail
 To Denver in the West.
 But now oh my! your price is high,
 You must reduce your rate,
 Your price did force our parcel post
 That came to us of late.

Says I but think! the ships that sink,
 That plows the ocean blue,
 That brought your mail from east by sail,
 Will soon be lost to view.
 Likewise the mails that run on rails,
 Which! you consider fast,
 Will soon no doubt be down and out,
 And a thing of the past.

For through the sky your mail will fly,
 In the coming airship trains,
 From pole to pole your mail will roll,
 In well-equipped aeroplanes;
 We all will ride on this trackless tide,
 And her wireless code on high,
 For our coming trains are the aeroplanes,
 The monarch of the sky.

—CHARLES P. REGAN.

Green Fever.

I've caught green fever, mercy me!
 Just feverin' for the maple tree.
 And willer, where the mint grows strong,
 And some wild, wondrous redwing's song
 To shake me loose from dust and grime—
 Green fever for the summer time.

I've got it, sure as you are born—
 Green fever for the soft, cool morn
 That comes so dewy and so sweet,
 With such green shoon upon her feet,
 And laughing lops, and all the mile
 A rosebud from her lips of smile.

Ah, well, I'm glad to have it, dear;
 So glad the fever's coming here,
 Glad, glad, I've caught it once again;
 For my sake and for other men—
 Green fever, with its burning joy
 That turns old codgers back to boys.

Blest heart, it almost makes me jump
 Out of my skin, and hear that thump
 My heart is giving 'gainst my side;
 Green fever for the rippling tide,
 The shadowy shore along whose rim
 The minnows and the white perch swim.

Don't care how much I get it, no,
 Nor whether it goes fast or slow;
 Just want it, want it, oh, so bad—
 Green fever for the hours so glad,
 The blossoms and the birds and things,
 And flies and frogs and fairy wings.

Fraternity.

Down the tow'ring steps of time,
 Rolls the song of songs sublime,
 And it echoes through the land;
 Pealing forth on ev'ry hand;
 And the message that it brings
 Rings alike to clowns and kings,
 Over land and over sea,
 Fraternity, fraternity.

Ev'ry loving son of earth
 Is a Frater from his berth,
 And his heart is keeping time
 With the universal chime;
 Swelling out to all the race
 In the tones of love and grace,
 And it calls to you and me,
 Fraternity, fraternity.

Hand in hand the sons of earth,
 Pressing onward from their birth,
 March triumphant to the strife
 For the better things of life;
 And their banners wide unfurled
 Fling this message to the world,
 To the bondman and the free,
 Fraternity, fraternity.

All mankind shall find at length
 That in union there is strength,
 And protection for the home
 And the weary ones who roam;
 And the feeble shall be strong
 When they hear this glorious song
 Heard in ancient Galilee,
 Fraternity, fraternity.

—ROBY, Topeka, Kan.

A Laugh.

A laugh is like the sunshine,
 It freshens all the day,
 It tips the peaks of life with light
 And drives the clouds away.

The soul grows glad that hears it,
 And feels its courage strong—
 A laugh is just like sunshine
 For cheering folks along.

A laugh is just like music,
 It lingers in the heart,
 And where its melody is heard
 The ills of life depart.

And happy thoughts come crowding
 In joyful notes to greet—
 A laugh is just like music
 For making living sweet.

—Household.

FACETIOUS

The Obstacle.

Blobbs—The trouble with Bighedde is that he is stuck on an insurmountable obstacle.

Slobbs—What is it?

Blobbs—Himself.—*Philadelphia Record.*

The Secret.

Mr. Gazip—That romantic Miss Passe says there is a secret connected with her birth.

Miss Pickles—So I've heard. It's the date.—*New York Globe.*

Divination.

Seeress (mysteriously)—There is a dark something in your life which promises to give you trouble.

Patron (with a sigh)—I know it. It is the brunette I'm engaged to.—*Baltimore American.*

Impossible.

"The Venus of Milo would never have joined in the cry of votes for women."

"Because she was too well satisfied with the power of beauty?"

"Oh, not that. She never would be able to take things into her own hands."—*Baltimore American.*

In Public Eye.

"Somehow," said the genial station official as he seated himself beside the traveler, "there are some things which lead people to appreciate our wonderful improvements for their convenience and comfort."

"Oh, don't worry," laughed the jolly traveler. "There are some things about your line that are always in the public eye."

"I'm glad to hear that, sir. And would you mind naming them?"

"Cinders, sir—cinders!"

Not a Laboring Man.

Tramp—Good morning, lady, I thought perhaps I might be able to get a bite here.

Mrs. Snapp—Certainly not.

Tramp—Oh, then I am laboring under a mistake.

Mrs. Snapp—It strikes me you never labor under any circumstances.—*London Opinion.*

Worse Yet.

She had just finished reading "The Man Without a Country," and as she laid it down she sighed and said:

"I can't imagine anything worse than a man without a country."

"I can," replied her friend.

"Why, what's that?"

"A country without a man."

She Was a Countess.

Squaggs—Say, Squiggs, is there anything in the story that your nephew married a countess?

Squiggs—Well, yes, I suppose there is. The young lady ran the adding machine in Bughouse & Bingle's office.

What He Really Needed.

A young man very fond of the girls, but very cautious as to his dealings with them, recently went to a poetical friend and asked him if he would help get up a birthday sonnet to a certain young lady.

"Well," said the poet friend, "what do you want me to say?"

"Why, you ought to know about what's the proper thing," said the young man, "something rather tender, but at the same time, remember, I don't want to commit myself in any way."

"Well," said the poet, "you don't want a poet to draw up your birthday verse. You want a lawyer."—*Ladies' Home Journal.*

Man of Experience.

"So you claim the world is round," sneered the skeptic. "How do you know that it is not square?"

"Because I have had too many dealings with it," grimly replied Columbus.

Keeping Up With Providence.

In Americus, Ga., there is an old man who has quite a record for marrying. Four wives have died, and he has married the fifth. After the fifth wedding a neighbor met the old man's son and said:

"Well, John, I hear your father has married again?"

"Yes, sir," said the boy. "Every time the Lord takes one the old man takes another!"—*Saturday Evening Post*.

Tit for Tat.

Standing by the entrance of a large estate in the suburbs of Dublin are two huge dogs carved out of granite.

An Englishman going by in a motor thought he would have some fun with the Irish driver.

"How often, Jack, do they feed those two big dogs?"

"Whenever they bark, sir," was the straightforward reply.

Where They Are Found.

Finding a lady reading "Twelfth Night," a facetious doctor asked: "When Shakespeare wrote about 'Patience on a monument,' did he mean doctor's patients?"

"No," said the lady, "you find them under monuments, not on them."

Return of the Envelope.

The treasurer of the Newburyport Water Works sent out his annual bills one year by mail. In the corner of the envelope was the customary request: "After five days return to Newburyport Water Works, Mass." What was his surprise to have a woman come into his office five days afterward and pass him an empty envelope with the remark: "Here is your envelope, but what you want of it is more than I can see."—*Lippincott's*.

Diagnosis.

A young lady complained about the way her sweetheart treated her.

"Why don't you give him the mitten?" said her chum.

"Mitten, nothing," responded the forlorn one. "He doesn't need the mitten. I had better give him a pair of socks; he's getting cold feet."

His Synonym for a Quick Retreat.

In the sixth grade the teacher was questioning a boy about Napoleon's disastrous invasion of Russia and the subsequent retreat from Moscow.

"What did the French do then?" she asked.

"They ran away," said the boy.

"Yes, that is what they did," said the teacher, "but 'ran away' is hardly the correct phrase to use. What should you have said?"

The boy's face lighted up with understanding.

"They beat it!" he exclaimed proudly.—*Kansas City Star*.

The Home of the Swallow.

The teacher in natural history had received more or less satisfactory replies to her question, and finally she asked:

"What little boy can tell me where the home of the swallow is?"

Long silence, then a hand waved.

"Well, Bobbie, where is it?"

"The home of the swallow," declared Bobbie, seriously, "is in the stummick."

On the Safe Side.

A carpenter sent to make some repairs in a private house entered the apartment of the lady of the house and with his apprentice began to work.

"Mary," the lady said to her maid, "see that my jewel case is locked up at once."

The carpenter understood. He removed his watch and chain from his vest with a significant air and gave them to his apprentice. "John," he said, "take these right back to the shop. It seems that this house isn't safe."—*McCall's Magazine*.

Our Correspondents



OUR COLLECTIVE CONSCIENCE.

WE write on March 11, 1914. Only a few days ago the New York papers notified the death of a very important potentate, at the age of forty-eight, worth \$50,000,000. He inherited \$10,000,000 a goodly number of years ago. He did not seem to have any longings for wealth accumulation. He was a lover of nature and knowledge. He mastered eight languages. He lived a quiet, sensible life. His wealth grew without paying any attention to it. He must have had a very good wealth manager. To purchase when prices are low; to sell when prices are high; to be in the inner circle where business combinations originate, in close contact with the intrigues of legislative bodies. There we have the elements of rapid wealth accumulation. All that is the result of our own artificial civilization. It has nothing to do with the natural order decreed by divine law. It is all the product of our own egotistic ideals incorporated in the laws of nations.

Three reasoning processes or methods of analysis can be conceived when we deal with human events affecting the destinies of humanity in their ensemble and general results. Let us call them the optimistic, the pessimistic and the realistic. Optimism has always been very popular. It takes so little thinking, so little effort to say that everything is about right! It is so flattering to our human vanity not to have to acknowledge that we are making any great mistakes in our conduct, private and collective! If we could have a private talk with the Prince of Darkness we would find that he is an optimistic chap of the first water, a very encouraging fellow to talk with, always pleased with himself. And what about the pessimist? Well, he thinks sometimes too much and sometimes too little. In both cases he takes no cognizance of the center

of gravitation in human life. In that he is like the optimist. It is only the realistic fellow who radiates all his thoughts from life's gravitation center, from the essence of things. And he sends back all his thoughts to the fundamentals in healthy human life.

Now let us see where we should naturally localize the gravitation center of our human life and development on earth. You ask that question of the wisest and most prominent chaps in the optimistic or pessimistic ranks. You will not get any precise, scientific answer from any of them. And still the answer can be found in Genesis, third chapter, verse 19, viz.: "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread." The industrial life is then the key to the situation. All other human activities would cease to exist without the industrial ones. Hence the imperative need of our applying equity, morality, honesty, to all industrial relations, if we wish to have any decent, sensible human life on earth. Can you find any escape to that simple conclusion, you optimists or pessimists? Hardly.

Yes, the quality of the industrial life in each national group, that is what shall determine the goodness or badness of every other department in our human development, including what we call "our religious life." All stands or falls on the honesty or absence of it that we may have embodied in our industrial relations.

It is quite exasperating to have to notice that so many generations of fine, good people have passed over the earth without noticing the rank injustice of all the industrial systems by which we have given boundless wealth to some and greater or lesser poverty to many, and many without whom no wealth would be created, of any account, for anybody. The case we have mentioned at the beginning of this essay is but one in millions all over the past and present nations. It happens that the wealth

we create, year after year, does not remain around anywhere long. The most indispensable to human life is consumed in less than two or three years, some in a few days. The wealth that remains for any one or more decades, that wealth would not keep alive humanity for any twenty-four hours. What remains forever is the power that human laws give to some, the power of placing under tribute the many for permission to work and live. And if you dare to broadly mention such facts you will find neither jobs nor consideration anywhere. That is the worst of our present progress.

Ignorance of essentials, or moral cowardice, seem to be indispensable to material success in our terrestrial life. You have to watch what public opinion is willing to stand or be able to digest. If you don't you shall perish, perish in material advantages or esteem. Is not that deplorable?

In forms open or hidden most men have always believed in the existence of "A Power" that makes for righteousness. By natural implication it is our imperative duty that we should co-operate with that "Power," we personally, we collectively. We still decline to actualize that duty. The Power in question can not then sensibly or logically suppress the connections and relations of causes and effects through all cosmical and conscious life ramifications. Hence the prolongation of all sin and sorrow among men on earth. The situation is prolonged through centuries because neither we the optimists nor we the pessimists or fatalists wish to see the rationale of rising up to the duty of co-operation with God on His plan of life. We still wish God to descend to our own plan of mean, selfish, social development.

The town where the writer lives has recently had what we may call an examination of our local collective conscience. We have discovered that even small towns are unfolding some of the wrongs of our large cities. How can it be otherwise? We can only clean our cities, towns, hamlets and farm sections by the cleaning of the nation. No doctor in medicine attacks sickness on any small section of our body when we are sick. He tries to clean the whole system, to the extent he can and conditions allow him.

The whole universe of God is a unit. The moral order is but the complementary element of the symphonies of creation. The planet we call the earth is yet sick through and through. That is very likely the only abnormal spot in the universe. Unto us, men of position and intelligence, unto us it is given the power to rapidly place the earth in peace with the Father of all sublimities. It has to be done through Our Collective Conscience.

JOSE GROS.

FROM THE SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT.

NEW YORK, March 23, 1914.

To the Editor:

In view of the wedding of Bro. George E. Joslin, the esteemed member of the Board for the Eastern Territory, I have been asked to extend the congratulations of the membership in that territory, and take pleasure in doing so in the following open letter:

"It is not to be supposed, my dear George, that a man in your pleasant circumstances can have the flavor of his cup of happiness improved, even by the felicitations of his friends. But we can not allow you to leave us with the treasure you have made your own without congratulating you on your good fortune and wishing you and your fair one all the blessings with which a union of hearts can possibly be crowned.

"Henceforth, you have two worlds before you—the general world, to which we all belong, and a little domestic world of your own.

"May you have a joyous bridal trip, and may your journey through life be over pleasant roads."

When I came to the Eastern Territory some ten or twelve years ago, I formed what has been termed a "Bachelors' Cabinet," composed of two of the gayest in the East and myself, namely: Manion and Joslin, and now having put them both to flight I am left alone and bids will be received from applicants who desire to undertake to fill these two vacancies, but in the meantime we will all drink to the health of "Joshi."

Yours fraternally,

T. M. PIERSON,
Vice-President.



NOTICE.

All matter for this department must be in the hands of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer on or before the 28th day of the month in order to insure its use in the following issue.

New Haven, Conn., Div. No. 29.

As usual, the March meeting was favored with a good attendance and everybody had something to say, and much of interest was discussed and disposed of.

The following officers were installed for the ensuing year; General Chairman Ross acting as installing officer, ably assisted by Bro. Davis, as marshal.

E. C. Terry, chief telegrapher; W. H. Gordon, first vice-chief; Jno. Mills, second vice-chief; G. F. McCormack, secretary and treasurer.

The chair appointed as inside sentinel, Bro. Snively; outside sentinel, Bro. Manning; marshal, Bro. Dunbar.

Second Vice-President Pierson sent his regrets, being unable to attend, on account of being engaged at Boston, finishing up the Boston Elevated affairs. A congratulatory night letter was sent Bro. Pierson by Chief Terry and Secretary and Treasurer McCormack, on behalf of the division for the fine work he did for the boys on the Boston Elevated, securing the first schedule signed by an officer of the O. R. T., with an increase of 3 cents an hour for the first year and an additional cent an hour the next year; time and one-half for Sundays and overtime and one day off a month with pay and back time, which amounts to about \$72.00 per man, and no man can get his back time unless he holds an up-to-date card.

If there is one thing the writer is proud of it is the fact that T. M. P. secured his application some 12 years ago.

Reports from the West confirm our prediction that when "Doc" Manion was elected fifth vice-president he would reflect credit on Division 29 and the Order. Two of his recent victories are the S. P. and the O. W. R. R. & N. schedules, and we are justly proud of him.

Bro. Ross is busy handling grievances, attending meetings and filling engagements for conferences with the officials. He is looking out for our interests all the time, and his report will show what a hustler he is. Come out to the meetings. He will call on as many of you as he possibly can.

Our newly-elected chief, Judge E. C. Terry, needs no introduction, he has for years been a hard, keen worker, always having the telegraphers' and agents' welfare uppermost in his endeavors. He is responsible for most of the legislation in Connecticut tending to better our conditions.

The tenth annual meeting of the general committee was held at Providence, R. I., Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 19th, 20th and 21st. The *Providence Evening Tribune*, of March 16th, published photos of General Chairman Leonard, Jackson Ross and Local Chairman Geo. E. Joslin, of the Providence, who is also a member of the board of directors of the Order. A very interesting account accompanied the photographs.

T. A. A.

Midland Division--

Brothers, every time you have a chance, drop off at Manchester and show ex-Bro. Weir where he is wrong in dropping out. Every eligible non is worth saving.

Hartford "AD" is now three tricks, with Bro. Phillips, of East Hartford yards, on third; relieved by Bro. Hilborn, from Branch switch.

When the Hartford union depot burned on February 21st the Midland dispatchers and operators were moved to the old C. N. E. station, third floor, with new tables and equipment.

It is to be regretted that more Midland Division brothers could not have been present at the big meeting of Division 35 on March 21st. The remarks of Bros. Pierson and Ross were an inspiration to us all to keep up the good work.

We are glad to welcome back into our ranks Bro. T. H. McKenna, agent Armory, one of the oldest employes on this division. It was also Bro. Otis three days after he bid in Auburn second. Some of these old-timers make a note of that.

Bro. T. M. Buckley is now car distributor, and Bro. Koch is acting stationmaster.

It is your duty to attend your meetings on the first Friday or third Tuesday of each month.

"EN."

Western Division, N. Y., N. H. & H.--

Bro. Moschka secured the application of Mr. Fill, second Stevenson. It is also now Bro. Pete Reardon, second Hawleyville Jct., secured by Bro. "OC" Wheaton, Hawleyville.

Bro. Raymond bid in second Botsford. Mr. Gray, Brookfield agency, and Bro. Bisette Hawleyville second.

Bro. Link, second "RX" tower, resigned.

Bro. Russell, second Derby Jct., on 30 days' leave to Florida, relieved by Bro. B. A. Benson.

Bro. Brink is now extra dispatcher, and Mr. Doolan on second "JC" side wire.

A MEMBER.

Western Division, N. Y., N. H. & H., and Danbury Branch, C. N. E.—

Bro. Thos. McTigue relieved Agent Torrey, VanDeusenville, while absent on account of the death of his mother.

Bro. Winnie V. Hover was on third "GT" Barrington several weeks.

All the brothers were glad to see Trainmaster J. W. Carr, who has just returned from a pleasant trip to Cuba.

Bro. F. F. Odium, relief agent, relieved Bro. Lowrey, while in Providence attending convention.

Bro. C. M. Sherwood was on several weeks' vacation.

Rear-end block system was established on the first district Sunday, March 15th.

West Patterson, closed as an eight-hour, is now a twelve-hour office, and Holmes opened as a three-trick office, causing Bro. Lates to wear a broad smile.

The American Red Cross car was in this section the middle of March and many attended the lectures; the officials offering every inducement for employes to do so, by stopping trains, running specials, etc. All who attended learned much that can be of great help to them and others.

This big storm surely tied things up, particularly at Hopewell and west. The L. & H. was in very bad shape and the "Federal" had to be detoured via New York for four nights.

T. A. A.

Old Canal Division—

Bro. Moody, second Simsbury, visited his parents at Northampton a few days recently.

A. Z. Rose bid in Collinsville. "SR" at "NR" tower, is the white hope of this division. He is there with a wallop in one hand and an up-to-date in the other.

Agent Rockefeller, Congamond, has gone to the B. & A.; relieved by Relief Agent Zanky. Agent and operator Congamond, Mass., 7 a. m. to 3 p. m.; Cedar Hill, agent and operator, 6:30 a. m. to 6:30 p. m., and Air Line Jct., 11:00 p. m. to 7:00 a. m., on bulletin.

The old soldier, "WA," is still on first "NR" tower. Mr. Case is to be made a dispatcher. Good luck, "Johnnie." Bro. Bell, of Springfield, was a recent visitor there, and we hope he will come again.

Quite a few new trains and changes in schedules on the "Canal" require more attention by the dispatchers. Let's all "hit the ball."

Div. Cor.

Central New England Ry., Div. No. 29.

If all the brothers would furnish me with some items we could have a write-up each month.

Our new local chairman, Bro. Margraf, is right on the job, and we may expect a visit from him shortly. He is to cover the whole line in the near future, from Hopewell to Danbury included, and get in touch with each non as well as every member. He has appointed Bro. Clark

"GD" tower, and Bro. Marshall, at Bangall, committeemen, and will probably appoint another one for the line between Hopewell and Danbury.

It is now a year since our last schedule went into effect, when everyone, nons included, received an increase in salary and better working conditions, and some received vacations. Still there are some who refuse to join and help support our organization.

Brothers, we must all help our chairman to get these fellows in. We are getting tired giving them free rides. If you brother members happen to bid in a job which is not paying a salary of other like positions, you can figure there happened to be a non on that position when your committee was in and that you will not be forgotten next time. We have no right to work for a man or woman who do not wish us to represent them, and a non certainly does not, or he or she would not be on the outside.

We are glad to welcome Bro. Teasdale.

Bro. Franklin bid in third West Patterson.

Bro. Dalley's son at "BO" tower, who has been very sick with pneumonia, we are glad to hear, is now improving.

March 1st brought a blizzard which tied us up three or four days, breaking poles, telephone, telegraph and signal wires. Bro. Hotchkin, second "GD" tower, had his hands full first night of storm, having to act as dispatcher, yardmaster and operator, getting trains over the single track section between "GD" and "BO" towers. It was the worst storm for many years. Our assistant superintendent at "QA" and the operators along the line kept trains moving until the dispatchers were able to control the whole line again.

E. L. C., Cert. 263.

New Rochelle, N. Y., Div. No. 37.

Hour of meeting has been changed to 7:30 instead of 8:00 p. m.

Bro. Nugent bid in C. & O., Portchester days.

Bro. Silverstein went to Harrison station a few days, relieving Bro. Maguire, to whom we extend our deepest sympathy in the loss of his mother.

Bro. Hoptkins has had the honor of having a station named for him. In speaking of this please be careful to make the proper distinction between Bro. Hoptkins and the station.

CERT. 123, Div. Cor.

Springfield, Mass., Div. No. 38.

Our annual ball, held on Feb. 20th in Hibernian hall, was a decided success, about 150 couples attending and a good time was enjoyed by all.

Boston & Albany R. R.—

Bro. M. J. Walsh, first trick "WS" yard, was elected secretary and treasurer at our last meeting. A good man for the position, who will work for the interest of the Order. So boys carry an up-to-date card and do what's right, and he will see that you get a square deal.

Bros. M. L. Fleming and R. P. Keefe have gone with the N. Y., N. H. & H. Our best wishes go with them. Mr. Denman, agent Russell, off account of sickness, relieved by Mr. Moquin.

A. M. Crosier, agent New Salem, has resigned, and Bro. W. H. Sweatt bid in the vacancy. Glad to see him get it. Other positions bid in: Bro. W. A. Barry, third "SI," Springfield, which brings him home; Bro. R. W. Austin, third "SD" Springfield dispatcher's office, and R. M. Hardaker, operator Renfrew. Up for bids: Second tower 41, Springfield, 4 p. m. to 12 m., \$2.85; second tower 44, Agawam Jct., 4 p. m. to 12:01 a. m., \$2.25; third Russell, 10 p. m. to 7 a. m., \$2.14; Bondsville, 7 a. m. to 6 p. m. (an hour for dinner), \$2.00; second Springfield dispatcher's office, 4 p. m. to 12:01 a. m., applicants must be proficient on typewriter for this position.

Wm. B. Marshall has been appointed chief clerk to Supt. H. J. Curry, succeeded by P. Hasley; Night Chief Wm. J. Powers, second trick dispatcher, succeeding him as first trick dispatcher.

W. H. Sweet, relief operator and towerman, is relieving F. H. Bristol on third "HK" tower 65, Chatham, while off to California.

Bro. H. D. Whitney, chief signalman, west end, is on third Washington, pending Mr. Kinglan's arrival.

Bro. McCabe is on first "SD." Chief Signalman Brewer, east end, also in "SD," and tower 41, and Bro. Thomas Powers on second "SI," Springfield.

Operators and towermen find it hard to get relieved, the west end being short of men.

Those who have news of any interest or of personal mention please send to

E. F. (Doc) WHITNEY, Div. Cor.,
"HK" tower No. 65, Chatham, N. Y.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our heavenly Father, the Supreme Ruler of the universe, to call to his reward our brother, E. F. Ritchie; in manifestation of our grief and fraternal sympathy, be it

Resolved, That the members of Boston & Albany Division 38 extend our sympathy to his bereaved mother and friends in this their hour of sorrow and sadness; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family and also to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

D. HAYES,
M. J. WALSH,
F. D. DUFFY,
Committee.

Boston, Mass., Div. No. 41.

Officers installed at March meeting by Past Chief Tuck: Chief telegrapher, T. J. Fogarty; first vice-chief telegrapher, D. J. MacDonald; second vice-chief telegrapher, T. F. Quilty; secretary-treasurer, F. C. McGrath.

Attendance was good and it was pleasing to note the interest taken in all measures that come

before the division. The bill now in legislative committee's hands, which will be reported within a few days, is a step in the right direction. One day off in seven should be the slogan of all of our overworked brothers who labor seven days a week year in and year out. Even if we are stood off this year by the solons on Beacon Hill, we can make a start and can keep at it another year. It is bound to come.

The members should take heed of the friendly advice and warning from General Chairman Bode at the March meeting, it won't do to slip up on these matters.

B. & M. R. R.—Terminal Division—

Tower "A," partially destroyed by fire in January, has been rebuilt and a new machine installed, eliminating handling of trains by hand signals.

B. & M. R. R.—Main Line—

Bro. F. W. Fletcher, Wakefield second, to agent and operator Rowley; K. E. Stevens, relieved on bid at second Melrose by Bro. Alvin; Onesby goes to Kittery Point agency; Bro. Treamor, from Reading, going to Lynnfield agency, vice Bro. Onesby. Assistant ticket agent, second Wakefield, Mass., and agent and operator machine shop, Mass., are up for bids.

B. & M. Ry., C. & P. Division South—

Bernardston third bid in by Mr. Roy, and Willamansett agency by Mr. Wells. Third South Vernon, Springfield and Fitchburg yard, and Bel-lows Falls, are up for bid. Bro. Parker is at the latter point pending bulletin, vice Mr. Hopkins.

It will soon be Bro. Patterson on third Brattleboro.

The nons had a meeting on the wire the other night, telling how much their jobs paid and what they ought to pay and what the hours should be. We should all get busy and show them that they themselves are responsible for this low pay and long hours. You brothers who have a non working beside or near you show him this, and if you can't make him understand drop Bro. Swan a word and he will try his hand, and don't forget, "No card, no favors."

Send Bro. Swan any news you can and he will see it is sent in. Div. Cor.

B. & M. R. R., Southern Division—Main Line—

Frank Rourke relieved at Montvale third for four weeks.

The dispatcher's office in "HO" Boston has been abolished and the staff moved to Concord, N. H., where the dispatching of the main line Concord to White River Jct., which was formerly done in "DS," and the main line Concord to Boston. Central Massachusetts Branch and the other branches are now done in one office.

Bro. E. E. Knox, third Oakdale, was married March 18th. Congratulations.

B. & M. R. R., Portland Division—

Bro. J. A. Reed bid in Union.

Bro. Gilbert, third Rochester, relieved for a week by a brother from the Southern Pacific in California.

Ralph Y. Scott, now in the engineering department of the New England Telephone Company, will take a few years' course in electrical engineering in Tafts' College. Bro. C. E. Scott is taking a four years' course there in arts and science.

Bro. E. J. Scott, Mt. Whittier agency, was relieved for three weeks by Paul A. Pitman, of Harvard Dental School. Bro. E. E. Scott, agent Burleyville, has been appointed postmaster there.

Sister McDonald, Wolfeboro, is working with Bro. Forrest at Madison agency.

B. & M. R. R., Fitchburg Division—

The dispatcher's offices in Boston and North Adams have been abolished. The dispatching of trains on this division is now done in Greenfield. The Worcester and Peterboro Branch is now a part of the W. N. & P. Division and the dispatching is done from "N" Nashua. A new position has been created in the North station, and all work pertaining to freight and passenger work formerly done in the dispatcher's office is now handled at "JD," the new office. Mr. Meehan is on third and Bro. C. E. Scott on second there, vice Bro. Comer, assigned to third Concord, N. H., dispatcher's office.

Night Chief Train Dispatcher Woodward, formerly in Boston, is now chief train dispatcher of the C. & P. Division at Springfield.

F. B. GRAY, Div. Cor.
Melrose, Mass.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our heavenly Father and all-wise Ruler of the universe, to take unto Himself our esteemed brother, R. H. Hanson; in manifestation of our grief and fraternal sympathy, be it

Resolved, That the members of Boston Division No. 41, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the sorrowing family our heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the family of our late brother, a copy spread on the minutes of the division and a copy be sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

H. F. CUNNINGHAM,
F. H. CHILDS,
I. M. FORREST,

Committee.

New York, N. Y., Div. No. 44.

Our March meeting was well attended. Besides a large number of our own members, we had several visitors, including Second Vice-President Pierson, who, as usual, had something good with him—the newest thing in existence. After he had installed our new chief, Bro. Light, and

the other officers for the ensuing year, we disposed of a large amount of business, including several applications for membership.

General Chairman Leonard reported as the result of the conference of the committee with the company that a new wage-scale would soon be published, the committee not being quite through with its labors yet.

Bro. Pierson read the new schedule he had secured with the Boston Elevated, in which it was expressly agreed by the company that none but members of Boston Division No. 156 should share in the increase. This makes it compulsory for all affected by the schedule to become members in order to get back pay since May 1, 1915, as the schedule dates back to that day with an average of \$72.00. Every towerman has joined, making Division 156 100 per cent solid, and the general chairman was asked by the company to be at the pay office to identify members of the O. R. T.

We were glad to see Bro. Jake Thuma at the last meeting. He, with Bros. Leonard and Adams, visited Erie Division 42 meeting March 16th.

Bro. Jim O'Rourke, who recently underwent a serious operation, we are glad to note is now on the way to a full recovery.

This division lost one of its staunchest members in the death of Bro. P. H. Hayes, on Feb. 24th.

Long Island R. R.—

Bro. E. M. Jones, Valley Stream second, goes to "WJ" tower second.

Bro. Tom Gaffeny is busy painting his new bird cage.

Our veteran brother, Sam Adams, was given a pleasant surprise by several of the brothers on March 18th, his 73d birthday.

Bro. Frank Shields has returned to Deer Park terminal agency after a long illness; relieved by Bro. Dietz.

Bro. Jim Robinson, agent Kings Park, now has for his assistant S. Darling, relieved as assistant agent Stony Brook, by the son of Bro. Young, the agent there.

Bro. G. Oliver, agent Wyandanch, resigned, relieved by Bro. A. A. Donuck, relief agent.

R. E. Baldwin, Kings Park, bid in agency Setauket.

F. Kelly, agent Central Islip, resigned; appointed postmaster there.

Bro. Adair, agent Ronkonkoma, did not take Richmond Hill freight agency after bidding it in.

Bro. Tom Bennett, whose position was recently abolished, bumped Bro. Garrahan at "OY" tower. Tom was appointed inside sentinel and Bro. Adams as marshal at our last meeting.

Div. Cor.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our heavenly Father and all-wise Ruler of the universe to take unto Himself our beloved brother, Phillip H. Hayes;

in manifestation of our grief and fraternal sympathy, be it

Resolved, That the members of New York Division No. 44, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the bereaved wife and members of the afflicted family their sincere and heartfelt sympathy; and be it further.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved wife, a copy spread upon the minutes of the division and a copy forwarded to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

J. S. MARTIN,
A. F. HELLER,
O. A. HUDSON,
Committee.

Pittsburg, Pa., Div. No. 52.

NOTICE—The by-laws committee submitted its report and recommended changes and amendments to the by-laws of this division, which report was accepted and the proposed amendments ordered submitted to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication, in accordance with our present by-laws. These amendments will be acted upon at our regular meeting June 13, 1914.

The following are the changes: Article I, Section 2—Place of meeting from 204 Fifth avenue to 417 Wood street; time from 8 p. m. to 7:45 p. m. Article VI, Section 2—Eliminate all words between the words "to" in third line and "inspect" in sixth line. Section 4, page 7, line 1—Eliminate the words "an," "and," "duplicate," "voucher," and insert the word "warrant;" lines 2 and 3, eliminate the words "first vice chief telegrapher." Article VII, Section 1, line 4—Substitute the word "warrants" instead of "vouchers." Article IX, Section 2, line 1—Substitute the word "and" in place of "or;" line 2, substitute the word "himself" instead of "themselves," and in line 3, substitute the word "he" in place of "they." Article XIII, Section 2, line 6—Substitute the word "teller" in place of "tellers;" eliminate Sections 3 and 4.

No change is proposed by the committee's report of any of the other articles or sections of articles not named.

H. K. KLINGENSMITH, Secretary.

After almost ten years of continuous service in office (two as treasurer and nearly eight as secretary), the writer decided that he would not seek reelection. My main reason for arriving at this decision was that I found I did not have time enough to devote to the work of the office of secretary and handle the business in the manner that it should be handled, or even handle it the same as I did in past years. Bro. Campbell also decided that he did not desire to remain longer in office, and by unanimous vote of the division the office of treasurer was abolished.

The officers elected and installed were: Chief telegrapher, E. E. Shafer; first vice-chief, G. Nelle; second vice-chief, B. L. Mohney; secretary and treasurer, R. W. Bees. KLING.

Campbellton, N. B., Div. No. 61.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, our heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom and goodness, has deemed it best to call to the great beyond the beloved father of our Bro. R. A. McMillan; therefore, in manifestation of our sorrow and fraternal sympathy, be it

Resolved, That the members of Campbellton Division, No. 61, Intercolonial Railway Telegraphers, extend to our sorrowing brother and family their sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved brother and family, a copy spread on the minutes of the division, and a copy forwarded to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

E. T. SWIFT,
H. K. CORBETT,
J. H. DASSYLVA,
Committee.

Levis, Que., Div. No. 64.

Intercolonial Railway—

Our regular meeting was held at Victoria Hotel, Levis, February 17th, with seventeen in attendance, and J. W. Fraser, relieving operator Riv. du Loup, and J. A. Lavoie, son of our old, faithful brother, Jos. Lavoie, of St. Pascal, were admitted to membership.

Several questions of importance were fully discussed and acted upon, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Chief telegrapher, Bro. Cesaire Morin, first vice-chief telegrapher, Bro. J. E. Remillard; second vice-chief telegrapher, Bro. Geo. Roberge; secretary-treasurer, Bro. William Parson (re-elected); auditors—Bros. J. H. Proulx, Alp, Baribeau and Arthur Marier.

Mr. D. Pottinger, who has been connected with this road for nearly fifty years as general superintendent, general manager and as a member of the managing board, recently retired. The members of this division, wishing to express their appreciation of Mr. Pottinger's sterling qualities and the spirit of fairness they have always met in their relations with him, decided they would present him and his wife with a token of their admiration and their esteem. Secretary Parsons heard from Mr. Pottinger at Victoria, B. C., under date of December 10th, en route East, and again on December 26th at Toronto, when the presents were received. Mr. Pottinger wrote:

"Although the box had been opened before we received it, we found the beautiful cane and bag had not been injured in any way. I can not thank Division No. 64, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, sufficiently for their great kindness in sending such useful and beautiful presents. My wife and I are both much pleased at your thoughtfulness in remembering her. The solid sterling-silver bag she will find useful, and it will be a continual reminder of your kindness. We both appreciate these presents very highly, as we know they were sent from the kindness of your hearts and with no afterthought, as I had retired from the railway

and was no longer in a position of influence there. I need scarcely assure you that we will always bear your kindness in grateful remembrance. The fact that you included my wife in your kind remembrance is most pleasing to me. The presents will be a continual reminder of the pleasant intercourse between your members and myself for many years. That your division may continue to prosper and that the members and their wives and families may enjoy every happiness is the sincere wish of

Their friend,

"D. POTTINGER."

Enclosed in Mr. Pottinger's letter was the following, under same date:

"Dear Mr. Parsons: The kind letter addressed to Mr. Pottinger and me on October 16th reached us when we were on the Pacific coast, and the box containing the presents was received on December 26th, after we reached Toronto. It gave a great pleasure to learn from your letter the kindly feeling entertained for my husband and the good wishes expressed for us both by the members of Levis Division, No. 64, Order of Railroad Telegraphers. I was much touched by their kind remembrance of me, and I send my warmest thanks to the division for their beautiful gifts, and when using the lovely bag it will always remind me of their good wishes and thoughtful generosity. That I did not reply sooner and thank you was not because I did not fully appreciate your kind attention and valuable gift, but the delay was caused by the inconvenience of moving from one place to the other. With every possible good wish for the prosperity of the division and the happiness of the members, their wives and families,

"Believe me most cordially,

"MRS. LOUISE POTTINGER."

These letters were read by Secretary Parsons at this meeting. The meeting for the installation of officers, reception of report of auditors, etc., was held at Levis, March 17th. Several questions of importance were discussed. The division is in a healthy condition and must be kept so to insure our future success.

With best wishes to all.

Your "Old-Timer" in S. O. & D.,
CERT. 3, Div. Cor.

Boston, Mass., Div. No. 89.

It was a well-attended and enthusiastic meeting which our new chief called to order on Saturday, March 7th. The word was early passed that Vice-President Pierson would surely be present, also that Bro. Mullen would render an interesting report. This had the desired effect of bringing out the forces, and all were well repaid for their efforts.

Visitors were present from the Grand Division and from Nos. 35, 38, 41 and 156, all of whom spoke on matters which interested them the most.

Bro. Mullen, the first one called upon, reported that several hearings had been held on the bill which we are supporting, and that the committee

on railroad affairs had turned it over to the attorney-general to pass on its constitutionality.

The report was extremely lengthy, yet as concise as propriety would allow. The discussions that followed emphasized the spirit with which the result of the measure is anticipated.

The amendments we pray for are not so far-reaching, since the greatest number of employees mentioned in our amendments enjoy the conditions embodied in the original bill, but a compromise may be made more in keeping with the New York State law recently passed.

Vice-President Pierson, the next called, after a rousing hand of welcome, told of the successful conclusion of the Boston Elevated schedule, and congratulated the Order in general in securing this, the first contract in its history, whereby the O. R. T. is recognized and made a party to the agreement, as no one not a member of the Order will benefit by this schedule, and he hoped ere long it would apply to some of the larger roads. He minutely described the benefits derived from co-operation such as now existed on the D. & H. R. R., the improved method of polling the road, the strike being of but one day's duration, which from an economical standpoint alone, should justify co-operation, and last but not least, the harmonious relation brought about among the big brotherhoods and the road's officials. He urged the members to get busy along similar lines on the N. H. System.

In regard to the bill this division is fostering, he advised us to be mindful of the "nigger in the woodpile," as the law in this State provides for one day's rest in every seven for railroad employees, and the Order is well capable to look after the compensation end of it.

Bro. Pierson also spoke of Vice-President Manion's progress and success in the far West, and we sent the brother a night-letter message congratulating him and wishing him still greater success.

Bro. Pierson then installed our new officers, wishing them "God speed" in their new field of endeavor.

The daylight meeting was presided over by Chief Bro. Enos, who rushed business through and then handed the gavel to General Chairman Ross, who had his entire committee present for the purpose of getting our views on subjects of interest for schedule revision. The committee came well prepared with copies of schedules now in force on all railroads in the United States and Canada.

Bro. Ross wittily introduced the members of the committee, portraying their respective characteristics, to which each responded briefly. The committee was anxious to have a closer understanding of the idea of each individual regarding schedule affairs, but the members neglected this golden opportunity to present their views or fully question the committee on matters pertaining to the revision.

Boston Terminal—

Bro. Whittier, while on vacation, took a prominent part as aide in the evacuation-day parade in South Boston, March 17th.

Bro. Gilley, general chairman Boston Terminal, while attending the committee sessions in Providence and Boston, was relieved by Bro. Hodge.

Bro. Thom spent a week's vacation in New Hampshire on his farm.

Bro. Tucker and Bro. Andrews, assistants to General Chairman Gilley, were present at the day meeting.

Bro. H. Sullivan, who lost his new hat, is now wondering who is wearing it.

O. R. T. meetings are held every day in the Boston Terminal. Twenty-seven members working in one tower is certainly a good quorum.

Boston Division, N. Y., N. H. & H.—

Bro. Kohler, first South Braintree, was relieved several days by Bro. Clark.

Bro. O'Brien, of Hingham second, was at the day meeting, interested in legislative work. He has spoken to a number of representatives.

Bro. Don Godfrey, first Savin Hill tower, was off several days attending special election in the twelfth district for congressman. Don is making good as a platform orator.

Bro. Hickey, third Savin Hill, spent several days in the histrionic Berkshires.

Bro. J. P. Riley, off three days attending committee meetings, lost his train one night and was forced to bunk on a couch.

Bro. Hackett, "SX" tower, returned, after two weeks spent in New York and Maine.

Bro. Goble, Clarendon Hills second, is back, after a two months' vacation at the home of his daughter in New Jersey.

Bro. G. C. Bartlett, of Chickering tower, we are pleased to chronicle, has returned, improved in health, after his long siege of illness.

Bro. Bicknell, Readville tower, has just purchased a tract of land for poultry purposes.

Providence and Old Colony Divisions—

Bro. S. D. Sprague bid in Foxboro agency.

Bro. J. A. Pepin, Medfield Jct., has returned from honeymoon in Montreal. Congratulations.

E. M. Allen, Holbrook, bid in Mansfield second leverman.

Bro. C. O. Bruce, agent at Norton, has been elected selectman of his town.

Midland Division—

Bro. Ross reports this division 99 per cent solid. Mr. Kempf, of Putnam, is needed to make it 100 per cent solid.

Bro. Butler, first Norwood tower, was away a few days on account of increase in his family, relieved by Bro. Condon.

Bro. Gilbert, second Franklin tower, is nursing a badly sprained ankle.

Bro. Wm. E. Murphy is now qualified as dispatcher on the Pascoag branch.

It is rumored that Bro. Whitthouse has political aspirations and is looking for office of selectman at Hampton, Conn.

BARDOL, Div. Cor.

Chicago, Ill., Div. No. 91.

Our officers were installed at the meeting March 7th for the ensuing year, with a large number of members present. Bro. Carder, general chairman of the "Q," did the installing in a way to do himself credit as well as the division.

Bro. G. Dal Jones, our faithful old war horse, was made chief again; Bro. W. E. Carter, secretary and treasurer; Bro. T. J. Dockery, first vice-chief; Bro. W. H. DeLong, second vice-chief.

Interesting talks on topics we are most interested in were given us by Bros. Carder, Jones, Corcoran, Smart, Rose and Craig. The report of the auditing committee was accepted as read.

Former Bro. W. J. Hunter was forwarded \$25 for the shawl which this division and the C. O. R. T. Club disposed of for his benefit.

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E. J. & E. R. R., East End, Div. No. 91.

The three men in Kirk yard, also the man at "CB," say they are coming in right away, which will make us solid on this end except the men at Hobart, and Bro. Ritchie and I are going to try and get them to come in also. Griffith is solid again, and we must keep right after the others until we get them in.

Bro. Ray Cavanaugh on a two weeks' visit to folks in Ohio, relieved by Extra McCleery.

Bro. Wolschlag, third Chicago Heights, off sixty days, has been elected president of the Holpuch Roofing Company there, and we lose one of our best members, whom we wish well.

Now, boys, get down to business and see if we can't get a schedule this year, for we have a nice bunch of officials to talk to.

Send me a few lines each month, and I will try to fix up a write-up for our journal.

"W" at "C," Cert. 467.

Meridian, Miss., Div. No. 94.

Mobile & Ohio R. R.—

Ye scribe was unable to attend the March meeting on account of illness, but the rest of the faithful were there and had a big time. Our local chairman is still sick, but we hope to have him with us at the next meeting.

Bro. Robinson, of Greenville, Miss., went to headquarters in the interests of the Southern in Mississippi telegraphers, and secured a substantial raise. Keep them all lined up over there, and we will do all we can to assist you.

Thank Bro. Holmes, of Artesia, and Crump, of Reform, for items this month. Have been unable to get a line from anyone south of Meridian, but am going after them strong next time. Bro. A. F. Peterman, third Artesia, off a few days visiting home folks at Brent and Kellerman, relieved by Bro. Lawhorn. Bro. J. M. Elliott, second Artesia, while doing extra dispatching at Tuscaloosa, was relieved by Mr. Kimball, who later relieved Bro. Holmes, called home on account of the serious illness of his mother.

J. R. Stoval, manager and first trick Meridian, while relieving Dispatcher Avinger, was relieved by Bro. Sikes, and he by Bro. R. F. Dawkins, Bro. Lawhorn going to "RK." Bro. S. A. Norman, fourth Meridian, was recently married. Congratulations.

S. M. Hodges, agent Aberdeen, transferred to Okolona, Miss., vice R. B. McEachin, resigned, relieved by S. P. McMillan, and he as clerk-operator Aberdeen by J. Y. Dawkins, of Booth. Both promise to join soon.

Bro. Boykin is relief agent at Booth agency pending bulletin.

Bro. Breene, second Muldon, resigned, relieved by Bro. Hussy.

Make a special effort to attend the meeting every month, as you will hear something that will do you good.

If you are in doubt as to who the non is next to you, write Bro. Hendley, Artesia, and when you get the desired information, get busy.

Montgomery Division—

Very glad to know Bro. Hubbard, at Elrod, has returned to work, after an extended absence, one of Bro. Caldwell's boys helping him out with the telegraphing on account of his arm.

Bro. C. Floyd relieved Mr. White, third Columbus, a few days, and also relieved Bro. R. S. Swetman, third Reform, while attending court at Aberdeen.

Mr. Albright went to Duncanville pending bids. Booth also on bulletin.

Mr. Fuller, of McShan, called away owing to the death of his father, relieved by Mr. Payne. Mr. Fuller promises to be with us shortly, sickness having prevented him doing so heretofore. Don't let him forget it.

Boys, we only work eight hours, and there is no excuse for not giving satisfactory service. Stay awake and on the job.

Remember the slogan, "No card, no favors," and live up to it.

W. W. WILKINS.

Concord, N. H., Div. No. 105.

Extremely cold weather and deep snow kept so many away that it was impossible to open our February meeting; therefore election of officers was held over until our March meeting, which was attended by a large number. After the regular routine business the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: F. A. Martin, chief telegrapher; H. M. Clay, secretary and treasurer; T. P. Rolfe, first vice-chief; A. C. Black, second vice-chief. Although urgently requested, Bro. Turcotte, who has served as chief for the past two years, declined a re-election. All were sorry that Joe felt this way, as he has been a success in the chair, but he promises that he will continue to give us his support in every way possible.

Good judgment was shown in the selection of Bro. Martin as chief, and I sincerely hope that the members will support and encourage him by making greater efforts to attend our meetings. It is discouraging to your officers to face an almost

empty hall month after month, when it is just as convenient for them to leave home and work to attend as it is for the other members. While you do much in keeping your dues paid to date, you should not feel that your obligation rests there, but make a special effort to attend your meetings each month, and not expect a few to do it all. Good accommodations are furnished by the management in a special train, which follows No. 79 closely. Some of you boys who haven't been down since joining ought to come once anyway.

Bro. Ricker, agent at Bristol, has been appointed traveling agent for this end of the division. All are pleased by his selection and confident that Bro. Ricker will make good.

Any brother in need of a nice spring overcoat should get in touch with Bro. Martin, at Converse, at once. Be sure and state *size* if you wish to exchange. Anyone desiring seal records of drop-end coal cars can obtain them from Bro. Smith, of Pattee.

Local Chairman Gage has been in Boston the past few days, taking up the Brewster-Kellogg case, and conditions point to a favorable adjustment. Mr. MacDonald, from Martins, is at Bristol agency *pro tem*.

All the brothers who have not paid that \$2 assessment which was declared when the committee was in session, should do so at once and not expect the other members to carry this expense for them. Make remittance direct to H. L. Jones, general secretary-treasurer, Fremont, N. H.

Brothers, attend meetings more regularly this year. You surely can, if you only try.

"Safety First." H. M. CLAY, Secretary.

Tring Junction, Que., Div. No. 131.

Quebec Central Railway—

Bro. Perron transferred from St. Sabine to St. Rose, and Bro. G. Fortier from St. Rose to St. Sabine. Bro. Marcoux appointed agent St. Justine. Bro. Lessard bid in Tring Jct. days.

Bro. Poulin relieved Mr. Voyer and Bro. Perron recently.

Bro. Morin, on sick list for two months, is back on the job again.

Bro. Collet on holidays recently, relieved by Bro. Lessard.

On February 21st was held at Thetford Mines in the Commercial Hotel, our first annual banquet. The following were present: Bros. G. D. Robertson, third vice-president; J. Lipsey, chairman; A. Lagueux, secretary and treasurer; C. A. Bilodeau, J. Doyle, J. A. Vallee, E. Leclerc, Dan cose, Berube, Beaulieu, Theberge, P. Doyle, P. Goulet, Corrivault, Lafontaine, Bois, J. P. Gagnon, N. Giguere, Deveau, Dostie, Lambert, J. E. Gosselin, J. Lemieux, J. A. Lessard, Grondin, C. Gagne, Collet, J. Roy, Rheault, Messrs. E. McElcavy (express agent), A. Pouliot, A. Poulin, Blouin, Bilodeau; also Mr. V. Morisset, representing the city of Thetford Mines, and Mr. J. L. Demers, representing his father, M. L. A., unable to attend.

Bro. Lipsey acted as toastmaster. The first toast, "Our King," was responded to by all present in the good old time-honored fashion.

The next toast, "The City of Thetford Mines," was replied to by Mr. V. Morisset, in a well-chosen speech, in which he expressed his appreciation of the telegraphers selecting Thetford Mines as the scene of their banquet.

In reply to the toast "Our Country," Mr. J. L. Demers, in a humorous speech, referred to the difference in the tone of voice which agents and freight clerks assumed at a banquet compared with that used in their daily routine, when collecting freight bills and so forth. Mr. Demers also referred to the very important positions of trust and responsibility held by railway employees in general and agents in particular, which called for the best brain and talent which the country affords.

The toast "Our Employer" was drunk, but, unfortunately, was not responded to, as there was not a representative of the employers present, owing to pressure of business.

Bro. Doyle, in proposing the toast "Our Order," reviewed conditions for the past fifteen years, and referred with pleasure to the progress which had been made. He urged all to join hands and make the union strong.

Bro. Robertson replied, and first referred to his predecessor, Bro. D. Campbell, who had entered the service as an operator at the age of twenty. Bro. Campbell, he said, on being appointed chairman of this division, had found it necessary to take up the study of law in order to help him to better fulfill his duty to the Order. He continued this study until September, 1913, when he was admitted to the bar at Toronto. He has now opened an office, with headquarters in Winnipeg, where he will continue to watch the interests of the Order, which, Bro. Robertson said, stood for all that was good and right; that the Order was bringing about better service in return for better conditions and a better scale of wages. He quoted several general superintendents of the larger roads as stating that they would not be without the Order on their roads if they could, as it was so much easier to deal with committees than with individual agents, or clerks; therefore saving an endless correspondence in this respect alone. Bro. Robertson also spoke of the good feeling that now exists, and always has existed, between employers and employees on this division. He said where employees were as loyal to their employers as he found them here, good results must necessarily follow.

Bro. Lipsey, in his closing remarks, referred to the good feeling spoken of by Bro. Robertson. He said that when the banquet was first spoken of he had communicated with the management, through Assistant Superintendent Reid, asking permission to hold it. The reply had come promptly, saying the permission was granted, and as many as possible of the agents and their assistants would be relieved and furnished with transportation to attend.

Bohne's orchestra rendered music during the evening, which was much appreciated.

The banquet was brought to a close by the singing of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

Immediately after the banquet the annual meeting was held, all being present. It was decided to ask the company early in the spring for a new schedule and better wages, and we all hope that the officials will give us what we ask for.

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North Adams, Mass., Div. No. 139.

Boston & Maine R. R.—

Meetings have been called always on time, and would like to have the brothers and sisters take a little peep at it and understand that the second Saturday of each month, at 7 p. m., lodge opens in I. O. O. F. Hall, North Adams. All are welcome and will be received with pleasure and entertained to the best of the officers' ability. Come and give us a chance to see that smiling countenance, and we will all listen and note any remarks or suggestions that may be offered. What we desire is criticism if there is any failure at any point in the way things are being handled. A touch of praise will be very nice if you have noticed any part that has been bettered, and it seems almost anyone can do a little extra after hearing a word of praise. Don't be stingy either way.

All the members of Division 139 wish to extend their heartfelt sympathy to Bro. John Glass, of Troy, who buried his daughter in the early part of March. Very glad to see that John is back at work. He was relieved by Dan Harrigan, who is just starting his railroad career.

Train dispatchers' offices formerly located at North Adams and Boston have been consolidated and are now in full operation at Greenfield. Bros. Van Ness, Manning, Short and that long-arm Tracey are at Greenfield with 'em, and shooting the lightning over the little strands of steel wire with some vim.

Bro. Patrick and Sister Walther are working the "posish" with Operator Scully at North Adams.

Sister Smith ran out of steam and got orders to doublehead with Brakeman Barber. Rev. G. R. Lunn, of Schenectady, was the dispatcher who gave the necessary order that caused former Sister Smith to spell her name Sister Mrs. Barber. They spent their honeymoon at the home of Mr. Barber's parents at Salem, N. Y. All the members of 139 send congratulations.

Heard Bro. Franz Moak's old-time fist on the wire recently. He is sure there when it comes to putting the finishing touches onto lightning.

Hope all the brothers have their new Easter toga.

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Grand Trunk R. R., Div. No. 1.

Toronto Terminals, Sixteenth District—

About sixty attended the joint meeting of the C. P. R., C. N. R. and G. T. R. members held at the Labor Temple, Toronto, March 16th, to discuss the organization of a telegraphers' social club for members of the three roads running into

Toronto. Bros. Fisk, of the C. N. R.; Clark, of the C. P. R., and Blackwell, of the G. T. R., were appointed a committee to draft a plan for carrying on the club, to be presented at the next joint meeting. Among those present were Bros. D. L. Shaw, G. S. & T. Division No. 1, London; Local Chairmen McCaughrin, Brown and Chapman, of Division No. 7; also N. S. Campbell, local chairman Division No. 7, Manitoba Division. The cigars were passed and a pleasant evening enjoyed.

Bro. W. J. Fletcher, Don days, who fell recently and injured his arm, has resumed duty. Humber office closed, Bro. M. J. O'Donnell going to Don nights.

Bro. Colewall, Canpa nights, off with an attack of quinsy, is convalescing.

Bro. Harry Lund has resumed at Strachan avenue nights, after a two months' trip to England.

St. Catharines days bid in by Bro. Steedsman, Waterdowna days. "BC."

London Division, Seventeenth District—

A very successful meeting was held in London, at Cullis Hall, for the night operators. A large number in the vicinity of London turned out, and many interesting topics were discussed.

Recent new members are: W. A. Murray, agent Harrisburg; W. A. McMonagle, agent Woodstock; W. A. Abray, agent Beachville; T. M. Davis, agent Wyoming; W. G. Hancock, days Lynden Jct.; W. Hurly, days Dunfries; G. W. Kinder, days Strathroy; G. H. Barnes, second London relay, and W. W. Langford, Burlington, N. & N. W. This makes the west end from Hamilton almost solid—only about three non-members left—and surely amongst us we can bring them in before the next write-up. Hamilton to Niagara Falls in good shape, but the Sixteenth District from Hamilton to Toronto has altogether too many nons. To the untiring efforts of the members on the Seventeenth District this good territory owes its present condition. The brothers on the Sixteenth should get busy and keep in line with the Seventeenth.

Bro. Malcolm, Woodstock, off two weeks, relieved by Bro. Davidson, who later spent a few days at his home in Preston.

Bro. Little, while relieving in "W" a few days, was relieved by Bro. Hooper, and he by Bro. Davidson.

Bro. G. A. Robinson, second trick dispatcher West, on sick list a few days, relieved by Bro. Aikman, and he by Bro. Goodwin.

The new tower at Paris Jct. is now running full blast. The trainmen are very cautious about making too many moves, for fear their engines will get turned the wrong way and start back where they came from.

Bro. C. W. Vail, Watford, has resumed duty, after a serious illness, and Bros. Kerton and Newman are now back at the old stand.

All dispatchers over the road recently relieved by Bros. Goodwin and Vail.

F. A. Rutherford, our very popular chief dispatcher, has been appointed trainmaster on the

Western lines between Elsdon and Battle Creek. The boys will all be very sorry to lose him, but wish him success in his new position. W. M. Doherty is acting chief, and Bro. S. D. Bishop night chief pending permanent appointments.

Drv. Coa.

London Division Notes—

Blair Bratton to Caledonia nights pending bulletin, vice Ollenbittle.

Bro. J. Toft, Ridgeway nights, resigned to go into commercial business, Bro. Thorbrun relieving; job on bulletin.

Bro. Atkinson is back at Paris Jct. nights.

It's now Bro. W. A. Murray, agent Harrisburg, thanks to Bro. Thomson.

Bro. McLeod, Ingersoll nights, has gone to the C. P. R. Mr. Jamieson, who relieved him pending bulletin, has resigned, having sold his mine in Cobalt.

Sebringville will be made a telegraph office May 1st, and Bro. Manning has been given until then to qualify as a telegrapher.

Bro. W. G. McCulla is at Canfield agency pending bulletin. He and Bro. A. O. Pattison, agent Clinton, are recent converts of mine.

Bro. Routley, from Clinton, relieved Bro. Plant at Seaforth at time of his wife's death.

Train dispatchers are now going over their respective territories, according to instructions. They must now cover their territory every three months, half of the trip on way freight. Bro. Owens, Brantford days, is relieving the dispatchers there while going over the road.

Clandeboyce and Brucefield have been made telegraph offices, and Agents Bros. E. A. Pattison and Atkinson have qualified as telegraphers. Bro. F. G. Forrester relieved Bro. Pattison while he was writing the rules.

Local Chairman McTaggart, Blyth, has sent a copy of the seniority list for the London Division to the boys along the line.

Mr. Seeman is agent at Pt. Colborne, vice Banamy.

Bro. J. D. Hodgins is now at Lucan waiting instructions. Mr. Sadlier, agent Strathroy, voluntarily remitted \$5 to the Order. CARR. 1469.

Stratford Division—

Our fourth monthly meeting was held Friday evening, March 20th, in the Odd Fellow's Hall, Stratford, with an attendance of 28. The comparatively slim attendance is accounted for by some of the boys getting the dates mixed. General Chairman Bro. L. M. Eddy and General Secretary and Treasurer Bro. D. L. Shaw were unable to attend. Local Chairman Bro. W. Middleton, of Breslau, called the meeting to order and named Bro. J. D. Craig, of Stratford, as chairman for the evening, and Bro. C. C. Leavitt as secretary. Bro. Craig responded with an address in which he warned the members to carefully check their offices when train orders are being repeated, as efficiency tests would probably be made in the near future, as was being done on other

divisions. He also outlined the O. R. T. club plan, which it was decided at the Toronto, March 16th, meeting to form, comprising the telegraphers of the C. P. R., C. N. R. and G. T. R., in Toronto and vicinity.

Relief Dispatcher Bro. F. Holman related several pleasing anecdotes, and Bro. A. M. Cusack, agent Blackwell, then responded to the subject, "Would it be practicable and would the members of the different brotherhoods on the Grand Trunk consider the advisability of getting together and using their franchise to further the interest of the road by which they are employed regardless of party." Bro. Cusack contended that whatever is good for the G. T. R. is good for all of us, and that any legislation which spells prosperity for the G. T. R. means more or less prosperity to the employees.

Bro. G. S. Cline then responded to the call of the chair and proved that he could hold his own with any of the C. P. R. orators who showed up so splendidly at the joint meeting in Toronto on March 16th.

Ex-Bro. S. D. Craft, soliciting freight agent, was also called upon and assured us of his moral support, and told of his experiences when in the telegraph department trying to persuade the boys out on the line to come to the meetings.

Chairman Craig thanked Mr. Craft for the splendid service he has given and is giving us lining up nons and promoting a kindly feeling among the agents towards the O. R. T., and gave him a cordial invitation to attend the meetings when possible, which was backed up by a unanimous vote.

Bro. L. K. Fox, transferred to the G. T. Pac. from Petersburg agency last fall, was not relieved until after the slack season set in, and has been idle all winter. He asks to be reinstated on the G. T. R. with full seniority rights, being willing to go on spare list till an agent's vacancy occurs. On motion it was unanimously decided that his request be granted and proper steps taken to make it effective.

Local Chairman Middleton read a letter from Bro. L. M. Eddy in regard to having members on the different sub-divisions assist their local chairman, keep him posted as to what is doing etc.

Bro. A. J. Casson, of New Hamburg, in taking two flash-light photographs of the assembly burnt his hand severely when igniting the flash sheets in the dark.

Those present were: G. Hodgins, C. C. Leavitt, F. Holman, S. D. Craft and J. D. Craig, Stratford; J. Downs, St. Mary's Jct.; A. J. Casson, New Hamburg; A. Robinson, Berlin; W. Rife, St. Pauls; W. Vanhorne, Thorndale; I. C. Laschinger, Petersburg; M. A. Swift, Guelph Jct.; A. C. McKay, Parkhill; R. M. Sparling, Goderich; J. D. Hodgins and L. K. Fox (relieving); G. S. Cline, Thedford; F. McCordic, Camlachie; W. J. Dare, Lucan; H. C. Elder, Goderich; W. Middleton, Breslau; W. Russell and W. Waugh, Baden; A. M. Cusack; Blackwell; W. A. Crearar, Shake-

spere; R. Middleton, Newton; J. Towner, Durham; W. Middleton, Forest.

Bro. L. K. Fox, of Petersburg, is at Lucan pending reinstatement.

Ex-Bro. Len. Taylor, traveling auditor, transferred back to transfer department, is relieving Bro. W. D. Harris, agent Doon, on sick list.

Bro. R. W. Loftus, relief agent, is relieving Bro. Frank Beattie, agent Hespeler, having his nose operated on at Toronto. He escaped from the Woodbine Hotel there when it was burned down by putting his suitcase over his head and dashing through the flames, losing part of his hair and getting his clothes badly burned.

Bro. Masters, agent Bluevale, has recovered from his recent illness; relieved by Bro. J. Wagner.

Bros. U. S. A. Williams, North Parkdale nights; H. P. Ward, of West Toronto days; W. Rollings, Weston days; W. Craig, agent Walton; J. T. Cameron, agent, and G. H. Milne, day operator, Georgetown; W. Pickering, days Guelph, and J. D. Craig, dispatcher Stratford, represented the Fifteenth District at the joint meeting in Toronto, March 16th.

Bro. A. C. Harris, acting as chief operator in Bro. Holman's place, who goes to "D" while the dispatchers are going over the road.

Bro. Gilpin, Sarnia Tunnel nights, is on vacation; relieved by Bro. Davidson.

Bros. Aitchison, Thedford days, and Bro. W. Brandle, Thorndale nights, attended the afternoon meeting in London on March 13th. We had nothing in the musical line for meeting on March 20th. Let's have some volunteers, boys, who can sing or play some instrument or give a comic recitation, and make the meetings popular, and get the boys out.

Those who have not remitted their first month's increase should do so at once.

Bro. F. A. Phillips is visiting his home at Rockwood.

Bro. G. S. Cline, agent Thedford, was delegate from that point to Ottawa to interview Premier Borden in regard to hydro-radials.

Bro. Tom Hill, at Granton, while unloading baggage injured his hand and was unable to attend the meeting March 20th.

Chief Dispatcher Culligan has revised the seniority list and has a copy on file in his office for the inspection of those concerned. Bro. G. McCallum, of Galt, heads the list on this division.

Bro. A. E. Essery was relieved by Mr. Connolly at Palmerstown while attending the meeting of I. & P. Society.

Bros. Herb, Milne, and J. J. King are members of the safety first committee. CERT. 1469.

Ottawa Division—

One of the oldest nons on this division, when asked to join recently said, "Why should I, when I can get the increase in pay as well as you, if it is granted?" The officials of any corporation or company have far more respect for

the man who earns his pay and insists on getting what he is worth, than for those who are willing to take what another man, or body of men, has worked for, and never try to make any return for it.

Bro. Beaupre fell down on the color sense test, and Bro. Reynolds bid in Aubrey agency, where a new agency will probably be built this spring.

It seems hard to get in touch with any news here.

My parting injunction is, remember, "No card, no favors." CERT. 1881.

Western Division—

The meeting in Pontiac, Mich., March 9th, was called to order by Local Chairman P. A. Donaldson, of Gagetown, Mich. A number of matters were discussed at length, the most important being the bulletining of vacancies on each superintendent's division, and rendering the best possible service to the company, and the boys will all do their utmost to put two dollars in the company's treasury for every dollar increase handed out in the recent negotiations.

General Chairman Eddy, in addressing us, showed clearly what was expected of each member, and how good service could be rendered.

Among the brothers present were: Agents Bro. Longnecker, Owendale; E. Cogswell, Pigeon; A. J. Vandyke, Kings Mills; Donaldson, Gagetown, and Telegraphers Fisher and Church, Pontiac, and General Chairman Bro. L. M. Eddy, of Marcellus.

The discussion started by Bro. Longnecker relative to Sunday overtime and other matters pertaining to the schedule which was participated in by almost everyone present, was greatly enjoyed.

It was decided to meet at Pontiac monthly hereafter, and Bros. Fisher and Church were appointed a committee to secure a hall, and arrange for meeting the brothers upon arrival of trains. Place of meeting, Mystic Workers Temple Hall, Pontiac, over 15 North Saginaw street. Dates, April 10th, May 8th, June 12th, July 10th, August 14th, September 11th, October 9th, November 13th and December 11th. If any of these dates are changed you will be notified by your local chairman.

Bro. Harold, Bettis, has been transferred to Wilmot as agent, succeeded by Bro. Simmons, as telegrapher at Bad Axe.

We are glad to see the boys falling in line. If the record for the past few weeks is kept up for a short time we will soon be 100 per cent.

Brothers, see that the nons get in line and attend as many of the meetings arranged for the balance of the year, as you possibly can. Two or three can not make these gatherings the success desired. It requires the help of every one in the station service. Get together, get acquainted and learn what your duties are, in order to improve your own conditions as well as making yourself the efficient employe your local officers would have you be. Come!

CERT. 1610.

Grand Trunk Western Ry., Div. No. 1.

Bro. Savory, third Belview, off a few days, relieved by Extra Albright, and Bro. Dunn second dispatcher East Battle Creek, on the sick list several days, relieved by Extra Dispatcher Bro. Kay.

Extra Swihart, from Perry to Imlay City, pending bids. Perry, Belview, special hours at "WI" Battle Creek, Trowbridge and Olivet also bulletined.

Bro. Neil, third dispatcher East Battle Creek, reports his daughter, who has been very ill with typhoid fever, recovering.

Bro. Harmon, agent Emmet spent Sunday recently with his brother-in-law, Bro. Hilderbride, agent Goodells.

A new card this month only costs \$7.70, including \$300 life insurance. See that none of the nons let this go by.

Recent new members: W. J. O'Hara and H. B. Dell, Durand; W. R. Davis, South Bend; C. D. Smith and M. H. Strykar, Studebaker; H. W. Moch, South Holland, Ill.; G. W. Smith, Shepardsville; J. H. Quinn and B. B. Ridgely, Elsdon; E. E. Buttler, Flint; W. H. Oliver, Lakeland, and L. E. Keithly, Ainsworth—nearly sixty new members west of the St. Clair River since the new year.

Remember there are still a few we must keep after, and "No card, no favors." "STUB."

Grand Trunk Pacific Ry., Div. No. 1.

First, Second and Third Districts—

Bro. Swan, Lazare, Man., has stolen a peach, as quoted in the song ("Kentucky Days"), "Your dad grew peaches too, I took one, that was you," but not from Kentucky. He was relieved while on his honeymoon by Bro. Fletcher. Congratulations.

Bro. Harrop bid in Battleford, Sask., agency, and also won a solid gold watch from the Grand Division, for securing 25 or more new members during 1913.

Business is picking up and the full number of stations will soon be open.

Our meetings will be started again as soon as summer time-table goes into effect. Owing to inconvenient train service it has been impossible to hold any meetings recently.

Div. Con.

Lake Superior Division, Third and Fourth Districts—

Bro. Lawless, third trick dispatcher at Graham, is on vacation in eastern Ontario; relieved by Extra Dispatcher Plunkett on third trick during the absence of Bro. Lawless.

Bro. Maynard transferred from Superior to Graham nights.

Bro. Morgan has resigned Superior agency and is working as an operator there.

Bro. Chausee, recently resigned Dugald agency, is relieving Bro. Duncan at Larson, who is in

Ft. William hospital. We hope for his early recovery.

Bro. Fanning is relieving Bro. Manley. Raith days, on six months' leave on his homestead in Alberta. Mr. McCarthy, Raith nights, won't join because he is "going on his homestead in a short time." We do not wish to hurry him, but here is his hat.

Bro. C. L. Plunkett is relieving Bro. Oliver on a trip to Brandon, Man.

Dispatcher Bro. Jackson's wife is on a trip east.

Second Trick Dispatcher Sparling was on a trip to Ft. William recently.

Bro. Bartlett, "GR" Graham, to Reddick nights; relieved by Mr. Carroll. C.E.R.T. 1134.

Districts Four, Five, Six and Branches—

When our first schedule was issued nearly a year ago your committee requested each telegrapher to make a voluntary contribution of his first month's increase to help out the finances of the division. A majority of the members and some of the non-members complied with the request, but there are still quite a number who have not done so and these I ask, "Are you satisfied in letting some other member pay your share of the expenses incurred in obtaining you an increase in wages and better working conditions?"

C. J. MITCHELL, Local Chairman.

The proposed Telegraphers' ball was postponed indefinitely on account of the winter train service, and our meetings were discontinued until trains three and four are put on again.

Train service has been extended to Calgary with Bro. Dowling as agent there, relieved at Young on bid by Bro. Scott, of Bashaw agency, relieved by Bro. W. H. LeGallais, South Saskatoon days..

Bro. Bass, South Saskatoon, bid in agency Juniata.

Bro. H. F. Jones, to Biggar days; relieved by Bro. Lyons at Unity days, with Bro. Fleming, who has been on the farm all winter, on nights.

Bro. Allan, of Irma, on extended leave, relieved by Bro. House.

Bro. Leslie from Scott days to agency New Norway.

Bro. Lewis, from Coblenz to Wakaw agency, relieved by Bro. Bergman.

Bro. Hawthorn, of Ardrossan days, to Asquith agency, relieved by new man.

Bro. Price bid in days at Camrose.

Bro. Schiemann, of Biggar days, has gone to Prince George; Bro. Briggs, of Juniata, to the States, and Bro. Tully, agent Allan, has resigned; relieved by Bro. Stirling of Asquith. We regret their departure and extend our best wishes.

Mr. Yerex, days Young, to days South Saskatoon; relieved by Mr. Salter, nights Young.

We are pleased to welcome Bro. Roy Moore, who has been dispatching in British Columbia, and has bid in second "DI," relieving Bro. McIntyre, who bid in first Edson. Our best wishes and

congratulations are extended to Bro. McIntyre and bride.

The stork recently visited Bro. and Mrs. Patterson, at "CN." Congratulations, "Pat."

Bro. Simmons was in Edmonton a few days putting the train agents through the rules.

Mr. Gillis, agent Battleford, has resigned.

Bro. Peacock is back on days at "GN."

If we will all assist our local chairman in lining up the few nons left we shall soon have this division solid. Boys, if you have not got a current term card in your pocket get busy.

Brothers, send all the news you can to Bro. Oscar Hawthorne, agent Asquith, Sask., and he will see that our write-up appears in every journal.

Now pull, and pull all together. C.E.R.T. 758.

Wabash R. R., Div. No. 2.

R. J. McElhinney, secretary and treasurer, Division 2, has removed to 4110a Arsenal St.

Relay Division—

Bro. Carter took in the sights in "Chi" recently.

"GM" is now solid. Let us hear from some of the other relay offices. The boys in that office have taken the time and gone to the expense of getting out a circular letter, enclosing application blanks to all the nons on the entire system, asking them to take out a card and give us their financial and moral support. Those who refuse to help to, do their part are hurting themselves individually, and will see it when too late. The committee will be going into St. Louis shortly, and if properly supported will bring back the best, and it is a duty of every one to have an up-to-date, so that this can be made a reality. It may not be so easy for a man to take the money next time unless he can show that he has helped pay the expenses necessary to get it. Members who work at the offices where there are nons should try to get them to come in and help the local chairman to make the division solid. This is a business proposition which brings large returns for the money invested, and when a man will not help pay his pro rata of the expense for the increase he receives every month through the efforts of the O. R. T. and paid for by the members, he should not receive any further benefits whatever; and the time is coming when such men will be left out of the schedule. This bulletin clause alone, is worth more than what it would cost to join. I notice the nons all look for the bulletins just as regularly as they do their meals and with just as much pleasure. And they are getting the benefit of it and lots more without any cost to them. The trainmen, who receive three times our salary, pay their dues promptly and vote solidly when necessary to stand by their committee. When the telegraphers learn to do likewise, they will be in a fair way to get what they are worth.

Moberly Division—

Local Chairman Hampton has been transferred to Dalton agency.

Bro. Southern visited the boys between trains while out over the north end recently.

Bro. Cullers, Tracy, is rejoicing over the fact that he has been given two operators, Mr. Harlow on first, and Mr. McClanahan, second.

Bro. Minnis is back again after a few days' sickness.

The fifteenth and sixteenth district wires went down during the recent storm and all trains were from one to twelve hours late. Dispatchers Horan and Cotter worked from "MU" for two days and kept them moving.

Boys, let's have a good write-up every month, and not let the Decatur and Peru Divisions do it all. We are not able to see each other very often, as the trainmen do, and discuss the many things we would like to, compare notes, etc., so the only thing we can do is for each one drop Bro. Layton a note, at "GM" St. Louis, and exchange ideas and opinions in that way.

"B," 2147.

Decatur Division—

I again solicit the aid of the members in lining up the few remaining nons on the division, so your committee will be in better shape to meet the management soon as the receivership is terminated. The committee is only awaiting this action to return to St. Louis, and conclude negotiations. Let's us all make a special effort to have things in such shape that the members can come back and say "With your loyal support we at least have accomplished many betterments in the working conditions of our schedule."

Bro. B. W. Dunham, agent Stonington, resumed work after three months' vacation; relieved by Bro. T. C. Burwell, who later relieved Extra Tyron, third Morrisonville.

J. M. Keys, third Staunton, resigned; relieved by Bro. A. E. Moore, formerly of second Raymond.

It is now Bro. J. E. Miles, agent Fairmount, and Bros. Hedden and Hyde, at Mt. Olive, making the latter solid.

Bro. Myers and wife called on Bro. Veece and family recently.

A. H. Singleton, Ashburn agency, has resigned; relieved on bid by Bro. C. A. Davis, putting first Forrest up for bulletin.

H. O. Folrath, of Cerro Gordo, is running for collector; H. G. Tolonth for a similar office, at Monticello, and Bro. J. R. Hefner for alderman, Monticello.

Many thanks to the brothers who assisted in this write-up. Come again, and have all the brothers send in the changes at their station and any other news they can. This is a matter easily neglected. Do it now. R. V.

Springfield Division—

Mr. Ross, second Griggsville, off sick recently, was relieved by Extra Godfrey, and Mr. Foutche, first Bluffs, by Extra Deerwester.

Bro. Zimmerman is back on second Baylis, Extra Mehl going to Berlin second.

Bro. Halk, second Shops, is off ninety days, trying out traffic work, Bro. Zold, from Spring-

field, relieving, and Bro. Taylor, first Shops, off a few days, was relieved by Extra Deerwester.

Bro. Frederick, second Valley City, bid in Valley City agency, and Bro. Ryan, third Berlin, bid in second there.

Our membership from Decatur to Jacksonville is 103 per cent strong. Help me on the west end, Jacksonville to Hannibal, and get it the same. Also get after the two nons on the High line, Carthage and Bowen.

Don't forget the news items each month and that your local chairman will give you any information he can.

I have secured seven applications since January 1st. Get after your non neighbors and get them lined up. L. A. W., Cert. 748.

Peru Division—

Business is picking up on this division, and the men are sticking pretty close to their jobs at this time. Very few of the "tourists" looking for employment recently have cards. It is an "empty" for them when they leave town and no refreshments before departure.

V. L. Gentry, who relieved C. F. Smith, third Tilton, and H. F. Robertson, second Logansport, on account of sickness, also relieved Jack Culp, third Williamsport, several days.

J. W. Kieff relieved C. M. Kennington, at Lafayette, thirty days, on vacation.

R. H. James, who relieved B. C. Hicks, first Peru Jct., a few days, later relieved C. C. Chase, first at Tilton, several days, account sickness.

C. G. Rectenwall, agent Spencerville, off several days account of sickness, relieved by L. O. Wade, from third there, relieved by C. M. English.

I. J. Thompson, agent Buck Creek, off several days account sickness, relieved by F. Graham, who is now relieving A. F. Lannen, first Defiance, on thirty days' vacation.

O. C. Waterman, agent Butler, off several days account sickness, relieved by W. Muzzy, of second there, relieved by H. O. Eviston.

Edw. Heffefinger, first Gould, off several days account sickness, relieved by S. P. Aubry, a new man.

A. Weber, second Buck Creek, was relieved a few days by F. Graham.

M. L. Parkman relieved W. S. Bandy, first Andrews yard, while the latter was being entertained thirty days by a friend at Huntington.

F. A. Hood, third Clymers, on the sick list since January 7th, is still in a serious condition, and his recovery is doubtful. Himself and family have the sympathy of the boys on this division.

R. Hoover is relieving E. W. Masters, third Maumee, and C. M. English is relieving B. Dickman, second Defiance; both on vacation.

F. O. Cole relieved Miss V. M. Baker, third West Lebanon, resigned. Other resignations are: H. V. Slayback, first "GS" tower; J. A. Fullen, second Butler, and F. P. McLemore, third Attica, and V. L. Gentry. The latter, after visiting Los Angeles, will go to the Northwest. He is a first-class operator and a loyal man to the cause and we are sorry to lose him.

R. H. James, another good brother, our division correspondent, has gone to the N. P., and the correspondence will be looked after by the local chairman. Any assistance given him will be appreciated. We still have a few nons and delinquents on this division, and must keep right after them and get in the best shape possible for the struggle which we will have to make when the committee meets again.

J. S. RIZOR, Local Chairman.

Mobile & Ohio R. R., Div. No. 2.

NOTICE.

Bro. S. M. Richardson, Corinth, Miss., has been appointed correspondent for the Jackson and Oklahoma Districts. Anyone wishing to contribute news for the journal will please send it to him on or before the 20th of each month in order that he can get it to Bro. Quick before the 28th.

L. T. MURDAUGH, General Chairman.

J. & O. District—

Bro. Murdaugh, our local chairman, first Clamore, while on committee work was relieved by Bro. G. T. Teague.

Bro. B. E. Sanders bid in second "FN," vice Bro. S. N. Jones, who bid in Jordan agency, relieved at Henderson by Bro. McCarter, putting second "YD" on bulletin.

Bro. Chatman, agent Pinson, sick several days, was relieved by Bro. J. R. McCarter. Bro. Parish, from Jordan, bid in Guntown agency.

Bro. C. M. Barr, agent Finger, off sick ten days was relieved by Bro. A. K. Goodman, who later relieved Bro. C. E. Jones, third Ruslor, who bid in third Corinth, and then Bro. T. H. Keaton, fourth Corinth, on vacation.

Bro. L. R. Corley, now with A. G. & S., visited his wife recently at Bethel.

We are very glad to see Bro. J. U. Overall, Jr., second Corinth, reinstated.

Bro. L. McCullar, Booneville, off two days, relieved by his father.

First Baldwin abolished, Bro. Taylor taking third there, vice Bro. Briggs, relieving Mr. Dean, who has sickness in family.

Bro. Hailey, off sick, relieved by E. Moore, of Dyer.

A very enthusiastic joint meeting was held at Jackson on March 11th. All of the I. C. and M. & O. boys who could attend did so. Subjects of interest to all were discussed, and a very enjoyable time was had. All who can possibly do so should attend these meetings along the line, as they concern us all, and help us to get better acquainted and pull together. Bro. H. L. Meeks was relieved on third Shannon to attend by Bro. McCarter.

Those who haven't got their 1914 cards should get in line and stay, as this is what gets results. You can't expect to do anything when only half organized. Owls, let us all stay awake and show the company that it pays to have O. R. T. men on guard.

CERT. 2093.

Mboro. District—

Bro. LeRoy Creech, second Alto Pass, while at the wreck on the hill was relieved by Bro. W. J. Fletcher, who also relieved Bro. Grabow, second Mt. Glenn, a few days.

Bro. M. S. Spencer, nights Oraville, off a few days, was relieved by Bro. Crocker, who also relieved Bro. Wehrheim, second Baldwin, and Bro. Julius Grobb, second Percy, several days.

Bro. G. E. Meisenheimer was off a few days, relieved by Extra Zimmer.

We are sorry to learn of sickness in the family of T. B. Smith, and hope it will not prove so serious as to prevent him joining, as promised.

Bro. Murdaugh will take up and adjust all grievances personally at Mobile. He is handling our business very satisfactorily since he has been general chairman. Things will move fine as soon as the new officers are appointed.

Bro. Rosendaugh, second Willis, is still unable to work. We hope for his speedy recovery.

Bro. McDermott relieved Bros. Hill and McNealy a few days.

Jot down the various happenings and mail them to me before the 20th of each month sure. I desire to thank the boys for their courtesy when calling on them recently, and hope they will not forget this. Bro. Creech, second Alto Pass, was the only one to send in the news without being asked for it.

Bro. H. J. Dillow is at Hodges Park agency, while Mr. Hodges is in Hot Springs for his health.

Bro. Rose, second East St. Louis yard, while visiting relatives in Percy, was relieved by Extra Foster.

Bro. Murdaugh has appointed me correspondent for this district, please address your items direct to me in future. Let's see if we can't be the banner district. G. E. MEISENHEIMER, "X,"

Cert. 973.

Chicago & Alton R. R., Div. No. 2.

Our present schedule has been in effect just one year and five months, when we gained more of an increase in salary and better working conditions than most of the larger roads did the first time their committees went up. One year from the time the committee first went in, it was called up on a grievance case, which was settled satisfactorily by the brother being reinstated, and at the same time some of the positions slighted in the first schedule received an increase in salary, better working conditions, and we got a signed agreement with the company. It has taken some of the large roads ten or fifteen years to do as well as we have done on the C. & A. Our membership has increased and we have a good foundation. Every brother get busy when he hears of a non working next to him, or anywhere on the line, and don't let him rest until you have his application. Don't wait for the other fellow, but go right after him, and we will

soon be 99 per cent strong. Keep an up-to-date card yourself, give the committee your support and your employers efficient service, which includes a tidy station and always on the job. Pull together, attend the meetings and we will attain amazing results.

The quarterly meeting held at Bloomington, March 21st, was well represented by members of the three divisions, Northern, Southern and Western, numbering between sixty and seventy, and some very interesting matters were discussed, demonstrating that we are a very live bunch on the C. & A.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 p. m. by General Chairman Bro. Gentz, followed by a long talk of interest by First Vice-President Bro. J. A. Newman, relating to our organization in the past, present and future, which was well worth hearing and very much appreciated, especially the good pointers as to what solid organization will do for us and the importance of loyalty to both our employers and organization. Bro. Newman was very busy with several committees, and it was quite an effort for him to be with us.

Bro. H. E. Edmunds, of "GO," Chicago, also gave a very interesting talk, relating to firmness, loyalty and progress of organization, and other talks on the same line were given by Local Chairman Bro. Mullin, Western; Bros. Riley and Wright, Southern, and Bro. Gentz, of the Northern Division, after which a number of minor grievances were discussed.

Bro. W. E. Cook, Bloomington, was elected to serve as chairman of our quarterly meetings, and Bro. H. L. Major, Bloomington, as secretary.

Our time was short, due to the interesting talks, and we did not have as much time to discuss various grievances as we would liked to have had, the general chairman, however, is handling these matters with the superintendent, and will no doubt get results.

It was decided to hold a meeting at Joliet in the near future, and also at Springfield or Roodhouse, to enable all members to attend meetings, due to the inconveniences getting to Bloomington when these meetings are held. All members in these vicinities try and attend, you will be given notice in time to make arrangements.

The next meeting at Bloomington will probably be some time in June, announcement later.

We were pleased with the attendance of the agents from the various stations at our Bloomington meeting, with the interests shown and the new applications secured.

We will have a 99 per cent solid organization to back the committee when we go in for a revision in schedule. Let every member continue the good work of lining up nons, especially on the Jacksonville line and P. & N. Get busy, brothers, and assist Bro. Wright to line-up the few nons scattered around over there.

Due to the sickness and death of the wife of Bro. Edgar, our division correspondent, he needs

all your aid in collecting items for our division, and your assistance will be much appreciated.

Our new president, Mr. Bierd, is making reductions in all departments, in order to reduce operating expenses. He comes from a scheduled road, and will, no doubt, be fair with us, as he has that reputation. Let's meet him at least half way by giving the most efficient service possible.

The brothers on the C. & A. extend their congratulations to Bro. C. O. Lakin, recently appointed chief dispatcher of the C. I. & M., at Taylorville, Ill., and wish him success. He had just bid in third Roodhouse, which is now on bulletin again. Reduction in Bloomington relay caused Bro. F. E. Pfeiffer to bid in second Roodhouse.

It is now Bros. Clark, Normal; Bridges, Elkhart; Read, Broadwell, and Ryan, Alton freight house.

Bro. E. E. Edgar relieved Bro. D. D. Scoville, agent Dwight, on vacation; Bro. H. Deaton is relieving the ticket clerk at union station, Joliet, and Bro. Moon, "GO," on vacation, was relieved by a new brother from the C. & N. W.

Bro. Feathers, from the B. & O., who relieved Bro. White, third Bloomington yards a few nights, later relieved Mr. Lamb, Glenn yards, Chicago, on vacation.

Brothers, on the Western Division, help Bro. Mullin to line up the few nons over there, and also the two at "DV," Kansas City. Take advantage of Bro. McElhinney's recent bulletin letter, and see how many we can get in by May 1st. CERT. 2371.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF BRO. E. E. EDGAR'S WIFE.

(By H. E. BAKER, Cert. 1752, Odell, Ill.)
Do not grieve because your loved one
Early found the gates of gold.
Early left her little family
For the blessings of the fold.
She has filled her earthly mission,
Sealed her book and gone to rest.
God has called her, "come up higher."
Do not question, He knows best.

Little children, Mother's waiting,
In that home not made with hands,
Looking, watching for her darlings.
Weep not, Jesus understands.
Years ago these words were spoken,
"Let the children come to me,"
In His earthly arms he clasped them,
Took and blessed them tenderly.

"For of such the heavenly kingdom."
What a solace in your sorrow;
Knowing He will watch and keep
Mother's darlings till the morrow.
Happy family then united
All life's trials and sufferings past.
No more death or separation,
Home with Jesus; home at last.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express to our friends and neighbors our sincere thanks and appreciation of the many kindnesses and the sympathy shown at the time of our great bereavement, also for the many beautiful flowers.

EARL EDGAR,
MRS. ED. LOSEE,
MRS. J. P. DAWSON.

Southern Division—

Bro. Frazer, second Plainview, resigned, relieved by Bro. Schlicht, from C. P. & St. L.

It is now Bros. Phares, "QC" tower, Carlinville; Bridge, Elkhart, and Reed, Broadwell.

Bro. Schultie, agent Williamsville, off a few days on account of sickness, was relieved by Mr. Groat.

Bro. Carlson, from Green Valley, bid in second Lawndale.

Bro. Morrell, agent Atlanta, off a few days on account of the serious illness of his mother, was relieved by Bro. Lewis, from Virden.

I wish to thank the brothers for their liberal contribution to the floral fund for Bro. Edgar's wife.

Not a single item was received from the boys along the line. If you want a good write-up each month, you will have to contribute something. Send all items to local chairman of your division.

THOS. RILEY, Div. Cor.

C., St. P., M. & O. R. R., Div. No. 4.

Bro. F. B. Pettingill, of Adrian, trying out the banking business, is being relieved by Bro. C. J. Rathmann.

Bro. W. J. A. Maxfield writes from Armstead, Mont., and sends us his "73."

C. D. Brooks, of Belle Plaine, relieved Bro. Tenney at Mankato, when he went to Minneapolis to bring his boy home, who has been in the hospital there for the past five weeks. The lad is fairly on his way to recovery, but looks pretty thin after three months' run of kidney trouble.

J. L. Kelly, general agent at Stone, reports business during March fully as good as the same month last year.

Bro. G. W. Lasseck of Lake Crystal, under the weather for some time, was relieved by C. D. Brooks, of Belle Plaine, relieved by Mrs. Pugh, the only lady telegrapher on the road.

The station agents on the Omaha and Northwestern roads held a business meeting at Mankato, March 20th, with about thirty present.

Bros. Liddane, Tenney and Hurst, of the Omaha; Derrickson, of the C. M. & St. P.; Thomas, of the C. & N. W., and Lewis, of the Soo line, attended the splendid union meeting at St. Paul, March 15th. Bro. Tenney was relieved by Bro. C. F. McCarthy, of Savage.

Bro. E. T. Brady, of Le Sueur, who relieved H. G. Stum, on account of being sick, on St. James side wire, was relieved by R. C. Moulster, who has been relieving Bro. Miller, at Sheldon.

C. D. Brooks is visiting his parents in the East. Bro. G. W. Owens, of Elmore, who is on vacation, will, no doubt, be appointed postmaster there.

Walt Hale, of Windom, after the agents' meeting at Mankato, March 20th, took the train for New Ulm at the union depot, and did not discover his mistake until he flashed his annual, and the conductor asked "where to?" He returned to Mankato in the "wee-sma" hours of the morning," firmly resolved never to leave home again without his wife.

The C. & N. W. telegraphers and station agents held an open meeting at Mankato, Saturday evening, March 14th, which was attended by a large and enthusiastic crowd. Division Superintendent Boyle, of Winona, and Traveling Freight and Ticket Agent Perry, of Mankato, attended and gave splendid talks. Local Thomas, of Zumbrota, handled the meeting splendidly.

We are pleased to report that Bro. and Mrs. A. Backer's little boy, who has been critically ill for some time past, will soon be able to be around again.

Bro. J. F. Jansen, of Madelia, attended the K. of C. lodge meeting, at Mankato, Sunday, March 22d.

The little daughter of Bro. Warner, and his brother-in-law, at Mountain Lake, are recovering from their illness.

General Chairman W. J. Liddane transacted business with the general secretary and treasurer, March 21st.

Bro. D. J. Vincent writes from Minot, N. D., that he stands in line for the next trick dispatcher.

Local Chairman W. E. Steiner, of Deer Park, Wis., having resigned, votes are now being taken to fill the position.

The Omaha telegraphers signed a petition nearly four hundred strong to the governor for the release of former Bro. J. W. Hunter, sentenced to prison for fourteen years for improper handling of company funds, when his wife was in need of medical attendance. This story which appeared in THE TELEGRAPHER several months' ago, has been taken up by every road in the Northwest, and possibly throughout the United States.

If any of you have failed to remit your dues to the general secretary and treasurer, and your insurance assessments to Bro. Quick, you should attend to it at once.

Bros. Jansen, Stanton and Shier checked up the records of the general secretary and treasurer and left a clean bill of accounts. It is quite surprising to go through these records and learn of the method and amount of business transacted in a year's time by our little division.

Automatic signals will probably be installed on the eastern end of the M. & I. Division this spring. The management recently went over that territory quite thoroughly. Your attention is called again to your duty in securing the application of your next door neighbor. You are contributing your money while he is receiving the same benefits as you do, without coming in.

Your conditions can not be bettered if you allow these conditions to exist. Get busy with your neighbors and at least invite them to join.

CERT. 2.

Nebraska Division—

Bro. L. R. Foot, agent Concord, on his honeymoon, was relieved by Mr. Wassum. Congratulations.

S. R. Morrell, third Emerson, who was relieved a few days by L. G. Hallisey, enjoyed a visit from his brother, A. E. Morrell, former Bro.-Agent at Nacora, who now has a better job in Milwaukee.

"Cary" Wilson is with us again, relieving at First street.

Mr. Wassum drew Sholes, and L. G. Hallisey bid in Coburn.

Would like to have some items along about the 15th of each month. Don't get much chance to hear the news where I am, and no chance for a good write-up. In this write-up, note that there is too much "Mr" business. Some of you brothers help us change them to brothers.

CERT. 114.

Wisconsin Division, Northern District—

M. E. Carey relieved Mr. Meffert, at Wascott, a few days.

Palmer Imislund relieved at Solon Springs, expecting to get Shell Lake second again, but although the business there is about double that of any preceding year, we were unable to get the trick replaced and "PI" went to Draper.

We are sorry to record the resignation of Local Chairman Bro. W. E. Steiner, who has gone into a hardware store at Deer Park. We lose a good, reliable railroad man; a friend of organized labor and a strong power in the O. R. T. He has our best wishes, and we hope we may be able to get a capable man to take his place. He was relieved at Deer Park by Bro. J. H. Reid.

Assistant Local Chairman Bro. Hurst, from the east end, was on an organizing tour recently, lining up the nons.

Heavy business on the Kennedy Line opened night offices temporarily at Draper, Winter and Couderay, filled, respectively, by P. Imislund, Arthur Halverson and O. F. Vannot.

G. Nelson, second Rice Lake, off a week on account sickness, relieved by O. S. Brown, who later relieved Ed. Kozlick, at Koll, while he relieved his brother at Haugen.

Bro. R. Block, now with the Iron Mountain, in Missouri, visited friends at Rice Lake and Haugen recently.

We are indebted to Bro. Rudi, of Rice Lake, for a few items this month. Div. Cor.

Eastern District—

But one man responded to my appeal for items.

Bro. H. L. Nelson, third Sheppard, had his face badly burned by explosion of gas from a bucket of dust coal he was putting in the stove, causing him to lay off two weeks, relieved by Mr. Gormely.

Mr. Johnson, second Levis, off a week on account sickness of his baby, relieved by Bro. Waldum, who came back from the C. & N. W., on account of his rights after working a week at Hunting. Bro. Engebretson still working for C. & N. W., at Wausau Junction.

Bro. Campbell, agent Neillsville, on account of his wife's poor health, visited their folks in Iowa, relieved by S. L. Jacobson, from Millston.

Bro. Kavool, agent Humbird, is back again after being off over a month. Had two operations. We are glad to see him back feeling better.

Bro. Allen was a recent Sunday B. R. Falls caller.

Our old side-kicker, K. C. Jacobson, is now working in an elevator at Fall Creek.

Bro. A. Andrews, who contracted typhoid fever and was laid up in Glendive, Mont., hospital some time while on his trip West, visited old friends at Woodville a few days before returning to Draper.

Bro. Erickson, who relieved Bro. Pence, at Spring Valley, when called to Indiana on account of his father's death, was relieved, at Woodville, by Bro. Baskin. A six-horsepower gasoline engine has been installed at the latter place, to work the elevator, which makes it much nicer for the boys there, and Bro. Pope is wearing a happy smile now that he doesn't have to "heave ho" on the ropes any more.

The union meeting of the five organizations held at St. Paul, March 15th, was attended by a number of our members, including Bros. Liddane, Tenney and Hurst. A series of monthly meetings were decided on. Bro. John F. Collins, of the B. L. E., was elected chairman, and Bro. Liddane, of O. R. T., was elected secretary.

Bro. Tom Hurst, while covering the Northern and Eastern Divisions, lining up the nons, was relieved on first Hudson by Bro. Kuhn, from Minneapolis.

Bro. Harpold, B. R. Falls, while attending the funeral of his brother-in-law, at Mauston, was relieved by Bro. Waldum.

If each brother would take an interest in the non next to or near him, there would be no need to send a man over the line to get in the nons, thereby taking money out of our treasury that our committee needs badly. If a man would come into your home each day and sit at your table and eat his fill and get up and go away without a "thank you," how long would you stand for it, yet you are paying that non's way working with you, or alongside of you, and never say a word to him about helping pay his own way. How long are you going to continue doing this? It's time you are coming too. Wake up and tell that non what you think about it.

CERT. 7.

Kansas City Southern Ry., Div. No. 5.

Northern Division—

Business is picking up along this whole division, and the prosperity of the employer is bound to be beneficial to the employee.

Bro. F. L. Snodgrass, third Goodman, relieved Bro. H. P. Graham, second there, while he was in Kansas City with his wife, who underwent an operation, from which we are glad to say she is rapidly recovering. Later Bro. Snodgrass was relieved, on vacation, by C. S. McElwain, who also relieved Bro. Dixon, on Lanagan third, while Bro. Dixon was off South with the mumps, and then went to Richards nights.

Boys, when you lay off or know of any other news items, send them in. CENT. 128.

Southern Division—

Boys, send in a few lines monthly, so we can have a write-up in every issue of the journal.

Bro. Malone was called to his home at Benson, February 15th, on account of the illness of his best friend, his mother, who died the 17th. Our chief, Mr. Gable, and his office force sent a floral offering, and we all deeply sympathize with Bro. Malone in his bereavement. Bro. George Berg, of the Missouri Pacific, who relieved Bro. Heard, at Benson, while he took in the Mardi Gras, later relieved Bro. J. B. Finney, agent Hornbeck. CENT. 182.

Union Pacific R. R., Div. No. 6.

Kansas Division—

A circular letter has been mailed to every member on the Kansas Division, giving the result of our Denver meeting, March 11th. Your local chairman would like to speak for your hearty co-operation in the next few months in order that the programme mapped out at that meeting may be carried to a successful conclusion.

In placing Bro. E. L. Stump at the head of our division, we feel that we are giving you the benefit of the services of a man who is without a peer today as a general chairman, and a man who undoubtedly has done more to secure for you the concessions you now enjoy and to establish and maintain the present relations with the management, than would have been possible for another to have secured.

With Bro. Manion in charge of the Western Territory; Bro. Stump at the head of Division Six, and the division in better shape financially and numerically than ever before; and with every indication pointing to better things in the near future, all that can be asked is that you take an active interest in our affairs and co-operate with your committee in every possible way.

Bro. Cosley, Armstrong, off spending some of his cream commission, was relieved by Bro. Stine.

E. Johnson, cashier for Topeka a short time ago, is back on Lawrence third. Bro. Wilson extra, relieving Bro. Hook, at Manhattan; also Bro. Johnson reported married. Bro. Bramlett, who relieved Bro. Hughey, at Junction City, relieved Bro. Wilson, who was relieved at Manhattan by the brother with the linen duster.

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Colorado Division, D. P.—

Bro. Rosenbaum relieving Bro. Link on third Brighton, latter off sick.

Erie and Hardin, closed in January account slack business, will soon be opened again.

Mr. McElroy, agent Falco, who bid in Ault, promised to line up this month.

Bro. Mitchell, off sick and Bro. Stump off attending to his duties as general chairman, caused their jobs to be bulletined in "UD" Denver temporarily.

Bro. Brawner, in "UD," will help out with news this coming month. Am indebted to him for all the "DP" notes and a few of the "KP" notes.

Bro. Lockman, from Erie, drew agency Eaton, and Bro. Coffin, from Hardin, bid in agency Bennet, vacated by Bro. E. P. Mabn, who bid in Hugo.

K. P.—

Bro. C. A. VickRoy returned to Sharon Springs, relieving Bro. Joe Shaw, who after a few weeks' vacation, relieved Bro. Fritz, agent Wakeeney, several days.

Bro. Roberts, who relieved Mr. Dalnes, Sharon Springs third, who went to the Wyoming Division, later relieved Bro. Houser, Grainfield, on a trip to Florida, to look after his land down there. Bro. Roberts was relieved by Bro. Katz, who was later relieved by Bro. Anderson, and returned to Pullman third.

The ballasting of the K. P. from Wild Horse to Oakley, will open up a few new jobs down there.

Bro. Bailey, agent Collyer, was relieved by Mr. Lummis from Oakley, while on an auto trip to Nebraska.

It will soon be Bro. Minnick again, at Oakley. Thanks to Bro. Roberts.

Am indebted to Bro. Roberts, VickRoy and C. C. Mabn for their assistance in the K. P. line-up this month. We need some assistance from the rest of the boys in order to have a good write-up every month.

The K. P. seems to be getting its share of business, regardless of the Marysville cut-off.

The movement of about 10,000 cars of gravel in the near future will open up several telegraph offices, and put a number of the boys back to work when the fall business should be heavy enough to keep all the offices open.

Understand the dispatchers taken off at Sharon Springs will be put back in the near future. Every effort is being made to have the dispatchers office installed at Hugo. Our live and up-to-date terminal is now quite elated over the prospects of doubling the size of the roundhouse, and the prospects of the gulf line connecting with the main line there. Supt. VickRoy, at Hugo, recently was very much surprised to learn that the building now occupied by the *Range Ledger* there is the old depot where he was agent in the early days.

The management deserves great credit from the "safety first" movement, and the strenuous enforcement of "Rule G."

The boys between Sharon Springs and Hugo are sorry to lose from their midst the smiling countenance of their friend "Barney."

Say, you K. P. brothers, did any of you ever think how the wife and kiddies looked on Sunday, and how you might feel if you were permitted to sit at the Sunday dinner with them? Thorough organization is the answer.

L. C. DUENWEG, Agate, Colo.

Nebraska Division, First and Second Districts—

Owing to a rush of business preparing for the annual meeting the first of March and getting cases as nearly cleaned up before my successor should take charge, I lost out on a write-up last month. I want to thank all the boys for the co-operation and support I received while acting to the best of my ability as your general chairman.

Bro. Frank Hannum represented this division creditably at the annual meeting and made a hit with the old-timers on the committee, who generally expected a new man to be a little "green," but there were no sprouts growing on Frank. Bro. Cliff Winters, who relieved Bro. Hannum as agent, was relieved by Bro. L. M. Knopp, at Gothenburg.

Former Local Chairman Ging, from Egbert, bid in third Kearney. With three "Beau Brummels," Bros. Armstrong, Stevens and Ging there now, we have a combination that is going to be heard from.

Bro. Knopp recently relieved Bro. Larson, at Miller, a few days.

Bro. Julius Hansen, relief agent, who recently celebrated his birthday by treating the office force at "GE," Grand Island, after relieving Bro. Gard, at Wood River, relieved Bro. Baird, at Oconto, for ten days. Bro. D. H. Stambaugh, "GE" nights, was off recently consulting a throat specialist in Omaha.

Bro. Clarence Kaser assigned to Hershey station, vice Bro. Snyder, going to Polk, and Bro. H. G. Reisener, of Gilmore, assigned to Hayland agency.

The entire district is very sorry to learn of the ill fortune of First Trick Dispatcher Geo. Wiggington, who is in the hospital at Grand Island almost blind. The specialist says it is due to an organic affliction which is only temporary. He gained universal good-will for square treatment of the men while chief, and has the sympathy of us all at this time. Bro. Cole is doing the extra dispatcher's work; Bro. Smith relieving him in "CF," Grand Island, and Albert Baker is doing the extra work.

Many friends have been made in a town strong pro-Burlington, when the Union Pacific constructed a nice new depot at St. Paul, which was opened this month. Having worked there myself, I know the boys appreciate it too, but it will be worth the money to the Union Pacific regardless of convenience, etc., to their employees.

Bro. Buchler recently relieved Fred Schumaker at Silver Creek, and Bro. Birmingham at Columbus, a few days each. Bro. A. G. Snyder took a week off also, relieved by "JK" Johnson. There probably were some other changes on the first I didn't get. I am back in the office now, boys, and can not keep such close tab on the changes, so if you want a full list, better come through with what you know.

Bro. Stepnoski, of the Second, and Bro. Runyan, of South Omaha, are both off sick, but improving.

Bro. O. E. Johnson, relieving the cashier at Fremont, was relieved by Mr. Mills. Bro. C. A. Laughlin, third at Kearney extra, off with the mumps, relieved by Bro. Knopp. Doing fine, I believe. CERT. 217.

Wyoming Division—

Bro. Wiles, second Walcott to first Table Rock, vice Mr. Riddle, assigned second Black Buttes. Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Wiles on second and third Table Rock.

Extras Cox and Wilson laid off, no vacancies.

Bro. Horton, first Red Desert, assigned second Rock Springs. It is now Bro. Monsey, third Red Desert. Bro. H. A. Thompson, assigned second Red Desert, is relieving Bro. Spencer, Thayer Junction, now located on his ranch.

If there is a non in your vicinity, keep after him until he lines up, or if you can not do anything with him, pass his name along to some other member of the "Get 'Em" club. "No card, no favors."

Bro. J. H. Burnsmier, agent Rock River, assigned Wamsutter agency. Mrs. B. is visiting relatives in Los Angeles.

In appreciation of the good service rendered by J. H. Peckenpaugh, late chief dispatcher for the "Q," at Sterling, Colo., the officials of that road have presented his wife with a check for six months' salary, and a letter of appreciation for good services rendered. Mr. Peckenpaugh was formerly a member of Division Six and worked in "KI" office. Last month's journal contains notice of his death.

Bro. Dwight Shotliff bid in Buford agency, vice Bro. Horton, who bid in second Dale Creek, and Bro. Lewis, extra Buford, was assigned third Bitter Creek.

V. J. Lovlace, at "KI," Laramie, who worked through the winter pending bulletin, has returned to his homestead in Nebraska. While regularly in the service he was always up-to-date. Putting a farm in working order is pretty expensive.

A relay brother reports several "boomers" along recently, who all lost their coats, and, strange to say, each inside coat pocket contained an up-to-date card. "No card, no favors," might induce them to carry their cards in their trouser's pocket. D. C.

Eighth and Ninth Districts, Wyoming Division—

It's now Bro. Drummond, at Granger; Bro. Alloway, at Bridger; Bro. Longstreth, at Altamont, and Bro. Aldrich, at Buford. Everybody get busy, let's make it solid.

Bros. Drummond and Borsenberger, of Granger, were Evanston visitors this month. Bro. Anderson, of Carter, also.

Bro. Weber, at Knight, went to Colorado a few days to look after his farm. We think there is some attraction at Denver.

Three exclusive agents on Ninth District all got from \$2.50 to \$5.00 raises; one after numerous promises says he can't afford to join. Several operators on same district who received an increase are still out. This is the most desirable district on the division, all preference positions. Two were dropped for non-payment of dues. Ogden, the best town on the division, has received \$10.00 increase in last four years, and we have three members there. We must get busy with these nons.

L. C. Duerstein, who claims the Order is no good is now at Pine Bluffs, Wyo. JUDCZ.

St. Joseph & Grand Island Ry., Div. No. 6.

We are about 90 per cent strong and are pushing for a clean 100.

Bro. Culverson, first Hiawatha, resigned, relieved by Bro. Eberstein and gone in the moving picture business there.

First Trick Dispatcher G. L. Byers is on a ninety-day vacation on his ranch in Utah; relieved by Chas. P. Cahill.

Bro. Jack Harrison is now on first "GO" St. Joseph.

Bro. G. B. Shortridge, third Fairbury, on his vacation east, made a stop in Jamesport and Gilman, Mo., to see friends. He has his quill turned toward the poet's field.

Bro. R. V. Tye, second Fairbury, is relieving the cashier there.

Bros. Harrison and Bray, St. Joseph, took the dispatchers' examination, while the board of examiners were on our line.

Bro. Henderson, who has been with the Grand Island twenty-five years and an old member, is now agent at Hollenberg.

Bro. Arnell, first Fairbury, is studying the wireless. There is a wireless station there now.

Bro. Alvin L. Gorman, third Marysville, is interested in the millinery business there. Bro. C. F. McCall, first Marysville, attended court in St. Joseph recently.

Bro. Manion, third Hanover, spent two weeks with home folks recently.

Boys, safety first; send in your dues; a card is the only thing; let's get to the 100 per cent mark.

Get your news in early as I have to send it to the editor not later than the 28th of the month. I have broken the ice; let's have a strong line-up next month. "BO."

Canadian Pacific Ry., Div. No. 7.

Atlantic Division, District Number One—

Our division is among the oldest of the O. R. T., and it is a shame to have month after month slip by with only an occasional write-up, so I hope all the brothers will try and assist me by sending a few notes.

Supt. Cowan has gone to the I. C. R., succeeded by V. A. Harshaw from Woodstock. R. J. Anderson has been appointed as trainmaster at McAdam Jct. We all congratulate "Dick," although we will miss his hearty laugh, when he used to drop in to sign 31's.

Our next door neighbor, the I. C. R., has installed the fone system.

Gaspereaux, MacKamp, Hardy Pond and Franklin closed. Bro. McGuiggan, third "YD," to Boundary; Bro. Ross, first "YD," was on the sick list a few days.

Bro. Vaughan took a trip to St. John recently. He had a roll that would trip an elephant when he started.

Bro. Bill Journey was on a fishing trip to Gaspereaux recently. There is nothing else there except fish.

Bro. Mosher, of District No. 2, is ill with typhoid fever. We all hope for a quick recovery.

Bro. Duplisea, agent Hoyt, made a trip to St. John recently.

Bros. Law and Harris are working first and second dispatcher's "OS" east, respectively.

Bro. Mesereau was at McAdam recently on account of death in the family. Bro. Small was also off several days on account of the death of his uncle. We all extend our deepest sympathy.

Bro. H. J. Rand, who went west last spring, is visiting his brother, Bro. E. H. Rand, Fairville days.

The staff machine at McAdam causes as much curiosity as a circus in a small country town. The natives all flock around and turn the handle to hear the bell ring, finally discover that there is a telephone attachment on it, and ask anything from how many cars there are in the yard to who put "the burr" in "Burpee," turning a really useful thing into a nuisance. If our brothers on the "MC" will take to working the machine themselves, keeping the yardmen, conductors, car knockers, etc., away from it, we may be able to live a few more years in peace and contentment. Boys, keep the trainmen away from your fones, as well as the staff machine. We don't try to supervise their work, and should not allow them to interfere with ours. If we let this abuse grow unrestricted, some day we are going to be sorry for it and pay the penalty.

Get in the few remaining nons, help to make our division solid, and let me have your notes.

"MA," Cert. 3176.

District Three, Eastern Division—

Une assemblée a été tenue aux Trois Rivières le 8 février dernier dans une des spacieuses salles de l'Hotel dufferine, un très grand nombre de membres ainsi que d'aspirants y assistaient, ce fut un réel succès, de très intéressants sujets y furent traités.

C'est avec une grande joie que nous avons constaté la présence du confrère Rooney qui a su, dans un discours de plus d'une heure, nous entretenir sur des points très appropriés, espérons que nous aurons souvent le plaisir de constater sa présence dans nos assemblées.

Immédiatement après l'assemblée, qui a été ajournée vers les cinq heures, un concours de quilles eu lieu sur les allées de l'Hotel Victoria, les heureux gagnants furent les confrères Plante, Labranche, Plouffe et Chenevert, Confr. Plante a su décrocher une partie de 203 points, des félicitations.

C'est avec un grand regret que nous avons appris la maladie du Confrère Gravel, nous lui souhaitons tous un prompt retour à l'ouvrage. Le confrère Chenevert est présentement de nuit à "RS" le remplaçant.

Le Confrère Arcand est de nuit à "JM" en attendant que la position soit mise à l'affiche.

Il a été constaté par le confrère Rooney que la division de Québec était pas mal solide sauf "NY," "NU" et "BN" de jour, espérons qu'ils sauront sous peuse apprendre ce qu'a fait pour eux, comme pour les autres, la société.

CERTIFICAT 2510.

Ontario Division—District Three—

Capt. Dan McCaughrin (36 Peel Reg.), Canadian Infantry, was appointed legislative representative for all the Canadian railway telegraphers at the legislative committee which met in Ottawa January last. He is now there looking after our interests. Dan has been local chairman for this district eight years, and is in his second term as assistant local chairman for Ontario Division. He is a most successful committeeman, very much admired by the railway officials and is possessed of enough Irish wit to carry him through any difficulty. We predict for him a brilliant career at the capital, and know if anything good can be gotten, Dan will get it.

CERT. 1316.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Our heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom, has called to the great beyond the beloved wife of our esteemed Bro. Harry Holman, agent Teeswater, Ont.; in manifestation of our fraternal sympathy, be it

Resolved, That the members of District 3, Ontario System Division 7, Canadian Pacific Ry., Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to our sorrowing brother and his family our deepest sympathy in their loss of a faithful companion in life and a loving mother; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to Bro. Holman, and a copy to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

W. BUCHANAN,

F. J. HINCHY,

G. A. ALLEN,

J. H. BEEMER,

J. S. FOUND,

Committee.

CARD OF THANKS.

TEESWATER, CANADA, March 5, 1914.

We desire to extend our heartfelt thanks, through THE TELEGRAPHER, for the beautiful floral offerings and sympathy accorded by the officials, brothers and others of District 3, Ontario Division, in our sad bereavement in the loss of a dear wife and mother.

H. M. HOLMAN AND CHILDREN.

London and Windsor Subdivisions—

One of the best meetings of the season was held in London, March 21st, attended by Bros. A. E. Chapman, W. H. Rath and J. Browe, London; G. Taylor and T. Percy, Guelph Jct.; S. Beam, Ingersoll Jct.; T. Pitter, Tillsonburg tower; W. Coates, Woodstock; E. Hesketh, Thamesville; J. Ouellette, Chatham; A. McIntyre, Walkerville Jct.; G. Mains, Windsor depot; J. J. Collins and G. Wallace, Windsor yard, and Bros. McNamara and Mitchell on the relief staff.

We had a dandy meeting, but would like to see some of the older men out, and not leave it all upon the young fellows.

Bro. McNamara relieved the agent at Elmstead a few days.

Sister McCaffey is at Bothwell days, Bro. Thompson being sick with pneumonia. Bro. Darby is on nights there.

Bro. Murray relieved Bro. Eastman at Tilbury for a week, Bro. Mitchell there nights.

Bro. Claude Purcell is back after a month's sickness.

Bro. J. J. Collins appointed agent Windsor yard; Bro. Bettridge days, and Bro. Wallace nights.

Bro. Vic White assigned agency and Bro. A. White nights at Puslinch, and Bro. Taylor, Thamesford nights, leaving Caradoc nights and Guelph Jct. up for bid.

Bro. McIntyre assigned Walkerville Jct.

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London and Windsor Section—

Bro. Knox, Galt, on holidays, relieved by Bro. Moore.

Bro. Woodman was relieved for two days by Bro. Malcolm.

Bro. Smith bid in St. Thomas; Bro. McDonald, Guelph, and Bro. Murray, Tilbury nights.

Bro. McNamara, from Innerkip nights closed, is relieving Bro. Tennant at Elmstead.

Bro. Cockwell relieved Bro. Maxwell, Waterdown North, a few days, thence to Milverton and Blyth.

Bro. Darby, on holidays, visited friends across the creek.

Bro. Thompson, North Bothwell, sick, relieved by Sister McCaffey.

Miss Baker, Mr. Killingsworth's clerk, who is going West, was given a party and dance at the Manor Inn, where lunch was served. Bros. Walcott, Elliott, Nicholls and Vickerman, with his lady friend, from Woodstock, attended. Div. Cor.

West End, District Five—

Our joint meeting was held in Smiths Falls on February 21st, Local Chairman J. E. Angus in the chair. Brothers present: Dixon, from Petawawa; Foley, Pembroke; Healey, Renfrew; Usher, Sand Point; E. Hogan, Arnprior; T. P. Eagan, Pakenham; G. Etherington, F. Hogan, Smith, Pierce and Heintz, Almonte; Collier, Carleton place; T. W. Boyes, Stittville; J. B. Garton, E. C. McKay, M. Denver and Bolton, Smiths Falls; H. Haddon, Westmount, and Bro. J. C. Rooney.

Ottawa. Business of great importance was taken up. All were requested to be at the next meeting in Smiths Falls, March 28th, and help to wipe off the old balance sheets. Now that we have "started the ball a-rolling," let's keep it going.

The accident near St. Polycarpe Jct. delayed No. 29; therefore we had only two of the boys with us from the east end. Cobden and Franktown were the only stations on the west end not represented. We were glad to welcome those Almonte boys, as we have been in great need of their assistance.

Our regular meeting, which should have been held in Arnprior last month, was canceled on account of the hockey match in Ottawa.

Bro. Dixon spent his holidays at home before the rush came.

Bro. Shanks, Carleton place nights, was relieved a month by Bro. L. B. Smith.

Bros. Foley and Behnkic on sick leave, relieved by Bros. McCallum and Smith.

Brockville days abolished, the Grand Trunk taking over the operating department.

Bro. J. B. Garton has taken a trick in Farnham. We regret losing him, and hope the vacancy will be filled by just such another.

Our regular meeting was postponed in Smiths Falls until March 28th, on account of General Chairman Bro. Robinson being unable to be with us.

Bro. A. H. Buchanan, from the east end, is starting in a business of his own on account of poor health. We all wish him success. He may look for a visit from the bunch whenever we hold our meetings in Smiths Falls.

We are all glad to see Bro. J. H. Dickson back in "Q;" also glad to hear Bro. Shanks back at Carleton place.

We congratulate Bro. Douglas, Petawawa nights, on his last visit to the "beach." Trust he will always live up to the "safety first" spirit.

It was suggested that the east end man send his notes to me, so as to make a good write-up, but I have not yet received any. Thanks to Bro. Douglas, Petawawa, for the notes he sent me. Please send the doings from each station, to enable me to give a good write-up from District 5.

CERT. 1670.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, on the fifth day of March, 1914, it was the will of the Supreme Ruler of the universe to call to his reward our beloved brother, David George Hamilton; and

WHEREAS, In the death of our brother each member of Division No. 7 feels a personal loss; in token of our grief, be it

Resolved, That in the death of Bro. Hamilton the Order has lost a loyal member, and the family a devoted and loving husband and father; be it further

Resolved, That we tender to his loved ones our heartfelt sympathy in their hour of distress; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, a copy spread upon the minutes of this division, and a copy sent to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

T. P. EAGEN,
E. HOGAN,
J. H. HEALEY,
Committee.

District No. Two, White River to Chapleau—

Assignments on bulletin: Ridout nights, Bro. W. Forsyth; first Chapleau, Bro. H. F. Byrne; Chapleau second, Bro. Freeborn; Missanabie nights, Bro. G. E. Johnson; nights Amyot, Bro. McGinnis; nights Nemegos, Bro. C. W. Byrne; Metagama days, Bro. M. U. Bates; Grassett nights, Bro. J. E. Ruest, and relieving agent, Bro. Jas. Depew. Chapleau agency was not filled as these items go in.

Business very slack and lots of trouble about overtime and hours. The latter was regulated by the chief dispatcher from 9 to 9. This caused a general protest, and after four or five days they were changed back, 7 to 7.

Bro. Stack has gone East. Bro. Sherwood is now at Esher nights. Bro. Soles has gone to Pogma nights, relieved at Metagama by Bro. Doherty, relieved by Bro. Bergeron.

Local Chairman Hogg attended the Bonspiel in Sudbury, and came back with a silver cup.

Bro. Beatty is baching at Goldie days. Bro. Walsh is at "DO" nights.

Bro. Freeborn, back from an extended trip East, bid in "HA" second.

There are only two or three delinquents on this district, and they are promising.

The prize contest for new members is of no use to us down here on the C. P. R., as there are not enough nons altogether to take very seriously, but the few we have are like a rotten apple in a barrel—an eyesore as well as objectionable, and we are trying to get our district clean of them and keep it 100 per cent strong. We are not going to allow our whole district to be killed on account of one or two rotten spots in it. "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." The man who has the chance to belong to the union of his class and neglects to take advantage of the privilege has something wrong with either his heart or his head. This applies to the "good scout" who is too "lazy" to get a card, as well as his more contemptible brother. There is something indescribably contemptible in one who gets funny and does things, or, worse still, assumes a long face, to keep hanging on.

It was the O. R. T. that kept our working conditions as they are. If it were not for the Order this winter, some \$90 and \$100 a month jobs would now be paying \$45 or \$50. We can see this in the comparative reductions that have been made in the other departments. The increased pay check every month is a good return for the little \$12 or \$15 a year you put into the Order. And, moreover, you have the protection, as well as the respect, of the fellows among whom you are working, both trainmen and operators.

Brothers, don't knock a brother member. Say what you like about the nons—the more the better—but don't violate your obligation or let personal quarrels interfere with your duty to your brother as a member. Let the spirit that is with us when we are in our meeting room together, fighting a common enemy for a common cause, be the spirit that governs us always.

The obligation of our Order is the highest, and the one true expression of Christianity, "*Love and help one another.*"

Brothers, when a new man comes on, don't forget to tell him that the motto of the L. S. D. is: "Anything but a non," and the cry now is: "100 per cent strong." CENT. 1287, D. C.

Lake Superior Division, District Three—

NOTICE.

To all members Superior Lodge of Schreiber, District 3, C. P. R. System, Division 7: It is of the greatest importance that all matters and business pertaining to the O. R. T. be kept strictly private. I wish to ask all brothers not to discuss anything in connection with our lodge in the presence of anyone who is not a member or on the telephone and telegraph wires. This is for the welfare of our lodge, and I would like all brothers to be very careful that anything said or done in the lodge rooms are kept secret.

M. L. DeLONG, Sec'y and Treas.

Schreiber, Ont., March 5, 1914.

Lake Superior Division, District Three, Superior Lodge of Schreiber Notes—

On Thursday evening, February 19th, a joint meeting of the O. R. T. and B. of L. F. & E. was held in the lodge room at Schreiber. This meeting was the occasion of Bro. Campbell, our Canadian Consul, visiting the lodges, and was largely attended by members of both organizations.

Bro. Campbell addressed the meeting on the duties of the Canadian Consul, which was very interesting as well as instructive.

Although we are very sorry to lose Bro. Campbell as our vice-president, still we feel that the work he has taken up will prove of great benefit to both the O. R. T. and B. of L. F. & E., and he takes with him the best wishes of the members of this lodge for success in his new field.

Bro. Robertson, our general chairman, has taken over Bro. Campbell's duties as vice-president, and Bro. Rooney has been appointed chairman of Eastern lines in Bro. Robertson's place. Both Bros. Robertson and Rooney have the hearty support of this lodge in their new positions.

A special meeting was called Sunday evening, March 1st, on account of Bro. Rooney, our new general chairman, visiting the lodge. A large number of the boys were in and made this one of the best meetings we have held since last fall. Considerable business was attended to, after which Bro. Rooney addressed the lodge. All brothers who were not present missed a treat, especially those interested in the double track question,

which was explained to us by Bro. Rooney. After lodge all were invited to the King George restaurant, where an excellent meal was prepared, and, although we had to hurry in order for the west end boys to catch their train, still we had a very pleasant evening.

It is with pleasure that we welcome Sisters Morrow and Hayne into our lodge. We are now about 99 per cent strong. Boys, keep after all the new men. Explain to them what the Order means to all operators, and I am sure they will come in without any hesitation. Remember the old slogan, "No card, no favors," and live up to it. Do not help a non. If they think they can reap the benefits of our Order and refuse to join, show them that they are mistaken.

Owing to so little business on the district this winter, there has been considerable reduction of operators, and there may be another one, due to the fact that no construction work is expected this coming summer. We hope something will turn up, as we have a good bunch of "ops," and would like to see them stay with us.

Bro. Toole is now at Tarpon, Blacks having been closed. Bro. Bagg relieved Sister Hayne at Navilus, and Bro. Walsh relieved Sister Hannan at Middleton a few days.

Bro. Dooley, of Horn, is the Port Arthur hospital, relieved by Bro. Walsh. We hope he will soon be able for duty again.

Sister Syberg has returned to Pearl from her holidays, spent at her home in Nova Scotia, relieved by Bro. O'Donnell, now relieving Bro. Bennett at Blue Jay, relieving Bro. Guese, of Coldwell, gone South to purchase a farm.

On March 11th a circular regarding the handling of switches at the ends of the double track was issued, and a copy mailed to all agents. Any who have not received it, ask the secretary and treasurer for one.

Div. Com.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to sincerely thank the Order of Railroad Telegraphers for the floral tribute and kind sympathy shown us during our recent bereavement.

MR. AND MRS. H. WEST.

Port Arthur and Winnipeg Line—

Bro. Sinclair, Port Arthur, is back from his trip East. Third man taken off there, and he relieved Fawcett, who went to Raith nights, vice Bro. Godbout, who bid in Rennie agency.

Fire almost destroyed the depot at Westfort recently. Cause unknown. Night man cut off there.

Murillo closed, and Bro. Lachappele went to Buda nights.

Upsala nights closed; Bro. Cannon on days.

Bro. Kester was relieved at English a few days by Bro. J. A. Cross, while he took in the sights at Ft. William.

Bro. Flett bid in third Ignace.

English nights closed; Bro. Duby relieving Bro. Veitch at Tache.

Bro. Cross, agent Eagle River, while East a few weeks on account of his father's death, was relieved by Pittman.

Bro. Simpson was relieved at Pine by Alexander from "DA," while looking after his gold claim around Ingolf.

Scovil nights closed.

Day and night men were both cut off at "DA." Dispatchers doing the message work until Bro. Alexander was put on days, when he was bumped by Bro. H. S. Galloway, from Whitemouth, and went to Pine.

Three men were cut off in the dispatcher's office. leaving Bro. Wilton, on first; Bro. Gilbert, on second, and Bro. McIntosh, on third. They now work from Winnipeg to Ft. William, 420 miles. Bros. C. L. Galloway and R. Douglass are the relieving dispatchers.

Bro. Cloutier, agent Whitemouth, has gone into the real estate and insurance business at 64 Provencer Ave., St. Boniface, Man. We all wish him success.

Let us all send in a few lines for the journal each month. Cmt. 1719.

Saskatchewan Division, District One—

Dispatching staff Regina has been reduced, Bro. J. R. Leydon returning to Saskatoon as relief dispatcher, Third District. Dispatching staff at latter point also reduced, and Bros. C. Zinger and J. J. McGrath bid in the two dispatchers' positions at Assinaboia, to handle construction trains west, the latter from Third District, and former returned from six weeks' holidays through eastern Canada.

Bro. A. R. Garson bid in Lajord agency, and enjoyed a few days holidays before taking charge.

Bro. Brown, relief agent, laid off on account of reduction, is visiting his brother at Heward.

Keddleston agency closed; Bro. Greenwood will remain until business improves in the spring.

Bro. M. F. Hanley, Craven, returned from the East, is looking over the new towns west of Assinaboia.

Bro. H. R. Morrison bid in Pilot Butte agency.

Bro. Gilby has resumed at Indian Head days, relieved by Bro. Cooper on holidays, and he by Bro. Dawdy at Grenfell nights.

Bro. Lonergan has resumed at McLean nights, relieved several weeks, on holidays through eastern Canada, by Bro. Green.

I did not receive any news from the main line this month. Boys, send in your items, and if there are any nons get them in line. Cmt. 1604.

Saskatchewan Division, District Three—

Last regular meeting was held at Queens Hotel, Saskatoon, on Sunday, March 8th, attended by about eighteen members mostly from District 4, on account of better train service. Bro. Robinson, from Lanigan, and Bro. Hall, from Southey, were there, and would have been glad to see more from the east end.

Chair was taken promptly at 2 p. m. by Assistant General Chairman Mike McGeough, who gave an account of business done at the recent meetings held in Ottawa in January.

The meeting was getting nicely down to business by 16:30 when we had to close up on account of members from the west having to take the train home. A number of the boys brought their wives with them. They should line up in the Ladies' Auxiliary so they could attend some of their own meetings.

In the evening, a meeting held in the Labor Temple for the benefit of the clerks in the agents' offices, was largely attended. Bro. McGeough was again in the chair, assisted by Bro. Cordingley. Much business was transacted at this meeting, and the material in this department will be a great source of strength to the organization. The clerks held a meeting again on Monday evening, when the pros and cons of the craft were thoroughly discussed, and, on invitation, Bro. McGeough addressed them at some length, after which a vote of thanks was tendered him.

Bro. J. A. Brown, of Abernethy, returned last week from Vancouver; relieved by Bro. Boyle.

Bro. Sarka, of Springside, away for a few days, was relieved by Bro. McAuley.

Mrs. G. A. Cameron, Drake, Sask., has been ill.

Bro. G. A. Nich, night operator Wynyard, called west on account sickness in family, was relieved by Bro. King.

Bro. M. H. McGeough was in Moose Jaw recently adjusting grievances.

The new general chairman, Jim Mein, of Winnipeg, has gone west to the coast and will return this way.

Bro. D. Campbell, Canadian general counsel, was obliged to disappoint us again on account of a rush of business on Eastern lines.

If Grand Secretary Quick don't soon come over to see his Canuck cousins, we will all have whiskers, and he will be calling us "grandpa." Life is short and we might get fired any day, so please, "Q.," take this as a tip.

Mr. Chapman made a trip over the Neudorf subdivision lately, extending the glad hand to his many friends. We suggest this be made a monthly affair. He is the best chief in Canada (including U. S. A.).

Bro. Paul Dow has returned to Montreal to his old love the brokerage department. Haven't heard whether his trip West made him a bull or a bear. We think he is a bear (all the girls do).

Bro. McGrath, dispatcher, is now at Assinaboia, for construction department.

A committee has been formed to arrange for regular monthly meetings of this division in the Labor Temple when a better attendance will be looked for.

Bro. Pat Foster promised some poetry for this issue, but after he had recited it, wiser counsel prevailed about printing it.

Bros. Cory and Johnson, affected by the reduction in staff this winter, are in the East, but we hope for their return with the robins.

Bro. Jack Merkley bid in third trick dispatcher at Regina, and we miss his cheery voice at transfer time. "W.SUB.," "D.SUB."

A few notes from the boys will be appreciated for the magazine, come through. Cmt. 719.

Alberta Division, Second District—

Any member, as well as our own brothers and sisters, are interested in reading the notes of different roads they previously worked on, and through the columns of the O. R. T. journal hear of friends of bygone days, and it keeps us in closer touch and gets us better acquainted with each other to have a monthly write-up. Send your notes to the division correspondent, boys, each month.

Our last meeting, held at Medicine Hat, was largely attended, two coming all the way from Lethbridge. Among those present were Dispatchers W. H. McKeown, A. B. Burpy, W. J. Patterson, E. A. Wheeler, J. L. Abell and A. E. McAmmond.

Our able local chairman, Bro. F. L. Brown, presided, and several grievances were discussed and satisfactorily disposed of.

We were sorry Bro. N. K. Black, former dispatcher, now at "NS," was unable to be present, and hope he can be with us at our next meeting.

One set of dispatchers is now handling the two divisions at the Hat. Bro. N. K. Black, west end, is now second trick dispatcher at "NS," and Bro. W. J. Patterson first. Have not yet learned particulars of other changes.

Bro. Hamblin is back at Piapot from the home-stand.

Spring Coulee closed.

Bro. Munire bid in Redcliffe, relieved by Bro. Boston, at Montana Jct., who went on third, vice Bro. Wright, on days.

Bro. Boston has our sympathy over the accident which befell him at Montana recently.

The new Lethbridge-Weyburn line will soon open. That should place all of our surplus operators.

The March meeting took place in the Alexandra Hotel, Calgary, on March 17th, with Bro. G. T. Jackson in the chair. Others present were: Bros. Donlevy, Walkley, Bye, Getz, Erickson, Longpre, Otto, Sutherland, J. C. Miller, Higgins, Kerr, A. G. Fox, Bryden, Lucas, Williams, McKenzie, Trudell, Gainer and Woytenowski. Bro. J. M. Mein, our new general chairman for the western lines was also present, and after several minor grievances and communications had been dealt with, he gave a very instructive talk regarding the work of the Order, emphasizing that our success depended on our being well-organized, and complimenting this district on its good standing.

A very satisfactory statement was read, showing that Division 7 is in a highly prosperous financial condition, with a large balance to its credit at the bank.

The attention of members was called to the fact that Bro. D. Campbell is now located in Winnipeg, and is our general counsel; his services are at our disposal should we ever require legal advice on any subject, either personal or otherwise.

Several interesting discussions took place and many good points were brought out. One in particular, dealing with our daily intercourse with

the public, should prove of great benefit, for if we always bear in mind that one friend is better than ten enemies and that one enemy has it in his power to do a lot of harm, we will the better retain the good will of the public towards the company as well as ourselves.

This very successful meeting terminated about 11:30 p. m., though many of the boys remained to discuss matters until the wee sma' hours.

Bro. Colin Johnson is now at Olds nights, vice Bro. A. R. Fox, resigned.

Bro. H. B. Williams, relieving Bro. E. J. Routledge for three months, bid in Yoho nights, where he has only the day man and the mountain lions for company.

Bro. F. G. Pribbernow bid in Cathedral nights, relieved by Bro. F. W. Laing. Erskine agency on bid.

General sympathy is felt for Bro. R. H. Fox, agent Nevis, called east by the death of his mother.

Bro. W. L. Taylor, Leduc, had his station burned down, and is now trying to sing "Home, Sweet Home," in a box car.

Div. Coa.

British Columbia Division, District No. One—

Bro. Maloney is relieving Bro. Gram, Field yard second, on leave.

Bro. Morrison, agent Spillimacheen, called to Vancouver recently on account of the illness of his mother, was relieved by Bro. Kennedy.

Bros. Halstenberg and Kenney, Rogers Pass, changed off for several weeks.

Bro. V. English, upstairs in "N" Revelstoke, was married recently. "Vern" is quite popular among the boys with whom he works and all wish him happiness. Bro. Hout, dispatcher's office Revelstoke, laying off, was relieved by Bro. English, and he later by Bro. Alexander. Bro. J. A. Young, dispatcher Revelstoke, on holidays, is visiting at his home in the East. Bro. Boyle, extra dispatcher Revelstoke, is temporarily relieving Bro. Hanna, "BY" second.

Bro. Yeager is at Albert Canyon nights, and Bro. Becker at Sicamous nights.

Bros. Jones, Neigut, and Logan, were laid off on account of reduction in force, during the slack season.

CENT. 1819.

British Columbia Division, District No. Two—

There has not been a write-up from this division for a long time. Bro. T. A. O'Regan, our official correspondent, has been doing three men's work and keeping up with his literary work, and has not had a moment to spare. I shall endeavor to send in a write-up each month until he finds time to do so.

Bro. Jack Davis, formerly a member of this division, now at Pine Bluffs, Wyo., U. P. R. R., writes me that this district is a "dead one," because he has not seen anything about us in the journal for over a year, but we are one of the best organized and most energetic districts on this

system division. Bro. F. Davisson, from District 3, goes to Agassiz nights, vice Bro. F. W. Nagel, resigned. Bro. R. L. Pallen is in Portland on account of the illness of his wife. We hope for her speedy recovery and that Bobbie will soon be at Agassiz again.

Bro. Bray, Port Moody, was relieved a week by Bro. A. C. Whitley.

Bro. D. H. Robinson and wife are spending their holidays in the East with relatives, relieved by Bro. H. B. Young.

Bro. J. F. Boulter, formerly at Huntingdon, now at Los Angeles, is sales agent for the "Boulter transmitter."

Bros. T. H. Walsh and W. P. Wasson are with the G. T. P. at Prince Rupert. Here's wishing them success.

Bro. G. T. Wynnes and Bro. R. A. Clark are now with the government telegraph at Ft. George, or north of that point.

Bro. Fraser, car service office, has gone North on leave, owing to reduction of night operator at "CS."

Bro. G. L. Kemerling, North Bend, has gone to Prince Rupert with the G. T. P. as trick dispatcher. We all wish him success.

Bro. Bourke, our newlywed at Walbachin, is again a bachelor, his wife having left for Washington for a few weeks. Here's hoping his better half will return soon.

Bro. Kerndell, from Ashcroft, was last heard of at Galveston. The local chairman has his clearance papers awaiting his address. He has been moving about too fast for the mails to catch up with him.

Bros. G. A. Davidson and H. C. Webster, dispatchers, transferred to Revelstoke on account of dispatching force at North Bend being cut to three men, owing to light business. Business is picking up fast, and it will soon be impossible for one set to handle the trains properly.

It is not likely that any more construction work will be done on this district this year. There are now eight or ten men with from six months' to two years' seniority fighting the spare board, and prospects for operators coming here during the summer months and getting work are pretty slim. Since the completion of double track to Ruby Creek, fewer operators are required. Those contemplating coming to the Northwest this spring, kindly be governed accordingly.

We have only three nons on this district now, one an agent, who "hates forms." An operator who has been with us for years, and one lineman. We hope, however, by the next write-up to report 100 per cent solid. Let every brother remember that eternal vigilance must be our watchword, and each one assist in keeping our ranks unbroken.

Don't forget, boys, that the regular monthly meetings are held at North Bend on the arrival of No. 14, on the third Saturday of each month. There should be a member from every station at each meeting, in order to keep in close touch with the work of our organization. CERT. 1688.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, On the ninth day of February, 1914, it pleased Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, to call to his heavenly home our dearly beloved brother, Frank E. Shea; and

WHEREAS, We realize that District Number 2, System Division Number 7, has lost a true and faithful member and his family have lost a devoted husband and loving father, and been brought to face a sorrow, the like of which only comes to those who have lost, the bitterness of which can only be healed by Him who has suffered for us; and

WHEREAS, Each member of District Number 2, System Division Number 7, feel a personal loss in the death of deceased brother; therefore, be it

Resolved, That in the death of Bro. Shea, the Order of Railroad Telegraphers has lost a true and loyal member, the family a devoted and loving husband and father; be it further

Resolved, That we tender our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family and friends in this their hour of sadness and sorrow; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family and a copy to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

S. M. WARD,
L. M. VARNER,
E. B. DENECHAUD,
Committee.

CARD OF THANKS.

MISSION CITY, B. C., March 23, 1914.

I wish, through THE TELEGRAPHER, to express my sincere thanks to the officers and members of the O. R. T., District No. 2, B. C. Division, for the beautiful flowers sent and the kind sympathy shown me in the recent death of my late husband, F. E. Shea.

ALICE J. SHEA.

New York Central R. R., Div. No. 8.

Mohawk Division—

After succeeding in getting a ruling on the "two days' rest" law in the police court, before Judge Brady, and a fine of \$2,000 against the New York Central for its violation, the road having been given thirty days to comply with it, the company has carried the case to the court of appeals. This law has not yet been enforced, and we are patiently awaiting the decision of the higher court. New York State may have the honor of being the first to have a law of this kind passed, but you boys in the other States should not be in a rush to come to "little old" New York expecting a bed of roses.

W. E. D.

Mohawk Division Notes—

Bro. Henry Hitter, freight agent at Minoa, N. Y., over forty years, after an operation, died in Syracuse hospital, January 7th, aged 64 years. He had been in the employ of the N. Y. C. for fifty-two years, and was the oldest agent on this division.

C. H. WILLIAMS, Cert. 206.

Western Division—

The Mohawk and Western Divisions held a joint morning and evening meeting at Clinton Hall, Syracuse, March 19th. General Chairman Morey and Local Chairman Mansell attended both meetings and matters of importance were taken up and discussed. One matter in particular, still in an "embryo state," will with the tact and skill of General Chairman Morey, become an important factor for our future welfare.

It was decided to have a regular meeting every month—morning and evening alternately—subject to call.

Dewey is up for bid, \$79 per month.

Remember, the home of the Order in Syracuse is *Clinton Hall*, Clinton block, corner Clinton and Genesee streets.

Send in your news items and address all correspondence to G. A. Hoyt, 1303 Bellevue avenue, Syracuse, N. Y. G. A. H.

Hudson Division—

The regular meeting held on March 17th was a good, large one; as we are doing business every meeting night, and you all hold stock in the Order, you should attend and see that your interests are being looked after to the best possible advantage.

Recent assignments: Bro. A. L. Stickel to S. S. 65 on third; Bro. E. V. Quinn, regular relief on the south end; Bro. Gardner to first S. S. 77; Bro. A. H. Hallenbeck to third S. S. 81; Bro. Southerland, ticket agent Hudson; Bro. Berger to regular relief agent; second S. S. 54, 51 and 81 are vacant.

We are glad to welcome Bros. Dedrick and Cleveland, back from the Erie.

Extra men from the D. L. & W. take advantage of all the good things in our schedule, and when asked to take out a card make all kinds of excuses.

We hope for better train service when the summer schedule comes out. The one in effect March 22d works a hardship on the extra and second trick men living at a distance from their work.

While the two days' rest law is in the higher courts for settlement, an inspector from the Labor Department is looking up the many violations, and we hope we will soon be enjoying the days off.

Get that non working with you, brother. There is no more reason why he should hold that job than that you should board him free at your home. You paid for the increase and schedule, and he should help maintain it; keep after him until he comes in.

Bro. E. Cook, second S. S. 98, while off recently tangoing with the ladies at St. Patrick's Day dance at Stuyvesant Falls, was relieved by Mr. Connors.

Bro. Osterhoudt, second 71, was off a few days recently on account of death of his mother, relieved by Bro. Cleveland. He has our sympathy in his sad bereavement.

Bro. Lochart, first S. S. 50, off a few days sick, was relieved by Bro. "Polly" Smith.

Bro. Hodson is on second S. S. 81 pending bids.

Bro. Dedrick, second S. S. 74, vice Bro. Nolan, resigned, is now on second S. S. 54 pending bids.

Bro. Witty has resumed third S. S. 63.

Bro. Carrotte is at Barrytown agency, vice Mr. O'Connell.

J. Smith bid in third S. S. 74. Now, get him in line.

Bro. Sloane, on a week's vacation South, relieved by Bro. Burger.

We are gratified to see Bros. J. J. Kiley's and H. H. Ostrander's names on the roll of honor in the N. Y. C. "Safety" pamphlet for February.

The boys on the north end should make a special effort to get to the meetings now, as train 75 leaves later and they can be there long enough to find out what is going on.

A. A. S., Div. Cor.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our heavenly Father to call to her heavenly home and reward the mother of our esteemed and worthy brother, Frank Lasher; therefore, be it

Resolved, That Hudson Division, System Division 8, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend their heartfelt and fraternal sympathy to his family; and be it further

Resolved, That while our esteemed brother has suffered the great loss of a loving mother, we can commend him to our heavenly Father, who doeth all things for the best; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be mailed to the brother, a copy be spread upon the minutes of this Order and a copy be sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

F. P. FRALEIGH,
R. L. DEDRICK,
G. C. HYATT,

Committee.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our heavenly Father in his goodness and wisdom, to take to her reward, the beloved mother of our esteemed and worthy brother, C. S. Osterhoudt; and

WHEREAS, We, the members of Hudson Division System Division 8, bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well; be it

Resolved, That we extend to our brother our fraternal sympathy, in this the sad hour of his very sad bereavement, commending him to the one who doeth all things well; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to our brother, a copy spread upon the minutes of this Order and a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

E. V. QUINN,
H. H. OSTRANDER,
A. C. VAN WEY,

Committee.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Our heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom and goodness, has deemed it best to call to the great beyond the beloved son of our brother, H. A. Somers; in manifestation of our fraternal sympathy, be it

Resolved, That the members of Buffalo Division No. 8, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the sorrowing brother and family their sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved brother, a copy spread on the minutes of this division and a copy forwarded to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

J. T. FARRELL,
L. D. WHITE,
M. DONOVAN,
Committee.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Our heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom and goodness, has deemed it best to call to the great beyond the beloved son of our brother, E. A. Rick; in manifestation of our fraternal sympathy, be it

Resolved, That the members of Buffalo Division No. 8, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the sorrowing brother and family their sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement; and be it further

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J. T. FARRELL,
H. H. MILLER,
J. J. GILMORE,
Committee.

Harlem Division—

Relief agent's position bid in by Bro. R. H. Lind, who, after relieving Bro. J. J. McNulty, on vacation, returned to second "BN," vice Bro. P. R. Roberts, there pending bulletin. Relief agent again on bulletin.

Bro. R. Lewis is on vacation, relieved by Mr. Grace.

Bro. F. Wall, from the wireless, is with us again.

Bro. F. Wall is at "WV" freight office pending bulletin, vice Bro. Maxfield, relieving Bro. W. A. Melius, on sick list.

Bro. J. J. Gillcrist is on sick list, relieved by Bro. J. R. Ostrander.

Bro. C. Andrews is third "CK" 9 p. m. till 2 a. m.

BUNK.

Electric Division—

"Those who attended the regular night meeting for March were given a rare treat. Attorney R. B. Stringham, son of Bro. Stringham, gave us a thoroughly enjoyable and instructive talk on the two days a month rest law. He treated the matter exhaustively from a legal and constitutional standpoint, citing the objection to it that would prob-

ably be raised in the higher courts, as well as bringing out the points that might be adduced in its favor. At the conclusion of his remarks he was tendered a vote of thanks, in which well-merited compliment his father was also included, the opinion being unanimous that the young man was a worthy son of a worthy sire."

The above was turned in by a nimble-fingered correspondent, who is never at a loss for a pleasing word to turn a phrase. Am sending it in verbatim, and thank you, John. I know the young man tried to present a fair view of the law, with no false hopes. Passed and signed nearly a year ago we seem to be as far away as ever from the luxury of a regular day off, and the lay minds of the brothers, floundering in the exasperation of legal uncertainties all that time, are growing restless. Again I say unto you, put not your trust in politicians, or the sons of politicians, but get what you want through your committee, that it may be a joy forever.

One of our young brothers took Saturday off recently. One of his intimate girl friends is a school teacher.

Bro. Stecker is on the sick list, relieved by Bro. Pequigney.

Bro. Hopper caught some ducks at Harmon during the late cold snap. They were frozen in the ice.

Second Trick Dispatcher Braeze has returned from a pleasant trip through the West. Mrs. Braeze accompanied him. Relief Dispatcher De Camp covered his job.

Bro. Moss, the new local chairman, is finding plenty to do. Let's do all we can to encourage him in his arduous and exacting duties.

Bro. Kneipp is getting out his fishing tackle, and the butchers in Woodlawn are sad, as "Heinie" will soon be supplying all the suburbanites there with fish.

Bro. Burchard and family have the sympathy of all the brothers in the recent death of his father.

Bro. F. H. Lester's office call is the same as his initials—"FH." Peg always was in a class by himself. H. D. S.

Electric Division Notes—

Mr. Rice awarded "HA" second, and Mr. Sullivan extra "KO." Bro. Borrin is on second Morris Heights.

Bro. Alrutz has resigned.

Bro. Roselle, off fifteen days, was relieved by Mr. Smith.

Bro. Dawson is relieving as baggageman at "BV." C. E., Div. Cor.

St. L. & A. Ry., Div. No. 8.

We are now solid on the north end of the Adirondack, and I wish to thank Bro. Van Sickle, our relief agent, for the good work he has been doing while relieving over the division in getting in the nons, and hope he will be able to line up the few on the south end. Boys, let us all make a special effort to help him land them, and make the

whole division solid, so that when we have our next meeting we can secure eight hours and the same working conditions as the other roads have in Canada. We are working twelve hours a day, and on the south end only eight hours, and we should have the same conditions, as we are all working under the same superintendent and doing the same work. We can have this when we secure our new schedule from one end of the Adirondack and St. Lawrence Division to the other if we line up the nons.

We have the phone system installed, and also have the wires; therefore, we should give good service and be able to please the company and get good working conditions for all the brothers.

CERT. 1839.

Michigan Central R. R., Div. No. 16.

Middle Division—

We have not had a write-up from this division since Bro. J. T. Northrup resigned about ten months ago. The members should get together and elect a division correspondent as soon as possible, and keep the brothers interested in their organization.

Brothers, do not overlook your dues; unless you have the current password, you will not be admitted into the council chamber at the next meeting, which will take place soon, and some interesting news will be told you.

Bro. J. E. Cavanagh, dispatcher East Division is the extra day chief at Jackson. It did not take our superintendent, M. S. Wright, very long to recognize Bro. Cavanagh's ability. We congratulate them both.

Bro. J. H. Phillips, dispatcher Air Line Division, off several months, has been elected president of the Phillips Metallic Hose Co., Jackson, Mich. We wish him success. Bro. J. B. Carter is relieving him.

Dispatcher W. S. and Mrs. Kileline visited Detroit, his old home, recently.

Bros. Chapple and Butler are in "SF," extras. Bro. Lou Chapple, one of the many congenials there, has just returned from a thirty days' rest in Florida.

Bro. A. J. Worth, night wire chief "SF," always up to date, is branching out in the real estate business on the side. He will give you a square deal and easy payments.

Bro. E. J. Wholihan, dispatcher, and Yardmaster Seward are going in the chicken business extensively this spring.

Bro. Charles Saylies has resigned the relief agency and is now chief clerk to Chief Dispatcher P. E. Gardner. Congratulations. Bro. Slater, acting relief agent, also assists Bro. Saylies in the chief dispatcher's office.

Bro. McEldowney is chief clerk to night Chief Ex-Bro. F. I. Vanwagin, Jackson.

"Mr." (not Bro.) Cunningham is night report clerk at Jackson at a good salary. Get busy.

O. K. Renner, former dispatcher M. C. and P. M., is now car distributor under Chief Dispatcher Gardner. We hope he will not forget the card.

We are fortunate in having such a genial man for chief dispatcher, trying to do the right thing, as Mr. P. E. Gardner, always willing to meet the boys half way. Give him your support.

Bro. C. H. Keefe, dispatcher, was relieved a few days by Bro. D. N. Smith, who also relieved the entire force of dispatchers and night chief for their one day off. We congratulate Bro. Smith.

Bro. Sloane bid in Parma second on account of reduction in force at Jackson "JA."

We have three nons at East yard. Help Bro. Brown to get them in. Then, with Mr. Conine's application at third Dearborn, the East Division will be solid.

Bros. R. L. Brown and F. C. Fitch, dispatchers Grand Rapids Division, promoted to East Division extra work. Congratulations.

Bro. Eagle has moved into his new home near Bro. Fitch, in "society row."

It is rumored Mr. Vanwagin's title is to be changed from night chief dispatcher to night train director. By placing a megaphone in his office he can reach the yardmasters more promptly.

The next issue of a time-table will make it necessary to employ many more operators on account of blocking trains. "Safety first."

Mr. J. J. Ross, our genial superintendent of telegraph, is trying hard to get the "head-in" signals working perfectly on the Middle Division, but they can not be handled from the dispatcher's office satisfactorily, not being dependable unless the operator is on duty and they are handled from the office by him.

Bro. and Mrs. M. F. Ryan, of Marshall, visited friends in Jackson recently.

Bro. Gifford, third Battle Creek, leaves for Mexico shortly, indefinitely. Notice of funeral later.

Dispatcher F. G. Wicks has resigned and accepted a similar position with the Grand Trunk at Durand. The Grand Trunk, under its new schedule, pays dispatchers considerably more than the Michigan Central. This is rather surprising, as a train dispatcher, *above any other employee*, holds the *most responsible* position on a railroad.

"ISCH GA BIBBLE."

East Toledo and Bay City Divisions—

An unusually well-attended and interesting meeting was held at our hall, 140 First street, Detroit, Monday evening, March 16th. Bro. J. C. Culkins, general chairman, and Bros. U. G. Feaster, A. T. Hewson, Joseph Ferriatt and James Roberts, from the Towermen, were with us, also Bro. J. J. Callahan, from Toledo, after a long absence. The delegation from "F" office was very complete, and we hope they do it again. Live topics were discussed and much enjoyed.

The father of Bro. A. T. Hewson, of Twentieth street tower, died in this city March 17th. Bro. Hewson has the sympathy of all.

"Z" car shops office was recently closed, throwing out three men. Bro. E. W. Brockmiller went to "F" office, and Bros. Graves and Armstrong are on temporary vacations.

Bro. C. F. Pfeiffer is relieving Bro. D. O. Felt at "NS" transfer house, on two months' vacation West.

At Dearborn we have a nice "solid" force—Agent M. J. Kappler and Telegraphers C. J. Berno, J. H. Nealand and D. E. Connine.

Tower "J," at the entrance to the Detroit yard, has been moved to the new tower at Maple Road several miles further out, which records the growth of the city and the railroad facilities therein.

There is a rumor extant that this line is to install a positive block system that will open up quite a number of new positions. W. H. C.

Northern Division—

Bro. F. S. Smith is relieving Bro. Garrison at Holt, laid up with rheumatism; Bro. Doc Gilbert is relieving Bro. G. H. Robertson, Bay City "WS," a few days, and Bro. C. Poole is relieving Bro. Gordon, on committee work.

Second Pinconning bid in by Bro. W. J. Shaw, vice F. H. Jones, extra.

Bro. Compton has given up Caro agency, and came back to Henderson, Bro. S. B. Cook relieving at Utica.

Bro. C. E. Honey, while his wife was being operated on in Bay City, was relieved by Bro. Poole. Mrs. Honey is rapidly improving.

Bro. Kellogg, agent Gladwin, was in Gaylord recently, visiting his parents.

Bro. Goldie, agent West Branch, injured last fall in an automobile accident, is still in a serious condition.

Mr. Hoyt, agent St. Helen, promises to be with us before long.

Several new offices will be opened up soon, and some one-man positions changed to three-man on account of the new block system to be put in operation. "And now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their party" with that card and show their good intentions. Bos.

Pennsylvania Lines East of Pittsburgh & Erie, Div. No. 17.

Conemaugh Division—

Brothers and Sisters: Emerson has said that the English version of the Bible is as perfect as the work of man can be, so let it be with the members of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers on the Pennsylvania. Here is a motto for one and all to follow:

"The heights by great men reached and kept
Were not attained by sudden flight;
But they, while their companions slept,
Were toiling upward in the night."

Do you not think if we were all to follow the above motto that our grand and noble Order would be *E Pluribus Unum*? Let us make it the first one out of many. For the benefits we would reap would not only be for our advantage and betterment, but for humanity in general and for the posterity which is to follow us.

There never has been any reformation for society that amounted to anything that was not preached, advocated and listened to by the meek and lowly or the laboring classes, and there is no school like the school of bitter experiences, and I think we operators are very nearly graduates of that school of the Pennsylvania Railroad. And as one of the present-day hobbies is "Safety First," which is very good, and as one of the first laws of nature is self-preservation, I think we should be up and doing to better our working conditions. As the time goes by the scythe and sickle have disappeared; so should our conditions, and in their place a new working schedule, with justice to all and special privileges to none; but until we all follow the motto, the conditions will not be changed, for, under our present-day system of society and industry, no man can say, "This I have completed," for it has to pass through the hands of many workers before it is finished; so it is with handling trains on a great railroad like the Pennsylvania.

We operators, under the block system, have the lives of the train crews and traveling public in our hands, as they pass along the right-of-way through life, and unless we are properly equipped to handle them—by satisfactory working conditions or schedules and a just compensation—so that when we don't feel well we can lay off and rest up for the severe mental strain which we have to go through each and every day, some of us will make mistakes which may cause the loss of life, followed by a case of manslaughter and possibly a twenty-year sentence to prison, under the statutes of Pennsylvania.

Brothers and sisters, stop and look the question in the face. If we received wages so that when we are not feeling well or sick we could afford to lay off duty two or three days a month with pay, as we are monthly men and receive as much on a 30-day month as a 31-day month, why should we have the loss of time deducted from our salary and the wolf standing in front of our homes or the sheriff's sale sign on our door, with sickness of dear ones within?

If such conditions could be swept aside—and they can by solid organization—life would be worth living; it would be a brighter day and a better day for all.

Until we all put our shoulders to the wheels of progress, the old conditions of special privilege for a few will prevail, and they who can "gum shoe" around the officials of the company will receive the favors, and we who would like to be among men will have to take the hard knocks, and the pets receive the favors.

As the world grows older, the "writing on the wall" appears, and if we all read Senator Martine's speech in the U. S. Senate on government ownership of railroads and coal mines in Alaska, published in a recent issue of the *United Mine Workers' Journal*, we will see the way public feeling and the winds are blowing, and when a senator from New Jersey speaks, one naturally thinks of a "monopoly incubator."

But the facts are of record, and the railroads of this country will have to heed it, or "there

will arise a king who knows not Joseph." Then there will be a cry that "Babylon has fallen."

They had better follow the Golden Rule—"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

J. D. McGrew bid in first Valley Side, relieved on relief schedule by H. D. Bartlebaugh.

A. M. Brenneman is relieving A. M. Schuster, West Penn Side.

F. L. Snodgrass, who fell on the ice and cut his hand, is much improved.

Bro. J. E. Boreland, second trick Valley Side, who resigned and went to Chicago, has the best wishes of all the brothers and sisters of this division. We have lost a faithful worker. He was relieved by J. E. Groves, second Brilliant Branch.

It is certainly encouraging to see the new members coming into the fold. Keep after them, brothers, and we will soon be solid. Don't get discouraged and drop out. The unfair treatment some are getting should awaken them to the fact that "organization" is the only thing. O. T. Arendt visited us recently and stirred some of them up.

Every brother and sister should give our new local chairman their best support and help him with the good work. A meeting has already been promised us in the near future, and every member should be present, as something "newsy" may take place.

Miss J. E. Lesere spent her relief day working her regular trick, as there was no one to relieve her.

The one-day strike on the D. & H. is an object lesson to the truth of the motto, "United we stand, divided we fall." Let's boost.

Div. Con.

Allegheny Division—

Bros. J. R. Karns and C. W. Golden have traded tricks for thirty days, to enable the former to do his spring work on his farm at Big Rock.

Bro. L. D. Segui, third Sandy, bid in third "FO." Foster block station was discontinued, Mr. Barras going to first Sandy, and Bro. M. T. Smith to second "BD." Bro. E. H. Smith, second Sandy, has bought a new "buzz wagon."

Bro. F. A. McNamara bumped Bro. Bevington, second Shops, who bumped Bro. P. S. Hilliard at the Narrows twelve-hour job.

Bro. E. C. Green, on a week's vacation, was relieved by Extra Alex, who promises to soon be with us.

Bro. C. B. Johnson has gone into the real estate business in Oil City.

Bro. C. M. Wickes, No. 5 relief, was relieved a few days by Bro. C. B. McCoy.

Bro. P. T. Evans, second Birch, on vacation, relieved by Bro. F. L. Watson.

Bro. H. L. Johnston went to third "FI" pending bids.

Bro. C. O. Will is in "K" again, extra.

Bro. M. S. McCoy visited friends in Monterey, and Bro. C. C. Hollingsworth, second pump house, visited friends in Benazette recently.

It will soon be Bros. Harriger, Dykins and Wickes.

Bro. S. R. Hooks, third Rockmere, while attending the services at the Beiderwolf Tabernacle, was relieved by Mr. Redmond.

Mary Frederickson was relieved by Bro. Crelly while visiting in Oil City, and Bro. Billington and Giles also took in the sights there recently.

Hunter and Onoville block stations have been closed, and Tidioute office put on three tricks instead of two.

Brother Keating, second Glade, has returned from his vacation with a bride. Congratulations.

Bro. A. F. Gilbert, off a few days, was relieved by his son, Bro. S. P. Gilbert.

A special train was run from West Hickory to Oil City tabernacle meetings, carrying about five hundred people. Bro. J. W. Lytleton took in the sights at the latter city one night recently, and Bro. H. J. Shively visited Warren.

It is now Bro. G. H. Herman, third Tionesta.

Sister R. L. Reitzel, first Falls Creek, and O. L. Coleman, baggagemaster on this division, after an extended wedding trip, have taken up their residence in Du Bois. Congratulations. Sister Reitzel was relieved by Geo. Williams, second Falls Creek. We hope he will follow in her footsteps and carry an up-to-date. B. L. Stanley relieved Mr. Williams.

Bro. J. L. Crawley is quite ill at his home in Reynoldsville. We all hope for his speedy recovery.

C. G. Dixon, at "WE" extra, has promised to come in soon. See that he keeps his promise.

Bro. J. F. Schneider and Operator A. J. Fonner, of Du Bois, were recent Reynoldsville visitors.

The meetings at Oil City and Red Bank were very well attended and successful in every way. A number of brothers from the other brotherhoods were in attendance, and assured us that they were with us in every way, especially in co-operation, which is now uppermost in the minds of all men in the transportation department. They have also promised to help us organize our men in every way they possibly can. Brothers, this is indeed encouraging. Any assistance we can give them will be greatly appreciated.

Let's begin to use our motto, "No card, no favors," whether it be with our own men or the men in the other brotherhoods, and enforce it at all times. If we all do this, we can make the old P. R. R. System solid in all branches of the transportation department.

I again wish to thank all those who helped me with items, and hope you will all continue the good work, so that we can have a good write-up every month.

CERT. 18.

CARD OF THANKS.

To the Members of Allegheny Division:

Through THE TELEGRAPHER I wish to thank the members of the O. R. T. for their many kind words of sympathy and the beautiful floral offering at the death of my dear mother.

Geo. N. Shoup.

Parkers Landing, Pa., March 13, 1914.

Renovo Division—

A union meeting of the five brotherhoods was held in Sheehan's Hall on Sunday, March 22d, at Olean, N. Y., to consider the co-operative idea. Bro. Miller could not attend on account of previous engagements, so he delegated Bros. Mann and Arendt, local chairmen of the Renovo and Allegheny Divisions, to represent the operators.

The brothers were warmly received, and their stay at Olean made very pleasant. They made many acquaintances, whom they will always remember with pleasure.

The afternoon meeting was presided over by Bro. Corrigan, of the Trainmen, and the evening session by Bro. Rodgers, of the Enginemen, both able men in organization affairs. Every brother present expressed himself in favor of co-operation among the five brotherhoods, and it was decided to hold another meeting on April 26th at the same place and for the same purpose, when the general chairmen of all the brotherhoods, as well as some of the Grand officers could be present.

This division is in a very flourishing condition, and the brothers and sisters are urging nons to come in and help us perfect our organization.

We have initiated eighteen new members already this year, and have a number of applicants partly paid, who will also soon be with us. This wonderful showing should inspire us all to greater activity. We have enlisted the support of the other brotherhoods, and shall keep them posted as to "No card, no favors" condition, so keep on hammering away at the old moss-back nons.

Div. Cor.

Buffalo Division—

Co-operation is being talked with great favor among the men of the five brotherhoods in the transportation department, but brothers and nons if we want to co-operate with the other four brotherhoods we have got to line up so we can show them we have those in our ranks who are willing to stand up and fight for what is right with them. They are not going to take us in and fight for us with a small membership, so brothers, get in the nons next to you.

The "two days' rest bill" has passed the Maryland Legislature, and been signed by the Governor, and General Chairman Miller who fathered that bill and is always doing something in our behalf, is now using all his efforts to have a similar bill passed in New Jersey, and it won't be long before he will present one in Pennsylvania for passage. So brothers line up the nons around you to back him up. Show them this magazine to prove what he is doing for them.

One of our oldest conductors, Al. Love, who has run a flyer on this division for a number of years, was pensioned off March 12th.

Bro. Conductor Jim Mulroy is faithfully working on the nons for us and is doing great work on this division. Brothers, when a conductor takes such an interest in us, it is time for every member to wake up and get after all the nons. If everyone of us will take an active part it

won't be long before we will have a strong organization. Bro. C. S. Simmons, Keating Summit, Pa., will send you all the application blanks you can use. We are all thankful to Jim for his great assistance.

Mr. Beyea took second Sizerville, vice Miss Hackett.

Bro. Prosser was in Olean taking in the sights, and Bro. H. R. Brown, Keating Summit third, was off recently.

Bro. Coltrane, let us hear from you with a few notes from the north end. C.E.T. 2003.

Chaut. Branch—

The men on this branch are waking up and asking for application blanks. We expect to soon have a number of new members over here.

Mr. Cain was off a few days recently, relieved by Mr. Breman. Mr. Snell, off several days, was relieved by Mr. Taylor, and Mr. Lincoln by Mr. McDonald.

Bro O'Connor, of Spartansburg, was a recent Corry caller.

Would like to hear from Bro. Kuhlman and some of the other boys on the south end.

C.E.T. 1159.

Williamsport & Susquehanna Divisions—

The brothers have paid up far better this term than ever before, and there will not be a delinquent on this division. New members are coming in rapidly and the interest and enthusiasm of the brothers on this division and on nearly every one on this system exceeds anything in the previous history of our Order on the P. R. R.

Bro. Lustig has resigned to go into the clothing business at Plymouth, Pa. While we will miss him, we wish him success.

Bro. C. H. Fenstermacher frequently practices ventriloquism on the telephone.

Bro. G. H. Wetzel was off several days, sickness recently; Bro. H. J. Engle was off a few days to move, and Bro. C. C. Spade was off few days attending court at Middleburg.

Bro. C. E. Beller has a chance to work off some surplus fat since "MA" was put on twelve hours again.

Five offices were closed recently—"H" Ritchie, Miss Gallagher taking second "SC;" second and third went to extra list; "DE," Bro. Vetter to first "YM;" Bro. Watson to second "CY," and G. C. Walborn to extra list; "BA," Bro. Zerbe to first "RF;" Bro. G. C. Leister to third "FY," and Bro. E. I. Leister to second "VI;" E. M. Weaver first "RF," to second there, vice Bro. Bourne, second to third there, vice Bro. M. J. Snyder, to second "B;" vice Bro. L. E. Stewart, to second at "P;" Bro. W. E. Williams, first "VN," to second "ZA," vice Bro. L. S. Wagner, to third "SV;" Bro. W. H. Kebach, third "FY," to third "VI;" Bro. H. W. Johnson, second "MA," to second "JN;" Bro. H. W. Tyson, second "JN," to third there, vice Bro. N. A. Steffen, to second "UR;" Bro. S. H. Nagle, first "YM," to third

there, vice R. O. Denoskey to extra list; and many others too numerous to mention.

Bro. F. W. Wetzel and wife enjoyed a sleigh ride from Herndon to Pillow, returning to Mendota for refreshments.

"STEVE."

CARD OF REGRET.

Members Williamsport and Susquehanna Divisions—

It is with profound regret that I leave the service of the P. R. R., as it was a pleasure for me to try to show the non-members the light, as I was led to see it by Local Chairman Grieb, in whose leadership I have the utmost faith and trust. He has brought these divisions up to a standard with the best on the system and it is your duty to give him every assistance possible to reach the goal you are all striving for. My future address will be Plymouth, Pa., where I will go in business for myself, and while I shall be away from the boys whom I love so dearly, yet if there is anything that I can do I shall be glad to render such assistance. With love, joy and happiness to one and all, may this year close with a schedule on the old P. R. R. is my wish.

POSEY LUSTIG.

Baltimore Division—

Several towers have been cut out, throwing many of our men on the extra list and causing a great deal of bumping. There are about thirty extra men on this division alone. Those with paid-up cards who desire positions on other roads should write the general chairman.

With all this retrenching, however, our membership has paid up well and some of the few delinquents have promised to remit shortly. Those who hold cards should ask the fellows they work with to show up, and if they haven't paid insist that they do so at once.

The five brotherhoods, B. of L. E., B. of L. F. and E., O. R. C., B. of R. T., and the O. R. T. are arranging a joint ball to be held at the Fifth Regiment Armory Hall, and expect an attendance of about 5,000 the first week in May. Each brother should do all he can to make this a success. The five brotherhoods are also arranging a large public mass meeting to be held at the Lyric, Baltimore, Md., in the interest of the candidacy of Hon. Isaac Lobe Straus, for United States Senator for Maryland, to succeed Hon. John Walter Smith. Mr. Straus is a friend to the working class and has done many favors for the railroad men in the State of Maryland, and every man should rally now to his support.

Bro. N. G. Tracy bid in second "PX;" Bro. I. C. Mayes is at third "V;" Bro. W. W. Winstanley, first "PX;" Bro. Geo. Taylor, third "BA;" Bro. G. M. Smith, first "V;" Bro. R. N. Hedrick, third "MW;" Bro. B. F. Talbott, first "FA," and many other changes have been made north of York, Pa., that have not been reported to me.

Bro. T. E. Fidler, local chairman, has been on the sick list several days. We hope to see Tom out soon.

At our last monthly meeting we were favored with addresses by the Hon. Isaac Lobe Straus, Bro. J. F. Miller, general chairman, and several members of the B. & O. general committee, and our old friend Dr. J. B. Sebastian, who was right there with one of his famous talks that made us all sit up and take notice. More than fifty turned out and all went home pleased. Come again, and let's make our meetings interesting, you can help.

Are you helping to organize? Have you paid your dues? Have you secured a new member this term? If not, get busy.

MEMBER.

Delaware Division—

First tricks have been cut out and the men working from 3:30 p. m. to 11:30 p. m. instructed to put out the signal lights, lock the office and pull the banners clear, which closed the block until 7:30 a. m. Bro. Hudson, first "RU," bumped M. J. Elliott, third "DA;" Bro. Pusey, "SJ," bumped Bro. Conoway at "H," who bumped Williams at "HA," who went on extra list; Bro. Allen, "WI," bumped J. E. Willis from third there, who bumped Phillips at "DJ," who bumped Freedman at "A," who bumped Howett at "J;" Woerner, "WS," bumped Bro. Mayhew at "C," who bumped McMahon at "GS," who bumped Hastings off first there, who bumped Yungman off first "C," Yungman going on extra. Richards, "WN," put in for the ticket job at "MD," and was told he would have to pass examination before he could land it. Pippin bid it in during the trouble in 1912, when Local Chairman Truitt was elected to represent us before the management. This should teach our men that we need an organization here, so such things will be eliminated. Some of the men who never contributed anything toward bringing about the conditions we are now working under, were the first to demand the rights we secured for them, but are not men enough to come into the organization that has been fighting for years, and spending time and money to make it possible for every man to get what belongs to him. If this reduction in force had come about twelve years ago, before we had any working agreement, the men affected would have been out of a job unless the division operator saw fit to give them one, and it was up to him entirely whether you got one or not, as you had no say whatever in the matter. You should see to it, boys, that these things we are now enjoying are not taken from us, and the only way that can be done is for each man to join the organization covering his craft.

Extra, advertised in "W" superintendent's office, was bid on by three or four men, but it was given to the youngest man in the bunch, which also shows how badly we need thorough organization.

Bro. Truitt, our local chairman, is doing good work on the Baltimore Central. Things are coming our way. Let's all wake up and do everything we can to hasten thorough organization here.

CENT. S.

Schuylkill Division—

Both meetings held at Clinton Hall, Saturday February 28th, were well attended, and honored by the presence of Bros. J. F. Miller, general chairman, from Baltimore, Md.; T. W. Truitt, local chairman of the Delaware Division, and Organizer P. A. Wenrich.

Bro. Strunk, our local chairman, spoke about the good work being done, showing that things are progressing very rapidly. He has canvassed the division from Pottsville to Pottstown, securing nineteen new members, with promises from more who will join shortly. He is now on leave of absence canvassing the rest of the division, with prospects of doubling the number of members, who have joined recently.

Bro. Truitt made a rousing speech, showing what had been done and what more can be done by thorough organization.

General Chairman Miller's address was certainly a treat. His concise statement of facts throws ambition and encouragement into his hearers and the party at the morning meeting who was allowed to challenge the statements Bro. Miller had made would have acknowledged their truthfulness, only that he could not do so and maintain the obstinate position he had assumed.

Bro. Sam Thompson, a conductor on the division, also spoke about the boys sticking to the Order, and the necessity of the others coming in. He strongly approved of the five brotherhoods joining together, which will eventually come.

The M. B. D., another new dual organization, is entirely detrimental to all of our interests and we must all steer clear of it, as its ultimate purpose is to "bust up" the other brotherhoods.

Motto: "Let every member get one," and we will soon be solid. CERT. 2079.

Trenton Division, Lower End—

All interests are centered on our two-day-rest bill, No. 238, now before the Senate, introduced by Senator Ackley, of Cumberland County, N. J. Bro. L. A. Page, chairman of the legislative board (appointed at our February meeting), and Bro. Nightingale, who presented the bill to Senator Ackley, are working hard for its passage, as they are always trying to do something for the benefit of the telegraphers on the P. R. R. General Chairman Bro. J. F. Miller, who succeeded in getting a similar bill passed in Maryland, is also working day and night for the passage of our bill. Members and nons alike should donate toward the expenses of securing this legislation, as it will benefit all of us. Local Chairman Bro. Simanton, who is also working for the passage of the bill, will be glad to accept your donations for this purpose, as well as the applications of the nons, as this all helps him in the grand work he is doing on this division.

Bro. Lockwood is to be congratulated on his answer to the article in the Trenton Sunday Times and Advertiser, March 22d. It was a manly and unanswerable defense of our two-day-

rest bill. It has passed the Senate and is now in the House.

Brothers, get your wives interested in the Ladies' Auxiliary, and have them help in this good work. Every brother should have his wife join. Div. Cor., Cert. 666.

*N. Y. C. & St. L. R. R., Div. No. 18.**Second District—*

The old boys are lining up. Let us keep right after the new men. Understand the chief has put several new ones out to learn how to railroad on the Diamond Spoon. Bro. C. C. Chapman landed second Euclid, and a new man got Shlnrock.

Bro. Fargarson took Wickliffe, putting Richardson (now relieving Slagle on third Euclid) on extra board.

Bro. Bill Engle was off several days, relieved by Bro. P. S. Lazarus.

Bulletins have been mailed out covering the pension department. The rate will be one per cent of the average wage scale multiplied by twenty-five years or such as the case may be. Some of the older boys will have something to fall back on.

Dispatcher Giddings, while attending the funeral of his father-in-law, was relieved by Jimmy Bur-napp.

If you boys have any grievances, take them up with Bro. Kist.

Glosser, our good old comrade, has been relieving Bro. L. Raynor, who has been working the car job for Mr. Crane.

Mr. Miller, from the Erie, will come in next pay day.

Bro. Jack Forney was in Cleveland recently.

Bro. Hammond was off several days, relieved by Stoneride.

If Hatch, who, we understand, came from the Buffalo Division, is not in line, some of you fellows get after him.

Bro. Cowley made a trip over the district recently and secured the applications of H. S. Dunlop, Euclid; F. A. Blakeslee, Ashtabula; R. C. Thompson, Kingsville, and I. S. Kinzie, Lorain. You can call these boys brothers now.

"BILL," Cert. 412.

Third District—

The regular monthly meeting was held at Bellevue, Friday, March 20th, with a fair attendance. An interesting session was had and much business transacted, including installation of the newly elected set of officers, as follows: Chief telegrapher, L. L. Wagner; secretary, C. L. Zimmerman; first vice-chief, C. B. Woolpert; second vice-chief, R. E. Klugh; past chief telegrapher, W. A. Stover.

Bro. L. V. Stipp, first Fostoria, off several days sick, was relieved by C. D. Lapham, and Mr. Ansberger, third there, off a week with the mumps, by Mr. Magner.

Bro. D. T. Thompson bid in second Maple Grove. Bro. J. P. Glenn relieved Mr. Beamer on

third there. Bro. Cowley, general chairman, has returned to first Mortimer, awaiting the convening of the arbitration board in Cleveland. The third arbitrator has been selected, and the hearings should soon start. Bro. Wolfe, who relieved Bro. Cowley, after a visit with home folks, returned to third Mortimer, vice Mr. Magner, who spent a week in North Dakota.

Bro. L. M. Walker, agent Townwood, on two weeks' vacation, relieved by Bro. R. J. Bowman, attended the Bellevue meeting.

Bro. J. H. Brudi, first New Haven, is on the sick list.

Bro. Gorham bid in first and C. D. Lapham second West Ft. Wayne.

Boys, see to it that these nons get in line.

Div. Cor.

CARD OF THANKS.

I desire to convey to all members and kind friends in general my sincere appreciation for the many expressions of love and sympathy, and the beautiful floral offerings in my recent bereavement in the loss of my dear husband.

MRS. M. L. RUSSELL.

Conneaut, Ohio, March 7, 1914.

N. Y., O. & W. Ry., Div. No. 20.

Northern Division—

Bros. C. R. Conger and E. J. Dixon are on the sick list.

Bro. F. B. Littlefair, on second Sidney several years, has resigned to go into the feed business at his home town, Rockdale. We all wish him success, and trust he will continue to stay on the roll of Division 20. His position was bid in by C. F. Melvin.

The telegraph office at Wilbers has been closed between the hours of 3 a. m. and 4 p. m., leaving one man, C. A. Hickox, there.

Bro. H. P. Kimball, second Oswego, while off visiting his father at Ogdensburg, N. Y., and on business at Buffalo, N. Y., was relieved by Relief Operator G. U. Rhoades.

Let's have a meeting.

No notes received this month; therefore, this short write-up. H. K., Div. Cor., Cert. 122.

Southern Division—

The dispatchers were located at different points along the line for several days after the storm prostrated the wires on March 1st. Terwilliger went to Summittville, and Bros. Pearson and Downs to Centerville, moving from there to Fallsburgh and then to Livingston Manor before the wires were finally in shape for them to return to Middletown.

Mamakating station was burned on Friday evening, March 20th. Bro. Downie was away and lost all his household goods.

It is now Bro. Ira M. Mullen, agent Trout Brook, and Bros. J. P. Brundage, S. W. Capwell and Hervey Sheare at Diamond Crossing, on the Scranton Division. We welcome them to our

ranks. May they always keep up to date and work for the good of the Order.

Brothers, send me any news you know of. While working a second trick I don't get much chance to hear what is going on.

H. J. DeGraw, Div. Cor.

Box 206, Hancock, N. Y.

C., H. & D. Ry., Div. No. 21.

Springfield Division—

Each brother who wishes to see this division represented in the journal from now on kindly send me at least one note before the 25th of each month.

Trainmaster Sappenfield relieved Third Trick Dispatcher Gossert, Springfield Division, who relieved Third Trick Dispatcher Kerr, Indianapolis Division, for a week on account of sickness. Mr. Gossert earned a promotion by his efficient work on the car desk in dispatcher's office, where he was relieved by Mr. Houck, copy operator, until Mr. Shotwell was appointed, Mr. Murphy working copy operator's job in the meantime.

Bro. McCown, first Hume, visited relatives in Arcola for a few days, relieved by Mr. Vickory, who also relieved Mr. Perkins, third Hume, while off sick.

Bro. Robinson, second Decatur, who has been trying to get off since last December, has just been relieved, and joined his wife and son, who are visiting her folks near Terre Haute.

Bro. Greene, La Place, on a business trip to Indianapolis recently, was relieved by Mr. Dickey from Lintner.

Bro. Kennedy, Pierson, is candidate for assessor for Unity Township. Here's wishing him success.

Bro. Singleton, Bloomingdale, was obliged to go to Danville to consult a specialist in regard to his eyes.

Your correspondent has also been having some trouble with her eyes, and is having them treated by a specialist in Decatur.

The new timetable, effective March 22d, shortened the hours of many of the agents on the O. R. Branch.

Bro. Manaugh, Westfield, off a few days on account of the illness of his wife, was relieved by Extra Vickory. "B."

Second District—

Bros. Zint, Marker and Kropf are getting all the exercise they need with the new interlocker at "AK" tower.

The steady increase in our membership will soon place us on an equal footing with any division on the system. Keep moving, brothers, and we will soon be there.

Bros. Nichols, of Cridersville, and Young, of Leipsic Jct., were recent callers at Lima. Bro. I. J. Fischer, agent Cridersville, was also a recent Lima caller. We will be glad to have them call again.

Dues to June 30th, inclusive, which includes \$1 to the M. B. D., are: April, \$7.01; May, \$6.17, and June, \$5.34. Your insurance in Class A,

\$300, costs, \$1.20; Class B, \$500, \$1.80, and Class C, \$1,000, is \$3.60, each six months, pro-rated from date of application.

Recent bulletin assignments: McCormick, second Deshler; Barr, third "BU" cabin; Buschman, second, and Gard, third "GR" cabin, and Rhoades, second Bates. Three "canned" recently for violation of Rule "G." That's an awful short rule, but it has "the kick" to it.

A few notes from the boys would also help some. CERT. 207.

M., K. & T. Ry., Div. No. 22.

Smithville District—

The charter and all papers relative to Division 22 have now been turned over to Bro. M. M. Mosely, of 526 S. 5th street, Waco, who has been elected general secretary and treasurer of this division. All communications relative to dues, applications, etc., also all money for dues should be remitted to him, while all remittances for insurance assessments should go to Bro. Quick, Grand Secretary and Treasurer, St. Louis, direct.

Each member, by individual effort, should try to advance the cause in the way that appeals to him, but I would suggest that we begin by finding out who the nons are, and use every honorable means within our power to bring them into the fold. The future success of the committee depends entirely upon the backing given it by the rank and file, and it is well to remember, that when we appear before the management again, if we have only a 50 per cent membership we can only expect to secure a 50 per cent contract; the value of our contract and the amount of future concessions and betterment of working conditions given us by the company depends entirely upon our strength as an organization. It is absolutely necessary that all the members see the importance of this, for in this way alone can we hope to better ourselves.

We must cultivate the union spirit among ourselves, and show by our actions toward each other that we are brothers in more than name, showing no favors of any description to non-members, always with an eye to advancing our interests collectively, for it is an old axiom but true, "In union there is strength."

A change in working conditions, which amount to almost a revolution, is always accompanied by some friction, and it will take some time for all concerned to grasp the full meaning of the new schedule in all of its component parts. However, all the interested officials and men are disposed to observe the contract, and everything will be running smoothly in the course of time.

To secure better working conditions we must strengthen our organization to the point where we can secure more concessions. If every member of Division 22 will secure one new member in the next thirty days, we can have a solid line-up, which insures some vitally necessary changes in our schedule, when the committee goes up again.

I have been unable to secure any news items from the brothers whom I have asked for assistance

along the line, but I hope to inaugurate a "personal" column, in the near future, with their help.

I beg the pardon of the boys at Cisco, for classing them with the nons in my February write-up. They are all brothers in good standing. The new yard men can also be removed from the "barnacle" list, as they are all now up-to-date and should be treated as brothers.

There are still a few more "barnacles," however, hanging on to the hold and retarding the good, old O. R. T. ship, and it behooves us to get busy and reduce the number to a minimum.

I heard an official remark the other day, that there had been a decided improvement in the service rendered the company in the telegraph department recently, and that a better class of men were offering themselves for employment as telegraphers. This speaks well for us, and shows the company that organization is the key note to ability and independability, and that a body of men who are true to each other will be true to the company as long as the company is disposed to treat them fairly and squarely.

WM. A. REID.

C., M. & St. P. Ry., Div. No. 23.

Coast Division—

The meeting called for February 15th at Seattle, owing to the death of Bro. Soyster's mother, was postponed until March 1st, when it was held at the Donnelly Hotel in Tacoma, that being the most convenient for the majority of the members; besides, "Mount Tacoma" can be seen plainer from there. About thirty-five members attended the meeting, Bro. J. Hurley presiding and Bro. Nisonger acting as secretary. Many important questions were discussed, and the sentiment of the members on the different matters was freely and forcibly expressed. Our general chairman called on Mr. Foster, and succeeded in getting satisfactory rulings on most of the questions; none, however, having any bearing on the negotiations for a revision of our schedule, which we understood was to be renewed some time in April.

We are stronger now than ever, and must keep the division well organized.

Bro. H. C. Kirby, local chairman of the R. M. Division, accompanied Bro. Soyster to Seattle and attended our meeting at Tacoma on March 1st; also Bros. Clover, Cipra, McAllister and Wells, from the T. E.

Bro. Soyster has returned to Chicago. We all sympathize deeply with Bros. Soyster and Derricksen and relatives in their great bereavement in the death of their mothers almost simultaneously.

Bro. E. F. Clark Raynor, at Cedar Falls during 1912-13, has been in Providence Hospital, Seattle, over four months with dropsy and leakage of the heart. Ten dollars to assist him has been raised and sent him, but his mother, Mrs. H. C. Raynor, advises they are in destitute circumstances and need assistance badly. The Order gave them \$25 and paid his dues and insurance, but we have no fund for such purposes. Any one desiring to contribute to his relief may send directly to his mother, General Delivery, Seattle, Wash.

A petition was recently started to create a local fund to compensate the local chairman for his services, and each member to remit 10 cents monthly. A better way would be for each member to remit any amount he desires to General Secretary and Treasurer Derrickson with his dues, and Bro. Derrickson could then remit the whole amount to the local chairman every six months.

Bro. E. W. Hoag, agent Maytown, was relieved several days recently by Bro. Rader. The grounds are being prepared there for a new depot; several tracks are being laid, and a "we" is being put in with a lead long enough to accommodate and turn a full train, in preparation for the new branch line to Centralia now under construction.

Sumner agency bulletin has been recalled. Bro. Hurley will be retained there.

Bro. C. L. Reynolds bid in third Auburn, vice Bro. Barrett to agency Duvall while Bro. Steiner is on an extended leave.

Bro. H. I. Derrickson has returned to second Tide Flats from his mother's funeral. We all sympathize with Harry.

Bro. J. Hurley has resigned as local chairman.

Bro. W. H. Lang has gone with the N. P.

Bro. R. F. Rader, who relieved Bro. Barrett, third Auburn, a few days on account of sickness, also relieved Bro. M. B. Wells while in Seattle a few days.

Bro. Stewart Sale, relieved by Bro. Rader at "JN," bid in Seattle relay temporary, vice Bro. C. M. Owen, on leave.

Third Trick Dispatcher Peterson is on sick leave, relieved by C. V. Phillips, and he by C. Otto.

Bro. E. H. Chadderdon appointed second North Puyallup, and Bro. R. A. Kinnear nights Bandera, vice Bro. Cronk. Whittier closed March 14th.

Bro. Farley relieved Bro. McDonald, second Tacoma Jct., a week.

A baseball team has been organized among the "Milwaukee" employees at Tacoma, with Bro. Ray Grummel as manager. A large bunch turned out to the try-out on the "flats" Sunday, March 8th, and some promising material developed. Judges appointed to select the team includes Joe McGinnity, the famous "iron man," now owner of the Tacoma franchise in the Northwestern League. New suits have been ordered, and great excitement prevaleith. CERT. 1319.

DEDICATED TO THE TACKHAMMER CLUB.

Put your hammer in the locker, hide the sounding board likewise;

Any one can be a knocker, any one can criticise, Cultivate a manner winning, though it hurts your face to smile,

And seems awkward in beginning, be a booster for a while.

Let the blacksmith do the pounding, that's the way he draws his pay.

You don't get a cent for hounding saint and sinner night and day.

Cultivate a winning manner, give your grumbling tones a shake,

And with grim determination, throw your hammer in the lake.

"In speaking of a person's faults, pray don't forget your own,

Those who live in glass houses should never throw a stone,

We have our faults, but who have none,

Perhaps we have, for ought we know,

Fifty to their one."

Missoula Division—

Local Chairman Dean reports fine work the past month, and very much pleased with conditions on the division. You all are asked to continue keeping after the nons, as there are but three regularly assigned on the division. Ask your local chairman or correspondent who they are. Write them and keep tab on all of them.

The meeting held at Sister Van Antwerp's, on March 14th, was a fine one. Those present were: Sisters Van, Trimble, Lena Huibregtse, Skinner, Waters and R. O. Clark, and Bros. Local Chairman G. L. Dean, R. O. Clark, Van Alstine and W. H. Glover. Others there for the social function were: Bro. Van Alstine's wife and Sister Waters' sister, Mrs. Mae Nickles.

We all thank Mrs. (Sister) Van Antwerp and Sister Trimble for their kindness in asking us down there for the meeting and for the nice spread they gave. It certainly was enjoyed by all.

We expect to hold our next meeting at Superior, on April 25th, at Mrs. (Sister) Ray's. A social will be arranged on the arrival of Nos. 17 and 18, and later in the evening a dance, and we will keep things going until our train leaves. All come, and be sure and ask for relief and transportation early.

Sisters Mrs. Van and Miss Zelda Trimble had a fine trip to the coast the second week in March, relieved by Bro. Stanley Van Antwerp and Sister Mrs. Dean.

Sister Miss Vivian Smith, of third Kyle, is visiting her home in Bonner for three weeks, relieved by Sister Mrs. Kight, who later took her "boy" and went to Wisconsin on a pleasure trip.

Bro. and Sister Skinner, of Adair, are preparing for a month's vacation to Spokane and Middle States.

Sister Rose Barlow has returned from a three months' visit East.

Bro. Glover, who relieved Bro. Smith while he went to Bonner to move his family to St. Regis, also relieved Mr. Johnson, second Deer Lodge, resigned.

Bro. Ralph Coon is on a three weeks' trip to the coast.

Sister Jane Dehlin has returned to St. Regis. Sister Margaret Ray has removed from St. Regis to Superior, to await the arrival of her partner.

Sister Miss Lena Huibregtse, third Falcon, is visiting at Bearmouth, relieved by Sister M. Ray.

Bro. H. A. Hanson, first Huson, on vacation, was relieved by Mr. McGuire, now at Deer Lodge. Line him up, boys. Bro. Hughes, second Huson, on a trip to Seattle, was relieved by Mr. Chambers, from the Postal at Missoula.

Sister Waters is on a two weeks' vacation, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Mae Nickles.

Sister Van Antwerp drew second prize in 1913 for selling the most foreign money orders among the Wells-Fargo commissioned offices. Congratulations.

Sisters Van and Miss Zelda, at Falcon, have the honor of having the first O. R. T. meeting held by the local chairman. Sister Eva Waters and Mrs. Nickles entertained the members with several duets. We hope to have them at the Superior meeting also.

Bro. Miller, Bro. Ray's son-in-law, has gone to Alberton.

Trick Dispatcher Hill has gone East, relieved by Mr. Baker.

Bro. Herndon, who was in the hospital at Deer Lodge with typhoid, is now on second Deer Lodge.

The Missoula meeting was cancelled, as it costs too much to hold a dance there, and we have no social funds for that purpose. The May meeting will most likely be on the east end.

At the last meeting it was decided that no more students would be taken in or posted in the staff district or elsewhere. All are asked to see that no student comes to your office. Give your best services to the dispatchers. We have a good set of them in Missoula. Let's always be on the job.

W. H. G., Cert. 2695.

Rocky Mountain Division—

Bro. "Dad" Thompson, at Sixteen, is on a thirty-day leave, relieved by Bro. Phare.

Bro. J. J. Early has returned from a three months' visit to relatives in the East, and Bro. Hughes to his homestead.

Bro. L. B. Kay bid in Willow Creek agency.

There are still two or three between Three Forks and Harlowton who dislike to be called brother, but know how the Order should be run; also a few on the west end. Bro. Leeper has returned to third Harlowton.

Bro. J. L. Du Houx is on third Two Dot temporarily.

General Chairman Soyster and Assistant General Chairman Burnworth visited Local Chairman Kearby, getting things lined-up on the Rocky Mountain and Northern Montana Divisions. In the evening Bro. Kearby invited the visiting brothers to a whist party in the old red school house. Bro. Soyster secured the grand prize, a picture of September Morn's brother. Bros. Crane, Campbell, Bleichner and Riddell were among those who attended.

Bro. M. E. Spencer bid in Geraldine on the Great Falls line.

Bro. O. R. May, second Sappington, and Bro. Harry Bell, second Sinclair, swapped jobs on bulletin. Bro. E. L. Robinson, first Sappington, on a recent tour of inspection, was relieved by Bro. W. A. Horejs.

Vendome gravel pit is open for the summer, with Bro. Joyner in charge, pending bulletin. Another gravel pit job was placed on bulletin at Tunnel No. 3, Canyon. Extra gangs are being organized at several places on the division, and things are beginning to look a little brighter.

Bro. M. E. Featherstone bid in Cedric nights, and Bro. J. W. Thompson, second Butte yard.

Sister Mrs. Geo. Redding went to second Finlen, pending the opening of the twelve-hour night office at Morel.

Butte Relay, "GS," second and third wire chief positions resumed on March 4th, with pay from March 1st. Former Wire Chiefs Bros. Gray and Faucher in charge.

The Rocky Mountain and Northern Montana Divisions are now operated as one telegrapher's seniority district, and the employees covered by the telegraphers' schedule on the two divisions will be carried on one seniority list. These employees will take their dates from the time they last entered service on the Rocky Mountain or Northern Montana Division with the exception that employees now on the Northern Montana Division who transferred direct from a division of the Puget Sound Lines will be allowed to retain their original date which was held on such division.

Several positions, opened after November 25th, will shortly be bulletined; also several new positions to be opened up within the next few weeks as temporary positions. CERT. 1489.

Columbia Division—

Bro. E. O. Walden, east on vacation three months, after visiting his uncle, Bro. A. Walden, agent Pine City, a few days, returned to second St. Maries. Bro. C. H. Thompson, who relieved Mr. Mapes when he resigned at St. Maries, upon Bro. Walden's return, relieved Bro. Fred Beal at Spokane several days.

Bro. Olson, third St. Maries, and Conductor Wilder have purchased a motor boat.

Bro. L. L. Hearn, third Ellensburg, off on account of sickness, relieved by Bro. T. C. Holland.

Recent assignments: Bro. R. G. Snyder, second Tekoa; Bro. A. L. Schlatter, third St. Joe; Bro. H. B. Stephens, third Herrick.

Bro. J. H. Vassey, while visiting relatives in Montana, was relieved by Bro. R. L. Duell, who has been bucking the extra list for four months, which has been pretty slim.

Another dispatcher has been put on at Malden, which replaces L. V. Curran. G. A. Rosbach, caught in the reduction last fall clerking in superintendent's office, is relieving on second.

Bro. Hartsock, Warden, has taken six months' leave in order to accept the helper position there.

Get after the new men on the line and see that they get a card. We have a nice percentage, let us see that we maintain it.

Bro. J. H. Connell is on a thirty days' trip East.

Bro. H. W. Smith, second St. Joe, off a few days, was relieved by Mr. Wesit.

J. J. Murphy, trainmaster on this division for five years, has been appointed superintendent of the Rocky Mountain Division. Mr. Murphy was one of the most popular officials on this division, and all are glad of his promotion.

CERTS. 2644 AND 910.

Musselshell Division—

Bro. J. H. Cook assigned second Kinsey, vice J. W. LeRoy relieved on third Shawmut by Bro. Kerr, pending bulletin.

Bro. E. C. Skinner assigned the new joint agency at Slayton, relieved on first Dodge by Claud Mitchell, recently out of hospital.

Bro. G. F. Rediske, assigned Slayton nights, relieved on third Harlowton by D. A. Leeper, an ex-dispatcher from Three Forks.

Bro. C. J. Miller, agent Mildred, resigned and gone to Canada; relieved by Bro. C. H. Richards on bid.

Bro. A. Frelick, second Kinsey, assigned third Roundup, vice Bro. S. A. Stover, who relieved Bro. G. C. Heise on Shawmut second.

Bro. C. H. Burnworth, on short vacation, relieved by Sister Burnworth, relieved by Bro. Heise.

Bro. O. J. Walley, third Sumatra, was bound and gagged recently and the station robbed of several hundred dollars.

Bro. I. J. Blazek, while in Miles City on official business, was relieved by Bro. C. H. Richards.

Bro. H. N. Harper, called east by the death of his sister, was relieved by Bro. T. E. Crandall.

Bro. and Sister Sharp returned from their vacation and Bro. Sharp relieved Bro. Rediske at Slayton nights for a short time.

Now that your correspondent has bid into a pretty busy station it will be necessary for each of you to mail him any items you may wish to have published in *THE TELEGRAPHER*. Don't forget this as it is one of the best proofs of an up-to-date division to have a real live write-up each month. If any other brother or sister will accept the place as correspondent I shall be glad to turn it over to them. But if not I will try and do the best I can rather than not see the Musselshell Division represented. Send your items to me at Slayton, or by mail to Cushman, Mont. CERT. 2446.

Trans-Missouri Division—

Sister Florence Holmes relieved Bro. Kelly, second McLaughlin, while he got married, and relieved Bro. Laird, at Marmarth, a few days. Mr. Dickson has returned to Marmarth from Mobridge Hospital after an operation. Conductor Harry Hill, seriously injured at McIntosh recently, is convalescing at the Mobridge Hospital, but visitors are not yet allowed. We hope to soon see his cheery smile again.

R. M. Fields, agent Mobridge, is to be relieved by Carl F. Soike, cashier at Lemmon. Bro. Joe Stablein, clerk in Fields office, recently returned from St. Louis with his bride.

We were unable to get even an item from the boys on the branch lines this month.

Bro. A. Walters recently took his family to Racine, Wis.

Bro. J. E. Robertson, "MB" relay, has returned from a week's vacation in the Twin Cities. Bro. Youngman, of "MB," is in the show business.

Bro. O. S. Smith, formerly assistant general chairman Puget Sound Lines, is busy with his phone company back in Indiana, but still carries an up-to-date. CERT. 744.

River Division—

Mr. Pickle, first "VD," while relieving the dispatchers on the I. & M. Division was relieved by Bro. Gallivan, from "C" office.

Bro. Wm. Kugler, agent Wacouta, on vacation, goes to third South Minneapolis, on his return. Wacouta agency was discontinued when the new automatic signals were installed and a custodian now opens the waiting room for two passenger trains, builds fires, etc., for \$8.00 per month.

Placing the new electric automatic block signals in service between Red Wing and Wabasha, February 19th, closed second and third Frontenac. Bros. Olson and Thayer going on fifteen and thirty days' vacation respectively. Bro. Olson will go to bridge switch permanently.

Bro. W. J. Martin, third Lake City, has given up agent's relief work and is now ready for any hold-up men who attempt to confiscate the company's money.

Bro. C. W. Workman, second Lake City, has given up the 320-acre homestead he filed on in Montana last fall, figuring there is more money in railroading.

A helper now sells tickets for the evening trains for \$25.00 per month, at Frontenac, after agent's hours.

C. O. Carlson, section foreman and extra gang foreman at Lake City, who started in the track service when fourteen years old, has been offered the position of "forester," a new office recently created on the Soo Line.

Bro. Marron's rheumatics have passed him up like the pay-car passes up the tramp, with the approach of spring.

A helper has been put on at Minneiska at \$25.00 per month; second operator there taken off.

When the new signals between Wabasha and LaCrosse are installed Bro. Sainsbury, at Lamoille, who has been on the River Division since May 10, 1874, will be knocked out, and several places like Lamoille will probably be made pre-paid stations.

Bro. D. T. Tackaberry goes to second Whitman.

Bro. Cliff, Kenyon, relieved Bro. J. B. Leahy at signal tower, who went to third South Minneapolis, pending Bro. Kugler's arrival.

Bro. Coddington, back from Fort Worth, Tex., is on third Chestnut Street, St. Paul; Bro. Pat Corcoran on first. Understand Bro. Coddington and Bro. Cahill, at signal tower, are figuring on going into business.

Bro. A. C. Mason, who relieved Bro. Jim Kennedy at "C" office, after a still hunt through Canada for a job, finally landed with the M. & St. L.

Bro. Larson, who relieved Bro. Peterson, at Hastings, while he was relieving on the I. & M., has gone to Chicago "WU." Nothing doing on River Division with new block signals in operation and older men to take care of.

Bro. J. F. Sainsbury is taking a few days' vacation before going to Hoffman Ave., St. Paul, relieved by Bro. Winters, from Whitman.

Giving away their canary birds to cut down household expenses is the latest scheme of the boys for meeting the high cost of living. Isn't it time we got that long-looked-for raise in wages?

Thanks are due to several of the brothers, especially Hanson, Howard and Marron for the write-up this month.

Sister Pauline Leahy, of the Ladies' Auxiliary, St. Paul, will give a card party for the benefit of the "I Should Worry Club," composed of Minneapolis and St. Paul members of the auxiliary, after the Lenten season. The next meeting of the auxiliary was held at the home of Sister Frances Gallivan, 1839 St. Anthony Ave., St. Paul, on March 24th. Div. Cor.

W. F. Division—

Bro. R. E. Schultz, our local chairman for many years, passed to the great beyond at the Sacred Heart Hospital, Tomahawk, Wis., Sunday, March 8th. On Christmas Day he was thrown from a wagon, fracturing his right leg. After the bones were set they did not knit properly and he was taken back to the hospital and splints were put on the bones. He had become very weak from being confined to his bed for about three weeks and the shock from this last operation was too much for him. He leaves a wife, one son, Carl, and two brothers, Herman and Albert, to mourn his loss. Bro. Schultz has always been a hard worker in the up-building of the O. R. T., and it would be hard to find words to express our great loss.

Bro. West bid in agency Hazelhurst.

Third Minocqua and Tomahawk have been reopened with Bro. Herman and Mr. Parker, respectively.

Bro. Harris, first Merrill, is doing the extra dispatching during the winter rush at Wausau, relieved by Bro. Heath and he by Bro. Blanchfield, with Mr. Borman on third Merrill.

Bro. Blain, from the C. & N. W., is on extra here now, also Bro. Kudy now on second Brokaw.

Some train crew had a joy ride the other night and was none the wiser when a car of logs got to doing the tango about half a mile east of Tomahawk. It left the rails and ran on the ties to the west switch at Gilberts when it jumped back again and no one knew the car was off until the section men found spikes torn up and bolts broken on rails the following day.

There are still a few nons left on the division, which we should try and line up. Have one good promise whom I think we will soon be able to call by the proper name. CERT. 1110.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Our heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom and goodness, has deemed it best to call to the great beyond our esteemed brother, R. E. Schultz, and we bow in humble submission to the

will of Him who doeth all things well; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the members of Division 23 extend to the sorrowing members of the afflicted family our sincere sympathy in their bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved family and a copy to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

W. F. VANGILDER,
H. D. WAKE,
W. II. BURLINGHAM,
Committee.

CARD OF THANKS.

We are at a loss to find words to express our heartfelt thanks to the members of the O. R. T. for the beautiful floral offerings which they gave, also the many kind acts shown us during our recent hereavement in the loss of our beloved husband and brother.

MRS. R. E. SCHULTZ,
H. F. SCHULTZ,
A. J. SHULTZ.

Prairie du Chien & Mineral Point Divisions—

Bro. Gallagher, agent Middleton, was relieved several days by Bro. Newman.

Agency Monticello pending bulletin; Bro. Wright resigned.

Bro. Thurber, of Muscoda; Reisel, Lone Rock, and Vass, of Mazomanie, were at Madison recently in conference with Local Chairman Mowe.

Third Milton closed several nights, shortage of men.

Agent Shipley, Crossplains, relieved by Mr. Richter. Bro. Porter, agent Sioux City, is also taking a much needed rest.

It is now Bro. O'Leary, third Madison. Welcome.

The Wisconsin State Railroad Commission reports that during December 90 per cent to 94 per cent of the passenger trains on these divisions arrived at terminals on time. This is a splendid record.

We are all sorry to learn of the death of Bro. Derrickson's mother. He has our heartfelt sympathy.

Bro. Millard, agent Lima Center, spent Sunday recently with relatives at Madison.

The new passenger station at Stoughton is now read for occupancy, the old one being used as the freight house.

Bro. Shore, Lone Rock third, bid in the agency at Woodman; Bro. Jarger resigned.

Bulletins have been issued reducing speed of trains on the W. W. Line, also weight of loads not to exceed 100,000 pounds, on account of soft track, which resulted in a derailment there March 13th.

Bro. Fish, Stoughton second, bid in third Edgerton, vice A. A. Hennessy, to Jamesville third, on bid. Div. Cor.

C. & C. B.—In Iowa Division—

Bro. M. Mahoney, agent Fayette, is on vacation, relieved by Bro. H. E. Ramsey, Jr.

Bro. T. N. Carnall, agent Hawkeye, has resumed work after a two weeks' rest, relieved by Mr. Sorg.

Bro. H. H. Dollarhide, Aspinwall second, has gone to Illinois on account of the death of a cousin. He has our heartfelt sympathy.

Bro. R. M. C. Condon, Vining third, has resigned and is working on a farm near Dawson.

Bro. T. R. Howlett bid in Dedham second, vice Extra Sanger, relieving Bro. R. C. Hedlund.

Bro. W. J. Swenning's wife, at Dedham, is visiting in Oklahoma.

Bro. B. C. Snyder, Paralta, off a few days on account of the death of his father at Ponca City, Okla., was relieved by Mr. Sorg, who also relieved Bro. H. F. Flansburg, Paralta second, several days on account of the death of a brother at Lyons.

N. Anderson went to Deep Creek and C. Kilburn to Webster, temporary offices opened on east end.

Bro. C. S. Morton, Hopkinton; Mr. Arrasmith, Strawberry Point, and Bro. M. Maloney, Fayette, have moved into their new depots.

Bro. R. E. Heath, Slater tower third, while moving his family from Park Rapids, Minn., was relieved by Bro. L. M. Blakeslee a few days.

Mr. Harper, Coon Rapids third, on the sick list recently, finds that the boys having cards are pretty good fellows after all.

Mrs. Rood was absent ten days on account of the death of her father at Montevideo, Minn., and "ye scribe" was obliged to keep bachelor's hall.

The February meeting of the Cedar Rapids O. R. T. Club was quite well attended, and all present had a good time. Bro. B. C. Snyder, from Paralta, was the only one present from this division. All who can possibly attend these meetings without violating the nine-hour law should do so, as it serves to keep up the interest, and strengthens our organization. CERT. 1408.

Dubuque Division—

Bro. John Lund, agent Mable, who relieved his brother, Martin, at Brownsville, was relieved at Mable agency by J. M. Traylor.

Bro. Wright, of Dubuque, took a trip over the division recently.

Bro. Boeckh, second LaCrescent, on sick list, was relieved by Potter.

Second trick put on at Clayton, with Bro. Adams in charge. Magill closed.

Bro. Ed Christ, agent Turkey River, and M. Lund, agent Brownsville, are taking treatments at the Prairie du Chien sanatorium.

Bro. Hansel is quite proud of his new depot at Osterdock.

Way freights Nos. 95 and 96 pulled off, and two crews are now handling the business between Dubuque shops and North La Crosse.

The express company's profit and loss report is similar to that for applications of bonds. All this is done for nothing.

Second Dubuque shops on bulletin, Fearer going to his North Wisconsin farm to raise hops. Third LaCrescent also on bulletin for three months, Snure going into the mercantile business there.

Second trick put on at Spechts Ferry, with a new man in charge. Div. Cor.

Chicago Division, Northern District—

Many of the boys laid off during the lull in business have been re-employed. The ore season will soon open again and will give a few more of them work for the summer. A record-breaking output of ore is predicted, with Mr. Anderson in charge again. We hope all the boys who go up on the range will give him their support. Many have joined during the last few months, and Bro. Lewis has succeeded in making Mellen solid for the first time in many years. With Bros. Wesenberg, Roan, Gonia and McGueen, we have a strong footing on the northern part of the division.

Bro. A. H. Hilson, cashier at Ironwood, received an increase in his monthly check when the Western Express was given to Mr. Madison, agent there. Hear that Bro. Hilson is soon going to be married.

Chelsea was made a continuous telegraph station owing to the increase of business, with Bro. Anderson on second and Bro. St. Amand on third. Mr. Anderson, brother of Bro. Anderson, is soon to be one of us, making Chelsea solid.

Mr. Frederickson, at Medford, says he is going to be married and can't afford to join. Boys, get after him and Mr. Brodowsky and see if we can not make it solid.

Bro. Minshall, agent Abbottsford, is now on second there.

Bro. Campbell, of Fifield, on a two months' leave, took his family out West to see the mountains.

Bro. Yeager, laid up with a bruised hand, was relieved by Extra Cerea. Bro. Rogers is back again, after a few weeks off on account of the death of his father. Bro. Conrad is on second Philips.

Bro. Carter bid in third Park Falls, now a competitive point, Bro. Clausen doing the yard stunt.

Bro. Kotas is going to have a new depot at Westboro.

Spencer is now solid—Bro. Mais, agent; Bro. Metzger, first; Bro. Owen, second, and Bro. Ludowisch third. Bro. Owen went to Owen first while Mr. Youmans was on second Thorpe and Bro. Mohr at the wreck east of Stanley.

Stanberry and Hillcrest were opened up with Bro. Daggert and Mr. Wenzel in charge.

Bro. Bishop, at Somerset, relieved Bro. Campbell at Fifield, on vacation.

Telephones have been cut in at Central Jct. and Eau Claire, making it much nicer for the dispatchers.

Bro. Schubert, second Auburndale, relieved J. J. Korb, yard office second, who relieved Bro. Olson in the dispatcher's office.

Bro. Alvord relieved Bro. Daganeau at ticket office Stevens Point, on account of the sickness of his sister.

Bro. Zivney, third Auburndale, is soon to be married.

Get after the nons and give them no rest until they come in. "No card, no favors" is our watchword, and make them see that we mean to live up to it.

Bro. Teschner, second Cadott, has been reinstated. It never pays to drop behind. It takes just that much more to pay up later. Keep your dues paid up and keep an up-to-date card; that's what counts.

I am indebted to Bros. Lepinski and Schubert for these items, and hope to see more next time.
CERT. 550.

La Crosse Division and Milwaukee Terminals—

P. Phillips has been appointed station agent at Wauwatosa, and E. Bergerson to third Mauston.

Day operator put on again at New Lisbon, and third there open for bids, also third trick "AT" cut off Milwaukee Terminal. K. D. Smith at the latter point pending result of bulletin.

W. J. Hayes is at his home in Portage on account of the illness of his mother.

No notes received for this issue. Kindly mail them to me next month by the 25th, so they can be sent in before the 28th.

The train dispatcher and side wireman are having lots of annoyance with open wires. Watch closely, brothers, and help them locate this trouble.
H. J. B., Div. Cor.

CARD OF THANKS.

I wish to express the heartfelt appreciation and sincere gratitude of my mother, family and myself towards the members of the O. R. T. for the beautiful flowers sent us at the time of the death of my sister.

Yours truly,

A. D. FINEGAN.

St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern Ry., Valley Division—

The telegraphers of this division met at McGehee, the division headquarters, Sunday, March 8th, and organized a local. There were about twenty members from various parts of the division present, and Bros. Maxwell and Mohler, general secretary and treasurer and general chairman, from St. Louis.

The invited guests were Division Trainmaster Gilhula, Acting Chief Lamb and Dispatcher Grimes. Mr. Gilhula and Mr. Lamb both made interesting talks on blocking and other rules that were highly beneficial to all concerned. After the social features were over, the visitors retired and the meeting went into executive session. General Secretary and Treasurer Mohler delivered

an address upon organization and schedule work, which was a revelation to most of the members present. Some of those who formerly had known little of the Order except that it was a kind of duty to keep up their cards came away full-fledged O. R. T. men, and they have been heard from more within the past two weeks than ever before.

General Chairman Maxwell presided at the meeting, assisted by Bro. Lewis, local chairman, and short talks were made by several of the brothers, all of which were interesting.

The second Sunday of each month was agreed upon as the regular meeting date, and we trust that those who could not be present at the last meeting will make an effort to be at the April meeting.

McGehee District is now solid except Pettis and McGraw, Collinston, both good boys whom we hope to soon remove from the non list.

Bro. Archibald, second Wilmot, was off several days recently, relieved by Bro. Martin.

Bro. Richards, second Mer Rouge, emerged from "single blessedness" and now trots in matrimonial harness. Congratulations.

Bro. Williams, of Lake Village, off several days relieved by Bro. Butts, from Parkdale, who later went to third Gould.

Bro. Barker, assistant local chairman from Montrose, and Bro. Meyers, local chairman from Winchester, both attended court at Monticello recently.

Bro. Gilhula, McGehee, is in Hot Springs on account of ill-health. We hope to hear his familiar "G" on the string soon.

The third operator has been allowed at Montrose, placing Sister Barker on first pending bulletin, Bro. Guise on second and Bro. Foster, from Blissville, on third, relieving Bro. Barker of telegraphing altogether. We are glad to see this, as Montrose was a hard job for the agent, who formerly had to do first trick telegraphing. We commend our division superintendent for his action.

Blissville second pulled off temporarily, second trick man there going to Montrose third.

Bro. Bryan, second Blissville, is relieving Bro. Pierce, third Dermott, while Mr. Pierce transferred to Pine Bluff.

Dermott second and third are up for bids. Bro. A. C. Seamon, first Dermott, while attending court at Lake Village, was relieved by Bro. Walker, of second.

Chief Rogers is on vacation, relieved by Dispatcher Lamb.

Fire at Monroe on the night of March 17th destroyed several cars and nearby dwellings, delaying train 104 several hours.

Blissville nights closed recently.

Bro. Pierce, second Pine Bluff yards, paid the office force at Dermott a visit between trains on March 15th, but there was something else that attracted him, probably, besides his old office fellows.

Bro. Hensley, from Stuttgart, is on second Farrell.

The wife of Bro. Copp, night ticket agent and operator at Pine Bluff, is very ill.

Mr. Manor, agent Redfield, has resigned, throwing it on bulletin.

Bro. Maxwell's visit to the boys on the north end the first of February was very much appreciated.

Bro. Stussman has resigned and gone to his home in Memphis on account of the sickness of his father.

H. H. BRYAN, Div. Cor.

Louisiana Division—

Two or three of the boys on the Monroe District are the only ones who help me with the news, but we hope to be more successful in covering the entire division hereafter.

Our local chairman desires a complete report as to how we stand all over the division from each of the assistants covering their territory, showing who is up to date, who are delinquent and who are the nons.

Bro. S. B. Davis, agent Olla, has returned from a thirty-day trip, relieved by the writer, who is now back on third there, vice D. J. Lewis, now relieving Bro. Jack Bernard, second Georgetown, who bid in Huttig days, vice Bro. A. L. Davis, who bid in Farmerville agency.

Bro. L. P. Spyker relieved Bro. Schaefer at Georgetown agency.

Mr. Sullivan relieved Mr. Hunter at Pollock agency several days.

Griffin agency and Georgetown second now on bulletin.

Mangham agency was bid in by Bro. W. I. Tate, from the K. C. S., who was transferred to our division.

The nons are gradually coming in, but we must keep after them until there are none left, and don't forget to keep up to date ourselves. We are the losers if we wait until we become delinquent, for we have to bear the expense of joining over again, which shows plainly a lack of interest. I hope any who have dropped behind will renew right away and keep up to date in the future.

Let us get busy and make this a solid division.

J. W. M., Cert. 1941, Div. Cor.

Arkansas Division—

Bro. George Gentry, agent Antoine, is on vacation, relieved by L. W. Sullivan. Bro. Martin has been reinstated and is back home again.

J. J. Perdue is at Amity, now on bulletin, also new job at Gum Springs nights; Alexander, Diaz and Prescott agencies, and Lonsdale agent-teleg-rapher. A. B. Oliphant, agent Prescott, has been promoted to traveling freight agent.

Bro. C. A. Garner, agent Womble, assigned Sheridan agency, relieved on bid at Womble agency by Bro. Parker, from Traskwood.

A shipping shed is to be built at Delight, to handle the crop of fruit and cantaloupes this season, estimated at 150 cars, which will also mean additional office force during the season.

Bro. Benson, Swifton nights, visited friends in Bradford recently.

Bro. J. R. Williams, agent Garner, has been attending court in Newport.

Bro. C. L. Smith, our genial local chairman, makes trips frequently over the division looking after the boys. He advises that there are the smallest number of delinquents than ever heretofore.

Bro. J. W. Sloan is relieving the regular man at Alicia, who is in the hospital to undergo an operation.

Signalman R. W. Anderson, agent Russell, will soon be carrying a card.

Bro. J. C. Rice is back at third Bald Knob from an extended honeymoon; also Bro. Marsh, second "KS." Congratulations.

We are glad to note that Malvern agency bulletin has been recalled and that Bro. Rogers will remain with us.

It is again Bro. Farley, second Bald Knob, one of our "good old scouts."

Bro. Griffin, second Newport, has our deepest sympathy on account of the long-continued illness of his wife, who has been at the point of death several times.

CERT. 1409.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our heavenly Father and all-wise Ruler of the universe to call to his reward our brother, Edward L. Jamison, of Alexander, Ark.; in manifestation of our grief and fraternal sympathy, be it

Resolved, That the members of Arkansas Division, St. L. I. M. & S. Ry System Division 31, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the sorrowing wife and members of the afflicted family their sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved wife, a copy spread on the minutes of the division, and a copy sent to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

J. M. ASHLEY,

C. H. STONE,

N. D. RODGERS,

Committee.

White River Division—

Bro. A. C. Chapman is back, after working extra awhile on the Joplin Division.

Bro. J. A. Pittman has resigned and gone to the Rock Island, putting Guion, Ark., station on bulletin.

Ex-Bro. O. H. Collins has resigned Cricket agency and gone with the Frisco.

Ex-Bro. Hannibal, claim assistant, assigned Aurora agency, has gone to another division, putting Aurora on bulletin again.

Sister Jessie L. Barron, second Batesville, was relieved by J. G. Davis while taking a ten-day vacation visiting relatives in Missouri.

General Chairman Maxwell was over the division recently, picking up a few nons. Hope he will pay us another visit as soon as convenient.

Boys, get after the nons next to you. Send in your dues so you will get THE TELEGRAPHER regularly. It will help you to convince the nons that they should come in at once.

Boys, if you don't understand the schedule on any matter, write your local chairman and have him explain it to you. One of the boys who took the chief dispatcher's ruling on overtime and meal hours wrote to Bro. Maxwell later and found he had lost several dollars by not properly understanding that part of the schedule.

Boys, send me a few items. I am at a small way station and hear very little news for the write-up. Send me all you can get hold of. No matter how old, it will be news to me and maybe to others. Let's have a write-up each month.

This is my first attempt, but I know the editor will put it in proper shape.

I thank the brothers very much for their contributions this month. CERT. 1180.

Central Division—

Telegrapher Knox, from the East, at Ozark, promises to sign up. Agent Wildman, of Ozark, who was operated on several weeks ago, is getting along fine. Bro. O. G. Milton went to third Ozark during the changes.

London and Piney shipped fifteen cars of sweet potatoes last month, and Russellville and Atkins each a car of poultry, the first shipment of the kind from that section. It is estimated there will be 1,750 cars of peaches shipped from the stations between Van Buren and Conway, and the strawberry crop is also very promising.

The boys have moved into the new \$20,000 depot at Conway, and the M. E. people are building an \$80,000 church, which, with the fine school buildings there, makes Conway a fine place to live.

Felix Lucand, Van Buren, operated on in the hospital several weeks ago, was relieved by C. C. Westmorland.

Our new brother, B. A. Jacobs, bid in Russellville second, his home town.

Bro. G. G. Green is back at Morrilton, after being sick some time at his home in Bellville, Ark. While hunting recently he captured a fawn.

The boys at non-telegraph offices should not use the wires still in their offices to send "22" reports, and the block men should not use them either for blocking trains and sending messages. It is not expected that you should do this, so don't do it.

Be cautious and careful in handling the block system. Be prompt in reporting trains cleared, and especially report trains in the block as soon as they go. This may save a collision some time. The block system is not a scheme to get trains over the road, but to insure their safety, and this duty falls to a great extent upon the block operator.

Conductor Berry Wilcox, upon being called in the other day on account of the rear-end collision at Russellville, told the superintendent it was not necessary to call in the operators to the investigation, that it was his fault; that his shoulders are large and that he could bear the blame. Not only are his shoulders broad, but his mind, his sense of justice, honesty, and everything that is essential in making man a man. This act alone

will raise to a higher point their admiration of him, and each and everyone of us hope that he may not be taken out of service. CERT. 79.

Missouri Division—

Bro. D. L. Long has resigned to engage in farming; relieved by Bro. H. E. Cabey, on second Okean, on bid. Okean agency and third on bulletin.

Bro. Chas. Hall was recently called to Portland, Ore., on account death of his father; relieved by Bro. Stallcup, from T. & P., who also relieved Mrs. C. C. Courtway, Hilliards days, one day on account of the fifty-four-hour-a-week limit for woman labor in Missouri.

Mr. Redwine, Neelyville, was off a few days recently on account of the death of his uncle.

Bro. Bathurst, Poplar Bluff, off a few days, was relieved by Bro. Smith. The boys all welcome Wire Chief ("BU") P. N. Hunter into the circle.

Bro. Davis relieved Bro. Druary at Mill Spring a few days, called to Ste. Genevieve account sickness of his father.

Bro. E. K. Seckler, former local chairman, has the sympathy of all the brothers in the death of his father at St. Louis, Mo., March 26th, at the advanced age of eighty-four years.

The trainmaster has instructed all of the men, Poplar Bluff to Hoxie, to not phone orders under certain circumstances. Some of the brothers complain that some of the offices are violating his instruction and the law also.

Bismarck coal chutes burned March 2d. Origin of fire unknown.

Any suggestions from the brothers will be highly appreciated, and I ask the assistance of every member on the entire division in order that we can also have a nice article in THE TELEGRAPHER each month. I would like to have a correspondent to take care of the district between Poplar Bluff and Hoxie yard, another between Poplar Bluff and Cairo, and one at Belmont, Bismarck, Poplar Bluff and Piedmont, Piedmont and DeSoto, and DeSoto and St. Louis. In this way a good all-round write-up can be framed up and sent me not later than the 20th. I desire to thank all of the boys for their assistance this month.

B. H. SELVIDGE, Div. Cor.

Missouri Pacific Ry., Div. No. 31.

Eastern Division, Sedalia District—

Bro. A. S. Bryan, yard office Sedalia, on two weeks' vacation, relieved by E. M. Willis, who also relieved Bro. C. W. Cole at Centertown, assigned St. Auberts agency. Later C. S. Phillips, Syracuse, bid in Centertown.

Bro. T. D. Homan, agent Strasburg, on vacation, was relieved by Bro. S. C. Harrison. Bro. C. D. Cash assigned Bagnell, and Bro. M. E. Davis, Knobnoster agency.

Bro. I. N. Underwood, agent Greenwood, on leave, relieved by Bro. Reavis.

Lamonte 3 p. m. till 12 midnight, opened by Bro. Sharp, pending bids, relieved at Greenwood nights by Mr. Hirst.

Continental and Glencoe are up for bids again.

Bro. L. O. Kennedy, Knobnoster, drew Warsaw agency, vice Bro. Wilkens, resigned, going into the picture business at Pleasant Hill.

Bro. Needels, agent Wellington, was off sick a few days.

St. Louis District—

Bro. T. J. Clark, Labadie second, visited his parents at Holden recently. Mr. Fox, Labadie third, resigned, relieved by Extra Miller until Bro. Carter returned from his vacation.

Bro. J. P. Cullicott, agent New Haven, on leave of absence, relieved by Bro. C. C. Brown, second there.

Bro. Milton, third Washington, off sick, relieved by W. W. Talley.

River District—

Mr. Talley, third Myrick, has resigned, relieved by John C. Wilson.

Dispatcher Hobb, river route, is acting night chief, relieved by Dispatcher Miller, from Kansas.

Block phones completed west of Boonville, are working on east end.

Line up the few nons and delinquents and keep up to date, and we will soon be able to get that \$75.00 minimum. We will get more the stronger we get. The committee can do nothing without our backing. That prize contest is open to all. Get in that non holding down the other trick and don't forget our motto, "No card, no favors."

Thanks to the brothers for their assistance in this write-up.

Bro. Wilmarth asked me to act as correspondent and want you all to send me every item you can. Keep me posted as to changes, new positions, new men, etc., at your station.

C. L. ADAMS.

R. No. 1, Box 27a, Jefferson City, Mo.

Southern Kansas Division—

Turon agency bid in by Bro. G. King; Garnett second by Bro. Stroder, from Rose agency; L. A. Garnett third by Bro. Grear, from Vernon, and L. A. Strange bid in Hudson agency.

It is now Bro. Nigh, at Tyro.

Bro. Singleton bid in Larned, vice Mr. Willingham, resigned.

Niotaze agency again on bulletin. No applicants first time. Vernon nights also on bulletin.

It is now Bros. J. M. Rearick and John Kennedy at Altoona, making it solid.

The Southern Kansas Division has received eight of the new 1,200 class engines. They are certainly "some jine."

Bro. F. P. Strange is on second "RB."

Dispatcher J. B. Stewart, off a few days, was relieved by Dispatcher Hiller. Bro. Martin, acting as extra dispatcher relieved at ticket office by Bro. Kennedy, from Altoona, and he by Bro. Nigh, from Tyro.

Mr. Godown, helper from Kingman, relieved at Turon while transfers were being made at Huson and Turon.

Rose agency bid in by Bro. Nevius, nights Westphalia.

Bro. Nigh relieved Bro. Huey a few days at Penalosa.

Mr. Bobbitt, extra, assigned Niotaze agency, has resigned.

We are 95 per cent strong, but must make it 100 per cent. Find out whether the men working along side of you are up to date or not, and assist in making the division 100 per cent, by securing their applications. Are you receiving all the benefits the schedule entitles you to? Do not overlook any of these but at the same time if the company grants you additional favors be willing to return them. Meet them half way and I am sure you will profit by it. There isn't a better set of officials on any division of this system than we have at Coffeyville. Continue to give them good service and you will not be the loser.

Let me remind you once more to make it your business to find out who are supporting the Order and who isn't. Everyone receives the benefits, therefore should pay the small dues asked for to maintain them.

T. F. JAMESON, L. C.

Wichita Division—

It is now Bro. Schreier, at Argonia.

Bro. D. E. Twiggs, of Redfield, bid in third 25th street yard, vice J. H. Jenkins, gone to Eldorado third; Bro. J. M. Blackman bid in the Redfield agency, where he has already been agent twelve years; E. C. Steenburg, of Potwin, bid in Hazelton, vice Bro. D. W. Rhodes, relieving Sister Kluckhuhn, at Batesville, now in Wichita hospital.

Bro. E. M. Atkins, of Lyons, while on a trip to Sioux City, Iowa, was relieved by J. H. Sheas.

Mr. Ellis, relay office, bumped by Dispatcher Larson, went to St. Louis.

C. W. Hawkins, of Sterling, an old-timer, engaged in other business, gave Bro. Dan Goodwin his application recently. He is heartily welcomed into our ranks. This ought to put to shame these fellows who have been working steady and always put up the excuse that they are going to quite or can't afford it.

G. E. T., Div. Cor.

"Frisco" R. R., Div. No. 32.

Northern Division—

Agent Olathe off on six months' leave, relieved by Cashier Sloan, and he by Bro. Chesney, of second, relieved by Bro. Barrell.

Bro. J. E. Zin, from Anna, closed, is on third Springhill.

Bro. Ziger, while in Kansas City a few days, was relieved at Boicourt by Bro. Witcher.

Bro. S. A. Barnett, first Girard, relieved a few days by Bro. F. M. Foltz. Bro. Carter is back on third Girard after being off three weeks with appendicitis. He was relieved by Bro. R. P. Webster, from the "Big Four," who went to Columbus.

Bro. Gunnells, from Pittsburg, bumped Bro. Day of third Lockwood, who bumped in on third Columbus.

New Miami third bid in by Bro. Collins from Ash Grove.

Mr. Waggaman bid in first Lamar, relieved on second there by Bro. Kappel, from Springhill.

Operator Golden City taken off. Bro. Baugh back on third Lamar.

Let us all hit the ball, and show the company that it is the loyal men who count.

Let us try and have a write-up every month, boys. CERT. 742.

Kansas Division—

Bro. F. N. Murry, Oronogo Jct., on sick list, has taken a ninety-day lay-off and gone back to his old home in Michigan.

Mr. Marsh, third Oswego, bid in agency Reeds, Mo., vice Agent Weir, relieved by Bro. Monical, third "SY" closed as telegraph position. Bro. H. J. Taylor went to second "RU," vice Mr. Rathbun.

Bro. Pat Gamble was off two weeks, relieved by Bro. Aldrich. Bro. Paul Crawford going to third "RU" from Fall River.

Bro. Pasley, second Carthage, was held up recently and robbed of \$103.38.

Carl Jct., Mo., is solid now, Marshall being our new brother.

Thanks to "QN" for notes.

Let's all live up to the new schedule, try our best to do our part, see that the other fellow does his, and keep after the nons.

Come again next month with all the notes you have and I will see that they go in.

CERT. 1875.

Southwestern Division—

Practically all abolished positions have been re-established.

Bro. W. B. Mullens relieved Bro. L. H. Hale on first Neosho, later transferred to third Peirce City, relieved at Neosho by Bro. Robbins, and later bid in second Seneca, vice Bro. G. F. Wallace, assigned to third Seneca, pending bulletin, vice Bro. W. G. Meals, transferred to Pierce City extra.

Bro. G. F. Wallace bid in Bristow second. Bro. L. W. Hale bid in second Afton, vice A. C. McQuigg, who bid in third Seneca. Bro. White resumed the agency at Cement, relieved on first Tulsa by Bro. McQuigg pending bulletin, bid in by Bro. Hale, vice Bro. Henry, bid in third Afton.

Bro. John Ahern, Chelsea, resigned to take up agriculture. We all wish him success.

Bro. W. B. Mullens, I am glad to say, has entirely recovered from his recent sickness and resumed duty on second Peirce City, vice Bro. Robbins, to Neosho first. Bro. E. Sheldebar bid in third Bristow, relieved on bid by Bro. Joe White, on second Chandler. Bro. E. Heffner, off a few days on account of sickness, was relieved by Bro. Geo. Nordin. Bro. A. F. DeHart bid in first Tulsa; Bro. McCann, second Chelsea, vice Bro. Morehouse, who bid in second Afton. Later Bro. McCann bid in second Granby, a re-established position. Bro. Grimmer relieved Bro. Mc-

Cann, second Fairland. Bro. E. F. Chattelle bid in third Claremore. Vinita first, Chelsea first and Peirce City third on bulletin.

Bro. Goring, first Lawton, off on account of sickness in family, relieved by Bro. Cox.

Remember the motto, boys. CERT. 1727.

Southeastern Division, Birmingham Subdivision—

A good many new members have been secured recently. More of the older heads are taking an active interest in the organization and a better understanding of the true union spirit prevails among the men than heretofore. Business holds up well.

Mr. Kelley, a new man, has been assigned to third Adamsville.

Mrs. F. J. Mitchell is back on second Coal Creek.

Bro. H. H. Thomas and wife, of Winfield, are contemplating a visit to the former's home in Georgia.

Bro. O. E. Hays, third Winfield, was recently married and visited friends and relatives in Missouri and Arkansas, relieved by Ed Ellis, a new man. Work will soon begin on the new depot there.

Bro. Tobias has returned from an extensive tour West to third Pratt City.

Bro. Salter, first Freight Yard Jct., has returned to first "CH."

Phoner Holstein is on third Cordova, vice Bro. C. O. Smith, in hospital in St. Louis.

Former Chief Dispatcher Sullivan is now on first "DS" Birmingham. ABRAHAM.

Baltimore & Ohio R. R., Div. No. 33.

Metropolitan Branch—

On March 4, 1914, the State legislature of Maryland passed a law compelling the railroads of the State to grant their telegraphers two days' rest a month with compensation, same as their regular day's wages.

Just before the law was passed by the general assembly the railroads sent their representatives to the State House at Annapolis to present their arguments, with a view of convincing the committee in charge of the bill that it was "unfair" and an injustice upon them to pass such a law, and the O. R. T. representatives presented our arguments in favor of this law, which was finally passed and went to the governor for his signature. The railroads then tried to have him veto it, claiming it was unconstitutional, but our representative, Hon. Isaac Lobe Straus, an eminent and prominent lawyer, ex-attorney-general of the State, showed that the supreme court of the State was the proper body to decide as to the constitutionality of a law, and the governor signed the bill, making it a law of the State. The railroad officials then abolished depot telegraph offices in utter disregard of the general public interests. Some of the towns where these offices were abolished have a population of from 3,000 to 5,000 people, who now have no way of finding out how the trains are running which transport

them to and from their daily work. Is it any wonder that there is a cry for government ownership of railroads.

On the Baltimore Division phones have been placed in crossing watchmen's shanties. How can these men attend to their duties and do the telephone work necessary for the operation of trains? This is a violation of the federal nine-hour law, which we should take up at once with the proper federal authorities and have none but telegraphers allowed to use the phones in the movement of trains. CERT. 2179.

Pittsburg Division—

My assistants have all failed in a bunch this time, and Local Chairman Yeager, who always ably assisted me, is absent, so I have very little news.

The correspondent is now prepared to furnish a list of the nons on this division.

Bro. Gleisinger, first Reduction, is now in Florida, relieved at "DU" tower, recently destroyed by fire, by Bro. Heath. He will find a nice box car waiting for him on his return.

Bro. Wilkes bid in Ellrod second, and L. J. Snover, Vista second.

Bro. Fitzgibbons, third "MK," while off duty on account of the death of his brother and attending civil court, was relieved by Bros. McElhinney and Kepler.

It is now Bro. F. Ambler, leverman at Laughlin Jct., and Bro. J. W. Giles.

The rumor that Bro. J. B. Weideman, second Bessemer, voted to accept the company's proposition is false. I witnessed him vote and know that he voted to support the committee.

Our general committee is still in Washington, D. C., endeavoring to induce the mediators that we are entitled to an increase.

Don't forget our regular monthly meetings, the fourth Thursday evening of each month, and let's try to have a good attendance. CERT. 159.

Cleveland Division—

Bro. G. G. Tope bumped from third Columbia by Mr. Scholes.

Mr. Shanks, second Uhrichsville, went with the general manager's special over the division, relieved by Bro. T. E. Bigler.

Bro. A. A. Hammell is on second "DA."

Mr. Hill, yard clerk Canal Dover, returned to train service, relieved by the oldest son of Assistant Trainmaster Loux.

Bro. S. B. Shafer, off some time seeking better health, is much improved, we are all glad to learn.

Bro. A. A. Hammell is considering a transfer to the B. & O. S.-W. at Seymour, Ind., on account of reducing the telegraphers' force on this division.

Bro. Landis, second Columbia, visiting his son-in-law at Wellsville, Ohio, was relieved by Bro. D. V. Kelly.

Bro. Schieser relieved H. H. Baird at Lorain a few days. Brothers on the west end should get after the newcomer and remember, "No card, no favors."

Bro. T. E. Bigler worked several days at Willow and also at Piedmont during the cleaning up of the wreck.

Bro. A. T. West is now in the up-town Western Union office at Medina; other office closed. The *Medina Gazette* says: "Bro. West is the most accommodating operator between the Atlantic and Pacific coast." This shows what O. R. T. men are made of.

Bro. M. R. Rees off and Bro. N. E. Rees on extra list on account of Lake Jct. closing.

Thanks to Bros. McCabe, Schieser and Landis for news items.

Would like to hear from some of the brothers on the Valley, as I am unable to get the news otherwise. "VI," Cert. 2685.

Newark Division—

Bro. Harley A. Whipps died of spinal meningitis at his home in New Concord, Ohio, March 2, 1914, aged 38, after two weeks' illness. The community in which he had lived was deeply stirred by his untimely death, and his funeral was largely attended. Many beautiful floral offerings attested the esteem in which he was held by his neighbors and business associates. Six telegraphers served as pallbearers, and Division 33 furnished a handsome floral design for his bier. Every local railroad employe that could be spared from his post of duty attended his funeral. From the tree of life Death plucks impartially the bud, the blossom and ripened fruit. He regards not person, place nor condition, but in the night of grief gleams brightly the star of hope, and the soothing touch of time heals our broken hearts.

"Life is a shadowy, strange and winding road on which we travel for a little way—just from the cradle with its lullaby of love to the quiet wayside inn where all at last must rest, and where the only salutation is, 'good night.'" J. H. B.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The mystic touch of death has stilled into eternal silence the lips of our loyal and beloved brother, Harley A. Whipps; be it

Resolved, That by his death Division 33 is deprived of the support and loyalty of a model member, and his devoted wife and mother the companionship of an affectionate husband and son.

Resolved, That we hereby express to the bereaved wife and mother of Bro. Whipps the heartfelt sympathy of Division 33.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be furnished the widow of the deceased and a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

C. H. JOHNSON,

C. L. DAVEY,

J. H. BELL,

Committee.

New Castle Division, West End—

We had an interesting meeting in Akron, February 28th, but rather a small attendance. Boys, if you don't take any interest in your own affairs, how can you expect anyone else to do so. Bro. McCabe, from Lester, on the Cleveland Division, was a welcome visitor, riding freight trains to get home. You men who can go home on passenger trains should be ashamed for not attending.

It is Bro. Coyne, extra, and Bro. Dieter, relief operator, now. Welcome.

Bro. Gleason, second Northern Ohio Crossing, bid in Boughtonville agency, bringing him nearer to his farm.

"X," Easton second, closed, Mr. Smith bidding in third Lowellville.

Bro. Stephenson, off several days, relieved by Winchell, who also relieved Mr. Wolfe, at "SK," three weeks.

Bro. McBride visited his old home in Richland County a few days, relieved at Sterling by Bro. Dieter.

Get that card and boost.

CERT. 758.

New Castle Division, East End—

Bro. Marshall, first "TF," was relieved a few days by Bro. J. W. Morrissey, from Connellsville Division, who also relieved Bro. Foley, third "BD," and Bro. O'Connor, third "XN," two weeks. Bro. Foley was called to work three days at Haselton while on his vacation.

Bro. M. M. Sofrony bid in "VO" third.

Bro. Jones, first "FN," is on six months' leave.

CERT. 933.

Ohio Division, B. & O. S. W.—

We are working for a pretty good line, comparing favorably with a majority of other lines in regard to wage scale and general working conditions. Other roads with a higher wage-scale sometimes have other drawbacks that we know nothing about, and the men on these roads are dissatisfied, just the same as we are, but probably for different reasons. It will be quite a while yet before the working conditions on all roads become ideal, but they are steadily growing better.

You who have been in service for the past fifteen or twenty years, or even less, compare your present wage and working conditions with what it was then. We have lots of dissatisfied members who let their personal grievances get the better of their judgment and drop out. Don't let this happen to you. If you can not settle these grievances with your local chairman, don't allow them to force you out of an organization that is making your living and giving you the advantages you now enjoy. Be a little broadminded, and remember that you can help if you kick the right way.

There is an example of this kind on this division now, where a certain agent was reported for violation of hours of service law, and because the Order wouldn't back him up for doing something strictly against the law, he dropped out, and now

threatens to scab twenty-four hours a day if the company wanted him to; and another threatens to drop out because the local chairman would not sanction his going from his regular position to another to work extra, and allow him to waive the \$1 per day which our contract calls for. As long as the present local chairmen are on the job there will be no violations of the schedule by either side, if it can be helped. We have spent good money to get a contract, and it must be lived up to by both sides.

Right now we should all give our earnest support to the Order; get after the nons in our territory, see that the men working with you have an up-to-date or find out the reason why. Our general committee is now with the Government Mediation Board in daily session at Washington, D. C., and has the full support of the membership.

The meeting of local members at Chillicothe, Ohio, Wednesday evening, March 11th, was well attended, several coming from quite a distance and remaining up most of the night to get back home. Working conditions were discussed, the boys got acquainted and a good time was enjoyed. It does the boys good to get together, creates a new interest in the affairs of the Order and gives the brothers an opportunity to learn what is going on. These meetings will be held every two months; when you receive notice don't fail to attend, even if you have to lose a day in doing so. Your local chairman is always on hand, ready and willing to give any information you want or handle your grievances. We have as fine a set of officials to work under as you will find anywhere, and they will think more of you and do more for you if they know you have an up-to-date card in your pocket.

There have been quite a number of men sick recently, and division operator has been hard put at times to furnish extra men and in many cases has been obliged to double them up to relieve the situation. Mr. Plumley has the interests of all the men employed under him at heart, and it is a pleasure to work under such an official.

Bro. P. H. Tigar is now on third Anderson.

It is now Bros. F. O. Allison, agent Blanchester, and Fultz, agent Leesburg. We hope the other exclusive agents will soon fall in line.

"CD," Chillicothe, opened recently to permit greater facilities in clearing trains, and handling the block there, is manned by Bro. W. L. Allison on first, Bro. F. Lechner second, and Bro. Ed. Prosch on third, who bid in Blackfork agency on Portsmouth branch.

Bro. Frank Maloney, first Farmers, bid in second Dundas.

Only two delinquents now on the division. Remember, "No card, no favors," and stick to it. Send in your items of interest to O. E. Marsh, local chairman, and they will be forwarded to your correspondent.

We want the B. & O. S. W. to show every month in the fraternal department of the journal, and you can help by sending in your news items.

CERT. 1511.

Indiana Division, B. & O. S. W.—

Bro. D. T. Belloney bid in third Flemings, relieved on bid on Dunham second by Dispatcher John Mack.

Bro. C. E. McKay bid in Nebraska agency. F. M. Burdette bid in second, vice Bro. Cass, who bid in third there.

Bro. R. Vick, whom we wish to thank for sending in so many interesting items, was relieved, while attending lodge, by L. A. Guthrie. We also thank the other two brothers who sent us items, and hope to hear from more of them hereafter.

Bro. J. E. Arnold appointed agent Addyston, Ohio, vice J. R. Holland, and Joseph Boel, agent Eighth St., Ohio, vice W. J. Burke, transferred.

Bro. W. L. Bettis bid in Georgia agency; Bro. W. M. Trapp, third, and Bro. H. C. Bennett, first Dillsboro.

J. R. Holland was transferred from Addyston agency to Brownstown third, and Bro. R. P. Stanton secured third "RH" tower.

Bro. J. V. Spalding, on the sick list, was relieved by C. T. U. Bro. W. B. Carter, who will line up in the near future. Bro. W. S. Sanders was a recent Washington visitor.

Bro. L. V. Williams spent a week in Louisville, relieved by Mr. W. B. Carter.

First and second Finney, Huron third and Addyston agency are open for bids.

Get after the new men and get them started right.

Two tricks have been abolished in the dispatcher's office at Eighth street, making the side-wire man work ten hours, and the second and third trick dispatchers do two men's work. "Mr." Ballard, third Eighth street, forgot to bump until the ten days' limit had elapsed. A man with a card and a copy of our schedule would not overlook his seniority rights. Bro. Stanton "copped" the schedule book from "RH" tower while Ballard was looking over the job.

Only four nons left on Cincinnati terminals, probably waiting for another increase.

Loogootee is a solid non office. You all know where it is, brothers, get busy. C. F. Gibson, third there, had a card but dropped it while at North Vernon. He is a "good old scout," but was imposed on at North Vernon by "Boomers." Get him back, and he will help to get the others.

Now Bro. Stanton's address is 114½ W. 7th street, Cincinnati, Ohio, and Bro. Hill's is 4803 Ravenna avenue, Madisonville, Ohio; items sent to either of them will be gladly received and sent in for publication as received. Send a line or two, and do not forget "No card, no favors."

We will try and have some news of our committee, who are on the "war path" for a new schedule, by next month.

CERTS. 2918 and 3029.

Illinois Division—

Bro. J. M. Peck died March 8th in the Springfield (Ill.) Hospital, fifty-five years of age. He had been agent and operator at Farmingdale, Ill., for thirty-two years. He was a member of the Order almost from the time of its institution, and

through his untiring efforts as local and general chairman secured some of the best concessions for the boys on the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern. After securing a revised schedule for them, they presented him with a gold watch, which he treasured very highly; while in later years he was not active in the Order on account of being afflicted with rheumatism, he never lost interest in its welfare. His honesty, fairness and loyalty made him friends wherever he went, and "he never sacrificed a friend."

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Flett of the Presbyterian Church, of which he was an active member. Bro. Peck was also a member of the Masonic Lodge, at Pleasant Plains, Ill.; the pallbearers being John Kneedson and Charles Pickett, of Farmingdale; N. E. Rawles and Earl Purvines, of Pleasant Plains, representing that fraternity, and G. L. Conner, of Rochester, and A. F. Tate, of Beecher City, representing the O. R. T.

The O. R. T. has lost one of its best and most valued members, and all whose good fortune it was to know him feel very keenly their great loss.

Too much praise can not be given those who completed the arrangements for the funeral, among whom was F. E. Goldsby, of Flora, Ill., an old-time friend of Bro. Peck, a former member, and Bro. C. Segelhorst and V. A. Tate, of Springfield. Bro. Allen, of Taylorville, arranged for the beautiful floral emblem, which was a fitting tribute to the memory of the noble brother, which the members of Baltimore and Ohio Division 33 will ever treasure.

Fraternally,

L. R. PORTER, L. C.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Our heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom and goodness, has deemed it best to cause our esteemed Bro. J. M. Peck to be called to the great beyond; and

WHEREAS, We realize that in the death of Bro. Peck we have lost a true and loyal brother; therefore, in manifestation of our sorrow and fraternal sympathy, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of Baltimore and Ohio Division, No. 33, extend to the friends and relatives our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in this sad hour; and be it

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved relatives, a copy spread on the minutes of this division, and a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

L. R. PORTER,

A. F. TATE,

R. M. ALLEN,

Committee.

Chicago Division, West End—

Bro. H. O. Porter, while attending the funeral of his brother, was relieved by Bro. L. E. Demango, of the Wabash. Bro. Porter has our deepest sympathy.

Bro. J. B. Jaulkner, third "M," being sick one night caused Bros. Ruckman and Thornton to double.

N. E. Bailey, rule examiner, is now back on first "KN."

Bro. M. A. Slyder's position as clerk to Chief Dispatcher abolished, and he bumped Bro. C. F. Moses, second "KN," who bumped Bro. W. C. Otto, third "NA," to the extra list.

Bro. Harvey visited in Michigan recently, getting a supply of maple sugar and syrup.

Telegrapher Jones off sick, relieved by Telegrapher Redmond. "CH" at "KN."

C. & E. I. R. R., Div. No. 34.

Chicago Division, Danville District—

The mother of Bro. C. G. Price, second Ross-ville Jct., was burned so severely while attempting to revive the fire in her cook stove by pouring kerosene on some live coals, causing the can to explode, that she died within a few hours. His father, also burned very badly while trying to extinguish the flames, was taken to the Danville hospital, where he will have to remain for some time.

Bro. G. T. Goodson was off a couple of weeks.

Bro. Edgar Keefe was off thirty days with the mumps.

Coal Bluff third bid in by C. V. Oliver; freight house Brazil by Bro. J. C. Acklemeir, and "XN" by R. J. Guthrie.

Glad to see ex-Bro. L. S. Willis back after several months' illness.

Bro. S. O. Frankenberger, Woodland Station, off a few days, was relieved by Relief Agent Beyers, and Bro. F. G. Holmes, off several days sick, by Bro. O. C. Hunt, who later bid in Ellis.

Bro. P. S. Lottinville while in Chicago was relieved by Bro. F. S. Allen; he also visited St. Anne.

It is now Bro. L. J. Snider at Martinton.

Ex-Bro. G. F. Chaney, first "WT," bid in first "MS" tower, relieved by ex-Bro. L. C. Todd.

Bro. O. A. Hixon was relieved a few days by R. M. Abernathy.

Bro. C. M. Smith, Brewer tower first, bid in third Jackson.

Bro. C. C. Hornbuckle, agent Pittwood, relieved a few days by Bro. L. E. Sherrill, of second there.

Bro. Fitzhenry doubled while Bro. A. Knopinski, second "HJ" tower, was attending court.

Bros. Harris, of St Anne, and Allen, of Papi-neau, have acquired quite a wrestling fame.

Wire Chief Miller was a recent visitor in Chicago.

Miss Grace Murphy, third Sollitt, has been visiting on the south end.

Ralph Coyer, night agent St. Anne, has resigned to attend the Dodge School of Telegraphy. Didn't know he had a school in his own office.

Boys, send me all the items of interest you can; it will be appreciated. Div. Cor.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom and goodness, has deemed it best to call to her heavenly home the beloved mother of our Bro. G. C. Price, of Rossville, Ill.; and

WHEREAS, We realize that our brother has been called upon to face the darkest hour of his life in this greatest sorrow, the sorrow that comes to us all but once in life in all its bitterness; therefore be it

Resolved, That we embrace this the first opportunity of publicly expressing to our bereaved brother and family the heartfelt sympathy of each brother individually and the confidence of the membership of C. & E. I. Division No. 34, and in so doing, be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to our bereaved brother and family, also a copy be spread on the minutes of the division, and a copy forwarded to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

P. S. LOTTINVILLE,

J. V. PHILLIPS,

J. W. BEGBIE,

Committee.

Chicago Division, Villa Grove District—

It is now Bro. Hunt at Ellis, making that station solid.

J. G. McCloskey is on Gerald second, Sister Smith on sick list.

Bro. Ferguson is being relieved by C. A. Hartman.

Miss Scranton, second Fountain Creek, on leave, relieved by J. O. Yeatzel.

It is now Bro. Johnson, first Goodwine.

Miss Wilson, third Reilly, on vacation, relieved by P. R. Selsor.

Bro. V. L. Burton is back from a trip through the South and Southwest.

Bro. Murphy, third Boyce, on vacation, relieved by G. E. Dewitt.

Bro. J. H. Siner, first "VG" tower, is on vacation, relieved by E. Young. Mr. Grimm, third "VG," recently married, while off on account of sickness of his mother, was relieved by C. A. Hartman. Bro. C. E. Rusk, second "VG," has gone with the Rock Island at Rock Island, Ill., and we lose a good brother; relieved by J. G. McCleskey pending bulletin.

Bro. Hendrich, third Bongard, off a few days, relieved by G. E. Dewitt.

Mr. Ragan is back as agent at Longview.

Miss B. M. Wilson, third Reilly, on ten-day vacation, relieved by an extra.

Business is on the boom. Everybody stick close, stay awake and give the dispatchers the best you have.

Thanks to Bros. Burton, Smith and Cert. 583 for notes. Send them in each month, and I will do the rest. Div. Cor.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Our heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom and love, has deemed it best to call from our midst to her eternal home, where parting and sorrows are unknown, the beloved wife of our

friend and brother, J. J. Ferguson; in manifestation of our fraternal sympathies in this hour of grief, be it

Resolved, That the members of Division 34, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the sorrowing brother and relatives their most sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their great bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved husband, and a copy printed in THE TELEGRAPHER.

W. E. HICKS,
T. E. WILSON,
R. BOGGS,

Committee.

CARD OF THANKS.

I wish to extend, through THE TELEGRAPHER, my appreciation and heartfelt thanks to the brothers on the Illinois Division for the beautiful floral offering and for the many expressions of sympathy and kindness in my great sorrow.

J. J. FERGUSON.

Villa Grove, Ill., March 18, 1914.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, God, in His infinite wisdom and universal love, has seen fit to call from her earthly home to Himself the beloved mother of Bro. C. E. McFerrin; be it

Resolved, That although we bow in submission to the will of our Father who knows best, we are grieved because of the sorrow that has come to the home and family of our brother; and be it further

Resolved, That in token of our sympathy we forward a copy of these resolutions to the bereaved family, and have a copy printed in THE TELEGRAPHER.

W. E. HICKS,
W. H. WYCOFF,
C. E. KELLY,

Committee.

Evansville Division—

Bro. E. M. Goodwin assigned to Vincennes siding. Bro. C. O. Agee, second Princeton, was recently married. Congratulations.

Bro. McClery was off a few days on a visit to Terre Haute, relieved by Bro. C. W. Williams.

Bro. W. M. Kirsch is talking of going West again. He was recently appointed night baggage agent at Evansville.

H. C. Griffith is slowly improving from an attack of malaria.

Bro. C. W. Williams relieved Bro. G. S. Duncan on account of sickness.

Bro. Rip West, while visiting home folks at Cory, was relieved by O. N. Melton.

Bros. D. A. Jostin and E. D. Coble just returned from a trip in Florida with about a bushel of oranges they picked off the trees themselves.

We have twenty out of twenty-six agents and operators on the Washington District in good standing, but we can make it 100 per cent if we will all get after the six still out. If you will write me, I will be glad to give you their names.

Mr. Yaw, third Pimento, was off a few days on account of sickness, relieved by Mr. Evans, a new man, who promises to come in.

Boys, send me all the items you can by the 25th of each month. D. A. J., "CO."

Pere Marquette R. R., Div. No. 39.

To All Members Chicago District—

All matters heretofore handled by me will in the future be handled directly by Bro. H. W. Smith, until such time as my successor can be duly appointed. A. A. JACOB.

Chicago Division—

Bro. "Pick" Edmunds bid in third "RD."

Bro. Ward Bridgman bid in first Michigan City. vice Bro. Bowerman, deceased, Bro. Morris taking "GE," and relieved by Bro. Sadler, "DN," and he by Bro. Marshall at "US."

Sunday evening, March 15th, Bro. Everhart discovered fire in the postoffice at East Saugatuck and turned in an alarm. Before the flames were under control the blacksmith shop and a general store were destroyed, but the two fire companies succeeded in checking the flames and preventing further loss of property. Bro. Everhart was mailed a vote of thanks by the city council.

Bro. D. H. Jackson, agent McDonald, on sick list, relieved by Bro. Hoyt..

Bro. Henderson, agent and operator St. Joe, relieved by Bro. Peterson, on account of his position at Laporte being closed some time ago.

Bro. Smith bid in second Grand Jct., relieved at "SR" on bid by ex-Bro. Dixon.

J. J. Waite, agent Porter, goes to Hart as telegrapher, relieved by W. D. Witherell.

Bros. O'Brien and Green will have a hurdle race at the next meeting. Let us all endeavor to bring an application at that time.

Order your "WU" supplies now.

Bro. Stockwell has sold his interest in the K. L. S. and C. Ry. RUDOLPH.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Our heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom and goodness, has deemed it best to call to the great beyond our esteemed brother, A. D. Clink, and we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well; and

WHEREAS, We realize that in the death of Bro. Clink we have lost a true and loyal brother; therefore, in manifestation of our sorrow and fraternal sympathy, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of Pere Marquette Division No. 39 extend to the sorrowing relatives our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in this sad hour of their bereavement; be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved family, a copy spread upon the minutes of this division, and a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

R. M. BURR,
O. N. RICH,
J. N. GOSZEN,

Committee.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, has deemed it best to call to her heavenly home the beloved wife of Bro. William Ross; and

WHEREAS, We bow in humble submission to Him that doeth all things well; therefore, be it Resolved, That we, the members of the Pere Marquette Division No. 39, extend to the sorrowing members of the family and brother our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved brother, a copy spread upon the minutes of this division, and a copy sent to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

J. B. HOOPER,
GEO. E. BIRD,
O. N. RICH,
Committee.

CARD OF THANKS.

WHITE CLOUD, MICH., March 10, 1914.

We wish to thank the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, Pere Marquette Division No. 39, for the beautiful floral offering received during our bereavement. The sympathy of our friends during these sad hours was greatly appreciated.

WM. ROSS AND FAMILY.

Chesapeake & Ohio Ry., Div. No. 40.

Mountain and James River Districts—

I haven't sent in a write-up recently owing to illness at the time the items should have gone in. Brothers, no one sent me the changes as requested several times through the journal, and working a third trick makes it impossible for me to get them.

Bro. W. S. Goode, on return from his honeymoon at the home of his parents in Powhatan, relieved his brother-in-law, Bro. W. S. Acord, on sick list.

Bro. R. A. Cutler, on vacation, relieved by Bro. H. L. Simpson, who later bumped Bro. H. C. Worley, third "AN."

Bro. M. J. Putnam, on sick leave, relieved by Bro. O. C. Stinnett, is considering a proposition at Danville, Va., to take up the practice of law entirely.

Bro. S. W. Noell has gone to Key West, Fla., to see the land he purchased there several years ago.

Bro. G. T. Keller, relieved at Haden by A. P. Caldwell, on thirty days' leave, was pressed into service at Tyree while Bro. C. E. Spitzer was helping to sell Easter flowers, and later relieved Bro. E. W. Coleman at "UD" account of sickness.

Bro. J. G. Thompson, who relieved Bro. L. G. Bear, second Stapleton, while off on account of the death of his brother-in-law, later relieved on first at "RA" while Bro. R. L. Fletcher took his daughter to a specialist at Baltimore.

Bro. H. C. Anders, owing to nerve trouble, is unable to use his right arm; C. W. Orange relieving.

It is now Bro. Linkenhoker, agent Springwood.

Bro. G. S. Campbell, agent Balcony Falls, is on a sixty-day leave attending to his orange crop in Florida; relieved by Bro. H. F. Thomas.

Bro. W. L. Waugh is spending his vacation pounding brass for the Florida East Coast; relieved here by Bro. H. G. Peters.

Bro. W. H. Milloway, Griffith nights, took his vacation in January.

A new depot is being built at Swoope, the old one being burned the night of March 7th. Bro. H. P. McClung probably can't help but "snicker up his sleeve."

Bro. R. A. Cutler, second Staunton, continues on sick list, Bro. O. B. Boswell relieving; Bro. W. M. May relieved by Bro. H. C. Worley.

Bro. M. P. Keller, while off moving his family, was relieved by W. R. Bennett.

Bro. L. L. Strickland assigned agency Barbers Creek, vice Bro. W. A. Woody.

Mr. G. has told some who were refused their vacation money that hereafter those entitled to a vacation would have to lose as much as fifteen days all at one time in order to get it. This will keep the old hard-shells and other nons from getting what rightly belongs to the extra men. Brothers, we should busy ourselves getting in these nons. If you have not received a copy of Bro. Shuey's letter dated Craigsville, Va., January 28, 1914, showing who the nons are on this division, write him for one. They are all good men, but they are not treating their fellow men right who help to buy their meat and bread. Get your journal for February, turn to page 292, and show the non you are working with the article written by the division correspondent of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois R. R., Illinois Division, and let him see himself as others see him. If he has any excuse to make after reading that article, why he should not join the O. R. T., he is hopeless, no good to himself or anyone else; in other words, a public nuisance. CERT. 579.

Richmond Division—

Let's keep our correspondent posted relative to changes and have a write-up each month.

Bro. Ancree, from Bremono, relieved by Bro. E. B. Taylor, and Bro. Ancree, from Hanover, relieved by Bro. Binford, have just returned from a trip to Florida. The brother at Bremono is expecting an alligator by freight, which he captured while south.

Bro. Winn relieved Lindsay, while Bro. Taylor, relieved at Bremono.

Dispatcher Belton is on the sick list. We hope he will soon be able to resume duty.

Boys, don't forget that good service means to give the company your undivided time while on duty.

Bro. Beckham, second trick dispatcher Gordonsville, was off a few days, relieved by Bro. Ruzzner.

Bro. Thacker, third trick dispatcher Gordonsville, and Bro. Flanagan, second Keswick, made a business trip to Charlottesville recently.

Recent assignments: Bro. Jones to second "JW," relieved on first "GS" by Bro. Orrock, relieved

on second there by Bro. Whitfield, of second Saber, now on bulletin.

Vote is now on for local chairman, the candidates being Bros. Colley and Scott.

Bro. Chewing, third Keswick, spent a week recently with relatives in Washington, D. C., and Brems, Va.; relieved by Bro. Holloway.

Bro. Carr, first Strathmore, has returned from a pleasant trip to Florida.

Notify your chairman of any nons on your division, and help him make the division solid.

CERT. 514.

Hinton Division—

Bro. Mike Pfadt advanced from second to first Allegheny; L. Rucker bid in the agency there.

A. F. Bryson, agent Fayette, bid in Eccles agency, and Bro. Alderson bid in Fayette.

O. P. Ball, agent Cotton Hill, relieved by C. R. Gleason.

C. C. Hoffman, while off getting married, was relieved by D. S. Older.

White Sulphur third and second Fort Spring are now advertised.

We are practically solid on the Mountain and New River Districts, and those not referred to as brother, was only a saving of repetition.

E. V. Bleau, of Meadow Creek, is relieving on second Prince.

C. B. Seldon, maintainer of electric signals at Hinton, W. Va., for several years, who has given the best of service, is now lineman at Huntington. He has our best wishes for success.

Our districts have had several official changes recently—the combining of scattered forces into a central one and also the elimination of smaller officials seems the order of the day.

Attendance at meetings is good, but we can make it better. Come, all of you, and compare notes once a month.

Div. Com.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, God, who knoweth best and doeth all things well, has called from her earthly home the dearly beloved mother of our esteemed brother, W. F. Challenger; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of C. & O. System, Division No. 40, O. R. T., extend to the bereaved brother and family our deepest sympathy in this their greatest earthly loss; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the sorrowing and bereaved brother, a copy placed on file in our lodge room and a copy sent THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

J. J. HOLT,

J. W. PRICE,

W. J. RENNER,

Committee.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, God, in His all-wise providence, has deemed it best to take from this earth the brother of our esteemed brother, J. E. Bauer; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of C. & O. System, Division No. 40, O. R. T., extend to the bereaved brother and family our sympathy in their bereavement, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent the bereaved brother, a copy placed on file in our lodge room and a copy sent THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

J. J. HOLT,

J. W. PRICE,

W. J. RENNER,

Committee.

Erie R. R., Div. No. 42.

New York Division—

Our regular meeting at Jersey City on Monday evening, March 16th, was fairly well attended.

Vice-President Pierson gave some valuable advice and information, as usual, which we should all appreciate and comply with. We are always pleased to have Bro. Pierson visit us.

General Chairman Husted also surprised us with his appearance, and gave a good line-up on his work.

Several visiting brothers were also present from the L. I., including Bro. Leonard. We all appreciate these visits, and hope they will be more frequent hereafter, and that many of the other brothers will meet with us.

The brothers from the L. I. gave us some good points, which, if we follow, will put us in better shape than at present. We are contemplating a visit ourselves to the L. I. brothers in the near future, although it will mean an all-night jaunt for our delegation.

Bro. Coleman is out for business. Put him wise to the "hard shells," and he will try to land them. He can not do it all, however, and each member should become an organizer.

The recent D. & H. strike is an object lesson. It was a great victory for us as well as the other brotherhoods, and shows that co-operation is the quickest and only way to get successful results. With the assistance of the four other brotherhoods, unlimited strength is assured. This is the class we belong with, and hope to see it discussed more frequently and carried out throughout the entire country.

Senate Bill 238 is similar to the one introduced in New York State some time ago, compelling railroads to give all men in the operating department handling trains by telegraph or telephone two days off each month. We all hope this bill will be passed and become a law and be complied with. We certainly need at least two days off a month, and there is no other occupation where a man should labor 365 days a year.

Bro. Scascraft, third "HX," while off was relieved by Operator Noonan.

Third "BJ" is up for bids.

Bro. Ready is on the sick list, relieved by Mr. Bowen. We hope for his speedy recovery.

We hear Bro. Henion, first "SJ," is soon to fall heir to his back pay. Hope it's true. He is certainly deserving of it.

Send your items to the division correspondent through Bro. Coleman, so we can have a line-up throughout the whole division and side lines. It is impossible for one or two to cover it all.

During the recent blizzard Bro. Dean made quite a name for himself by removing telegraph poles and other obstructions from the track and assisting No. 157 to Newburgh Jct.

The territory west of Suffern, which a few months ago was barely 60 per cent, is now fast approaching the 98 per cent mark.

Bro. Bucher bid in "NJ" first, and Bro. Mat Brown second there.

Bro. Morgan Sweeney is at "JY" dispatcher's office again, and making good, as usual.

"MQ," situated far from the main line, where the brothers seldom have an opportunity to attend meetings, shows a solid front, with Bros. Garland, Angelo and Custer in charge.

Bro. McNamara and another brother visited Newark recently. Div. Cor., Cert. 85.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, our heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom and goodness, has deemed it best to call to her home the beloved mother of our esteemed brother, M. S. Earl, of Harriman, N. Y.; and

WHEREAS, We, the members of System Division 42, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well; therefore be it

Resolved, That we extend to the sorrowing brother our fraternal sympathy in his sad bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be placed upon the minutes of the division, a copy sent to Bro. Earl and to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

S. H. FAIRSERVIER,

E. J. BUCHER,

A. H. HAGERMAN,

Committee.

Susquehanna Division—

Your scribe was again confined to bed with laryngitis when the write-up for March should have been sent in, and requested several brothers to write up something, but they failed to do so. Each division of the Erie should have a write-up every month.

Bros. Husted, Gallagher and Hesser went to Deposit and audited the books of General Secretary and Treasurer Bridge, which we found in first-class condition and every cent accounted for. We might look for a long time before we would find a man better qualified to hold this position.

Friday night, March 20th, we held two well-attended meetings at Delevan House, Elmira. Bros. Husted, Bridge and Gallagher were present at both meetings, and gave very interesting talks on the general situation and all matters regarding our welfare. It was a great treat for us to have these three brothers with us, as it isn't often we have this pleasure.

Bro. C. R. Elliott, local chairman of the P. R. R., also gave us an interesting and able talk

on matters pertaining to our cause. Bro. Elliott's presence was also highly appreciated by the brothers of old 42. It is with pleasure that we welcome the P. R. R. brothers to our meetings. They have a standing invitation to meet with us on all occasions, and will be assured a cordial welcome. We will notify your local chairman of all meetings in time for him to get notice to you.

We trust that the remarks made by the brothers at these meetings will be deeply impressed on the minds of those present, especially in regard to each brother considering himself an organizer individually, so we can do a wonderful lot of good in convincing some of these nons why they should stand for their own interest instead of against it. There are just two positions in this matter, "for" and "against." The non may say he is with us, but as long as he stays out he is dead against us, not only working against us, but also working against himself, and the worst of it is that he knows this.

A general manager recently told a committee if it had the membership it would not have been necessary to have taken a strike vote.

Men on this division whom we have gotten as much as \$20 increase are still nons, and are asking when we are going to get them some more. Now, Mr. Non, read this over carefully, have your wife read it and explain to her what an unmanly part you are taking in this matter, and I believe she will advise you to do a man's part.

Bro. E. F. Ferguson has taken Horseheads agency. We congratulate him on his promotion.

Bro. Evans bid in first Binghamton.

Bro. Chester Stahl, from the P. R. R., has been transferred to Division 42. We gladly welcome him, and hope he will soon land a steady job.

We deeply regret the death of our fellow-telegrapher, M. Cronin, March 18th, at Elmira, one of the old-timers on this division. His death caused deep sorrow among his many friends here, and we of Division 42 extend our heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved family.

I wish to thank the brothers for the good turnout on March 20th. I assure you Bros. Husted, Bridge, Gallagher and Elliott appreciated the courtesy. Div. Cor.

Delaware and Jefferson Divisions—

We are getting ready for our spring campaign for betterment in conditions and wage scale, and need the assistance of every man in our department. There is no excuse for anyone not carrying an up-to-date card. All have received increases, and those who are not with us are against us.

Our lady monitor, Miss Theresa Connors, has resigned from the dispatcher's office, and now writes her name "Mrs."

Bro. Bridge relieved Mr. Ambrose on the Jefferson Division wire in dispatcher's office at Susquehanna, and Mr. Bush relieved Bro. Gallagher, second "DV."

Agent Sherman, of Hale Eddy, has resigned, relieved on bid by Mr. Shanley.

J. McAndrew, of Hankins, bid in "KI" third. Callicoon agency bid in by Agent Gibheart, vice Agent Bush.

Assistant Agent Sheehan, of Lackawaxen, bid in agency Shohola.

J. Vanaken bid in first "BG," relieved on second by Mr. Webster, from Cochection.

Allen McGuire relieved White "UB" second.

Mr. Gallaway takes third "CP;" Mr. Lowery, third "SQ," and Edwards, of Shohola, second "TU."

Items from any of the brothers would be appreciated, so we could have something in THE TELEGRAPHER each month. Your chairman can not secure all the items.

The meeting at Susquehanna on March 19th was well attended, considering the bad weather, by both brothers and nons. General Chairman Husted explained the happenings of interest to all, and outlined the work we are about to take up. This will be repeated in the near future. Come and learn what is going on.

Bro. Hesser, of Elmira, with General Chairmen Husted and Gallagher, audited Secretary Bridge's books and found them in No. 1 shape, as usual.
PROP.

Mahoning Division—

T. C. Eddy recently lost his wife by death, after a long illness. We all extend sympathy.

Kerr went to "SB" and "NE" pending bids.

Bailey, on an extended visit to Florida, was relieved by Ferguson.

Collopy, off on account of sickness, relieved by Heckman.

Elliott entertains the crowd Sundays on the dispatcher's phone with selections from his graphophone.

Kelly bid in second at "P," and Hemple second "SB."

Spencer, off visiting several days.

Perry off sick, relieved by McMahon.

Gellette relieved Marvin, on vacation 90 days.

Jones, called to Chicago on account of sickness of his son, was relieved by Smith.

Cassidy was visiting in Cleveland several days, and Pierson visited the railroad show in Chicago.

Look in the journal and see how many join each month. How many of these have you sent in? No other profession has as many opportunities for advancement as the telegrapher. Millions of dollars have been granted in increase of wages and shorter hours obtained. If we would all get after the nons, the Order would not have to give valuable prizes for securing new members, but this is no reason why you should not secure one of these prizes yourself. Hustle and get your share. If the nons are approached in the proper manner, you can get their applications.

Mail your journal to some non; then call on him with an application blank and a rate card. The local chairman has plenty of them, and will mail you all you can use. The Order is conducted on business principles, and will bear investigation.

"SLATS."

Canadian Northern Ry., Div. No. 43.

Fifteen new members admitted to Division 43 during the month of February, eight by initiation and seven by transfer. Seven hundred and ninety-six members in good standing at close of year 1913, as compared with 657 members at close of 1912, an increase of 21 per cent.

G. H. PALMER,
General Secretary-Treasurer.

Western Division, First District—

Signs of activity are apparent in business conditions, and traffic at the present time is equal to the same period in last year on this division, and this district has shipped 7,000 cars of grain of the 1913 crop, which indicates prosperous conditions.

Bro. Card, of Star City, will take six months' leave on account of ill-health. We hope he will be with us again at the end of that time in the best of condition.

Bro. Fizell has returned to Hudson Bay Jct. from a short vacation; relieved by Bro. R. S. Henderson.

Bro. Harper is at the lonesome job at Ceba on the Hudson Bay subdivision.

Bro. Barr is relieving at Minitonas until regular agent is appointed.

Bro. Mullin has been assigned to Togo, vice Bro. Dwyer resigned.

All of the men who were laid off the first of the year, on account of slack business, have returned to work either regular or on relief, and there will be plenty of work from now on.

Bro. McLeod, of Canora, called East by the illness of his father, was relieved by Bro. A. W. Butler, and later by Bro. R. A. Craven.

Bro. Ouellette, of Kamsack, had an extended trip to the East, taking in some of the big cities, relieved by Bro. Martin.

The C. N. R. Debating Society, at Dauphin, has received a new impetus by the acquisition of a talented debater in the person of Bro. A. V. Benoit.
CERT. 52.

Western Division, Third District—

Bro. Healey is now owl at Warman, vice Bro. Wert to Big Valley days.

Bro. J. J. Wilson, agent Clyde, resigned, going to California.

Bro. Henry is now at Radisson nights, vice Bro. Campbell, off on account of reduction.

Mr. Matthews appointed agent Rocky Ford on Calgary Branch.

Bro. Stevenson, now agent Lamont, relieved by Bro. Oliver at Dalmeny agency on bid, relieved at Bruno, pending bulletin, by Bro. Toop, from Lashburn nights, and he by Bro. Finnegan.

Bro. Tilley bid in Clyde agency, relieved at Howell by Bro. Altwater, train agent on Athabasca branch.

Bro. Stevenson did not like the looks of Lamont so bid in Mundare agency, relieved by Bro. Menzie at Lamont.

Bro. M. O. Farrell goes to Calgary days. We hate to have "Mike" leave the main line. He visits old friends in Edmonton before leaving.

Cardiff station closed, Bro. Hicks acting agent Clyde until regular agent appointed, and then relieved Bro. Akin, agent, Athabasca landing, on holidays.

Business is rushing on the Calgary subdivision since trains have been running into Calgary, and two more extra train crews put on.

Some good positions will soon open on the Calgary and Brazeau branches and main line west of Edmonton.

Bro. Woods, agent Warman, while spending a few days on the farm, was relieved by Bro. Stevenson.

Bro. Ryan, agent Mundare, bid in Vegreville agency, making it solid again.

A grievance committee has been appointed for the Third District consisting of Bros. Chard, Douglas and Stevenson. "Getting more up-to-date every day."

Bro. Elliott, Vegreville nights, bid in Bruno, and Bro. M. O'Farrell, Howell agency.

Bro. Savage, a new man from the East, is at Cardiff.

Bro. LePage, agent St. Albert, on holidays, was relieved by Bro. Grant, who relieved Bro. Fallow at Maymont several weeks.

Bro. Guigere, from C. P. R., is at Big Valley nights.

Brothers, let's have a meeting at least every two months, haven't had one on Battleford Subdivision for five months. We should get some understanding as to what rights we are going to have in British Columbia, nothing definite about our rights west of Edmonton in our schedule now. The trainmen and enginemen have it right in their schedule, but we are away behind as usual. Better get busy, or we will miss some fine jobs in "BC." Send notes to "FD," so we can have a good write-up every month.

Bros. S. J. H. and D. J. B.

First District, Central Division—

We are sorry to learn of the illness of Bro. Revell, night chief "WI" office. His cheery "OK R GE" is missed by the boys along the line. His speedy recovery is hoped for. Mr. Bruyere has returned from a three months' visit to eastern Canada, taking a trick in "WI" temporarily, vice Bro. Patton, acting night chief in "WI" during the illness of Bro. Revell. Bro. Hayes, "WI," recently spent Sunday with friends in Gilbert Plains.

Bro. Bougher bid in Gypsumville.

Bro. Simpson, Emerson Jct. nights, makes a visit to Winnipeg occasionally. Bro. Thom, third Portage, also spent a Sunday in Winnipeg recently.

Bro. James, second Portage, is "baching," his wife having gone East for a few months.

All branches of the service has been reduced severely, owing to slack business.

CERT. 859.

Second and Third Districts—

Recent bulletin appointments: Bro. Desmarais, Ronco to Cardinal, vice Bro. D. B. Dover, relieving at Deerfield; Bro. J. T. Dorsett to Clanwilliam, vice Bro. Connolly, on extra list; Bro. F. H. Sommerville, Neepawa Jct., vice Bro. Desmarais; Bro. F. McLennan, Decker, reopened; Bro. R. A. Hay, Langruth, vice Bro. McGreevy; Bro. J. J. McGreevy, Pleasant Point, vice Bro. Clifford, into train service; Bro. H. J. McGill, Inwood, reopened; Bro. D. Brown, Neelin, reopened.

Bro. Taylor has returned from a trip South. Anyone wishing any information about Southern railroads write "GO" at "GS."

Bro. T. W. Hayes spent the week-end renewing acquaintances with friends at Roblin.

Mr. Carroll is relieving Bro. Fenety, on the sick list.

Bro. M. Hutter, nights Russell, spent the week-end with his mother at Winnipeg.

Bro. C. H. Simpson, while visiting friends in Winnipeg, was relieved by Bro. Connolly.

Bro. Arnaud, at Greenway, is taking care of Mr. Richens, at Holmfield, the non who claims he can get along without the assistance of the O. R. T.

Bro. McLean, of Gladstone, on sick leave, is being relieved by Bro. R. L. Ravin.

We now can say Bro. F. Lea, at Brunkild.

Mr. Marshall and Mr. Richens, at Swan Lake and Holmfield, are still hanging out, so we can not call the Second District solid.

Bro. Sievers is now working second trick on branches, and Bro. Skelding on swing, and Bro. Ladd is second on main line.

Bro. Fink is contemplating a trip to North Dakota early this summer.

Bro. Dench has returned from the East, much improved in health and happy in the possession of a brand new daughter. It keeps "Hank" busy now, catching enough sleep in the day time, as the new arrival has a splendid pair of lungs.

MAC.

Rapid City Sub. Division, Third District—

The long cold spell has broken at last and we are now enjoying spring-like weather.

Isabella and Decker stations were closed on January 15th, but a delegation of the Board of Trade from the former place interviewed the officials with the result that the station was reopened January 22d, having been closed only one week. Bro. W. O. Davies, former agent there, bid it in. Decker reopened March 2d. Former agent, Bro. MacLennan, bidding it in. These two brothers filled the position of caretakers at their respective stations during the period they were closed, which gave them an opportunity to enjoy the winter sports. A number of jack rabbits fell victims to their deadly aim.

Nearly all elevators on this branch are filled with grain and business should improve with the arrival of real spring weather.

CERT. 421.

Halifax & South Western Ry., Div. No. 43.

Bro. Jollymore was in Halifax to meet Bro. Robertson and the superintendent in regard to increase, so brothers and sisters keep up courage, we'll get it yet, and don't forget your cards; remember the motto, "No card, no favors."

"BILL."

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, God, in His infinite wisdom, has seen fit to call to his reward the father of our beloved brother, H. T. Copp; in manifestation of our love and fraternal sympathy, be it

Resolved, That the members of H. & S. W. District, Division 43, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to our brother and family our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in this dark hour; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to our sorrowing brother, a copy spread on the minutes of this division and a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

H. G. JOLLYMORE,
H. W. STORY,
D. R. McLELLAN,
H. M. SMITH,
A. L. NICKERSON,
Committee.

Central of Georgia Ry., Div. No. 46.**Columbus Division—**

The more members we have the better showing we stand at Savannah. It is now Bro. L. K. Sides relieving at "SD." A good fellow, a good operator and some dispatcher. We are glad to have him with us. It is also Bro. Featherstone, who relieved Bro. Coleman, Union Springs, ten days.

Bro. R. I. Winfree, third Opelika, spent ten days at Hamilton, Ga., relieved by Frank Hill.

Some of the conductors are not giving us a square deal on the "fone" proposition. Be sure they don't use yours. One of them seems to like the fone so well that we are thinking of buying him one.

Understand there are several corrections to be made in our seniority list before it can be printed.

Send your local chairman a copy of your bids, so he can be sure we all get what's coming to us.

Bro. Houston, who relieved Bro. Carlisle, agent Inverness, and Bro. W. D. Corley, agent Colgate, off account sickness, later took the mumps, and was relieved by Bro. Cowdon, from Camp Hill.

Bro. Houston bid in third Goodwater.

There is some talk of a union passenger station at Sylacauga with the L. & N., which might help us some.

Bro. E. C. Norris, agent Luthersville, who has been off sick for some time, had a relapse; Mr. Newberry relieving.

Agent Seale, off with eye trouble, relieved by L. W. Owen.

Third Trick Dispatcher Connelly, attending dispatchers' meeting Jacksonville, Fla., relieved by Extra Dispatcher Sides.

Wm. Crye, agent Hamilton, off with smallpox, relieved by Bro. "SW" Miles, who later took the measles, relieved by J. O. Bolt, who also relieved Bro. G. F. Pollard while hunting; Bro. J. D. Wallis, agent Jackson Gap, and Bro. Darling, at Roanoke, a few days.

Bro. P. G. Moss, agent Ellaville, was in Columbus seeing the bright lights recently.

Bro. Goodwin's mother, at Sylacauga, is very low. We hope for her speedy recovery.

We have only three nons in our territory now and whom we expect to line up soon to save correspondence and work for chief dispatcher and everybody. Brothers, kindly try and render your "form 59" promptly, daily and correctly.

Bro. E. N. Ream, Margaret Jct., off a few days, was relieved by Bro. Houston, who also relieved Bro. C. J. Conaway, Jr., a day or so.

Bro. A. M. Warlick, Opelika, lost his brother at Cusseta recently. He has our sympathy.

First Goodwater cut off for the summer. Bro. Rawls, the agent, will do the telegraphing. Bro. Brown to second and Bro. Featherstone takes clerk's job.

Bro. Wilkerson is trying for one of the premiums and has seventeen already. If he gets many more he will have to go off this division. He owns a half interest in this write-up, and there is always room for one more. Anything sent to B. F. Jinnett or C. J. Conaway, Jr., Box 114, Leeds, Ala., sure will be appreciated and we can have a write-up every month.

CERTS. 478 AND 590.

Ann Arbor Ry., Div. No. 48.

Bro. Miller, third Hallet, while on his way home on his motorcycle was struck by an automobile and laid up several days with a badly sprained hand and arm; Bro. McCollum, local chairman, relieved him.

Bro. E. E. Hisey, who was struck by a P. M. switch engine while going to work, had two ribs broken and his arm badly sprained, but is recovering rapidly.

Ex-Local Chairman Bro. G. E. Lanham is with us again and is now clerk to Mr. A. D. Cole, general yardmaster at Ottawa yard, who recently accepted a similar position with the Grand Trunk at Durand. He will be relieved by Mr. G. H. Smith, of Owosso, Mich.

The M. C. and A. A. have installed a new interlocker plant at Alexis. This is a three-trick tower and all solid O. R. T. men enjoying the benefits of the M. C. schedule, a difference of about \$20 to \$30 a month, due to the fact that the M. C. is 95 per cent solid. That is what we are going to make the A. A. Ry. We want to get all the boys lined up this coming spring. Dig our old schedule out of the attic, brighten it up and let the company know that we have one. Wake up, brothers, and send in some real live news for the journal each month, and let others know that we are still on the map. That will help some.

Bro. O. A. McCollum has been appointed local chairman, vice Bro. Terril, resigned.

There are plenty of good men on the road who with a little encouragement would get a new up-to-date card, especially the ex-brothers.

Several brothers belonging to other divisions will soon be transferred to this division.

Let our motto be "No card, no favors."

Business is fair and the Northern Michigan resort and Sunday excursion trains will soon be put on.

Anyone knowing some brother on the Third Division who would act as local correspondent kindly advise Bro. McCollum, local chairman, 526 Woodland Ave., Toledo, Ohio, so that each month we can have some items in THE TELEGRAPHER. Be sure and get all items to him on or before the 20th of each month. Every member be sure and send something. We have not had any items in for some time. Let us all get busy in earnest. CERT. 145.

Denver & Rio Grande R. R., Div. No. 49.

First Division—

California fruit movement east and tourist business west was pretty good during March.

Sister Washburn, Burnham, in the hospital, relieved by Bro. C. M. Morris. Mr. Triplett, Castle Rock, called to Denver by death of his brother, was relieved by Bro. J. W. Brooks.

Bro. F. C. Hogue, third Palmer Lake, off sick, relieved by Bro. Pearson.

Bro. J. M. Arnold appointed agent La Veta, Bro. Sipple returning to Trinidad, vice Bro. French, who bid in Colorado Springs third.

Bro. Sam Rohr now at Carlisle, Roush at Sample and Reed at Swissvale. Echo up for bid.

CERT. 41.

Fourth Division—

We wish to congratulate and heartily welcome the brothers who recently joined, as we feel that they will be an honor to our organization. The old brothers of this division are to be highly complimented on the good work they have done towards making Division 49 solid. There are only a few now on the outside. Let each member do his part and make this division 100 per cent.

Recent new members are: G. T. Bailey, H. W. Wallace, J. J. Graves (cashier Espanola), J. G. Sipple, J. A. Kuhn and J. E. Graves, agent Silvertown, who was a member about fifteen years until he left the telegraph service. Let's keep up the good work.

Bro. Grace, who relieved Calkins, clerk at Garland, while the latter was sick, is now considering an offer as timekeeper for the Trinchera Estate Company.

Bro. Sipple, who was suspended on account of some trouble with a captain of militia at La Veta, is now cashier at Trinidad.

Bro. O. G. Cummins, agent Lumberton, was off a few days, relieved by N. O. Orobins.

Surveyors are now working on the Hallock-Howard Lumber Co. spur from Caliente.

Business is getting better on the "Chili Line," loading cattle for Santa Fe, Espanola and Servilleta.

Osier station closed for the season March 11th, Bro. Smith returning to Denver.

We are glad to hear that Bro. McCully's smallest daughter is recovering, after a severe sickness.

Bro. Lively, of Cumbres, reports the columbines in bloom. He caught a couple of wolves and a coyote during the winter, but the foxes were too quick for him, if he is "Lively."

We are looking for three or four more applications before this goes to press, and hope to be able to announce them in the next issue of THE TELEGRAPHER. Things are brighter than ever. Do not stop until we land the rest of the nons, and remember our motto: "No card, no favors."

Wish to thank the brothers who sent me notes for our write-up this month. Keep up the good work, and we can have a line from this division each month. "CR."

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Our heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom, has deemed it best to call to the great beyond the beloved mother of our brother, J. F. Evans; in manifestation of our fraternal sympathy, be it

Resolved, That the members of D. & R. G. R. R. System Division No. 49, O. R. T., extend to the sorrowing brother and family their sincere sympathy in their great bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be placed on the minutes of the division, a copy sent to the bereaved brother, and a copy to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

A. E. ROBERTS,
F. W. MOORE,
J. H. BRANNAN,
Committee.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Our heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom, has deemed it best to call to her home the mother of our brother, R. S. Niswonger; in manifestation of our sympathy, be it

Resolved, That the members of D. & R. G. R. R. System Division No. 49, O. R. T., extend to the sorrowing brother our heartfelt sympathy in his bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved brother, a copy spread on the minutes of the division, and a copy forwarded to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

F. W. MOORE,
L. SUTTON,
J. H. BRANNAN,
Committee.

Southern Pacific Ry., Div. No. 53.

Portland District—

Beg Bro. G. H. Smith's pardon for requesting "somebody" in the February write-up to "get after" him. This is an error on my part. Bro. Smith is up-to-date.

Mr. L. R. Fields, after being with this road for some forty years, thirty-nine of which he was superintendent, has decided to retire from active railroad work. All classes of railroad men regret this very much, as we will have to go very far to find a man who always treated the men under him with the utmost appreciation of their services. There was a big fiesta given in his honor at Portland, on March 7th, which all the railroad men who could get away attended, there being some 300 present. The good things said about Mr. Fields at the dinner in his honor were well merited. He is a part of the history of one of the great railroad enterprises of Oregon. For a great many years he was the man behind the gun in the operation of the Southern Pacific system in this State. His career with the company began when a passenger train ran each way between Portland and Roseburg, another between Portland and Albany, and one between Portland and McMinnville on the west side constituted the entire train service. It was during his connection with the company that the line was built through from Roseburg to Redding and from McMinnville to Corvallis. From a crude system as the Oregon & California, then as a part of the Oregon & Transcontinental, and finally as the Southern Pacific, Mr. Fields was with the road in its process of expansion into a splendid system of smooth roadbed, excellent equipment and effective service. He was a part of that transformation, and by reason of the achievement has fairly earned the retirement and rest that should be the sequel to his long period of grave responsibility. Communities know little of the hosts of railroad workers. There is an army of them—able, conscientious, versatile, brilliant, honorable and amiable. They are a great trained body of highly skilled captains and lieutenants of transportation, who are the soul and life of the railroad systems. Our dear and always favor-giving superintendent, Lewis R. Fields, has been one of them for nearly a generation.

Local Chairman Boyd, on a grievance in Southern California, was relieved by Bro. G. H. Smith, as agent Oakland, and he by Bro. O. E. Duncanson, from the Puget Sound Electric Ry. Welcome to our ranks, Bro. Duncanson.

Bro. McDowell, extra agent Leland, has taken his assignment at Willamette Pac. Jct., relieved by F. L. Dolan.

The following is in the Los Angeles Division write-up for February:

"We must insist that not the slightest abuse of the schedule be tolerated, at the convenience of the company, or for the benefit of any special member. Slight abuses, if allowed to creep in from time to time, might destroy the effectiveness of portions of our agreement. This was the case of our schedule just superseded, where part of it became almost inoperative."

This you all know applies on this division as well, and positively must be lived up to.

Bro. G. F. King, agent Cottage Grove, off thirty days, was relieved by Bro. H. A. Tibbils, and he by Bro. McLemore.

Bro. J. E. Jacobson has gone to his assignment, third Roseburg, relieved at Harrisburg by Bro. Nicholas.

Bro. J. S. Prime said the call "Z" did not jibe with his sign "J," so has gone back to his old stand as agent Monmouth.

Bro. C. E. Deakins, first Eugene, has taken his assignment at Dallas, relieved by L. J. Wilkinson.

Assistant Superintendent Capt. May has returned from Arizona, where he went after his fall at Myrtle Creek.

Bro. Geo. D. Darrow, who took his wife on a hurry-up call to Stockton for an operation, has returned and relieved Bro. R. Hickman at Wolf Creek agency, who went to his assignment as agent Turner.

Bro. August Brunken, of Grants Pass third, taking lessons in tango dancing, is scheduled to appear shortly before Medford's 400s, to give them some lessons.

Bro. J. F. Knox, extra from Dallas, to second Glendale, relieving Bro. F. H. Newell, to his assignment third Brooklyn.

Bro. O. C. Purkeypyle, fourth Medford, is gradually moving the freight department into the passenger office, but notices no slump in business. From the way the Pro numbers are piling up he will probably have to go back on a twelve-hour trick to keep up with the times.

The boys on the O. W. R. & N. made good in the recent try for a new schedule, but I have not learned what they gained. Hope some brother from that line will favor me with some news about it, so I can give it to the rest.

Bro. T. M. Boyd is to blame for the seniority not being out as stated in the February issue. He figured out his station balance one night on the back of a corrected list, then burnt it up.

What excuse has Mr. Mahoney, at Grants Pass, for not coming in when the Order has secured an advance to his monthly pay check?

Bro. C. A. Nelson, from Turner to his assignment as agent Leland, relieving Bro. Damoshowski, in Portland, taking in the sights.

Bro. E. C. Simpson, agent West Fork, on a hunting trip, relieved by Bro. Crimp, he by Bro. Gaines, relieved by Bro. Lacey, who holds card dated 1889, the last year he telegraphed until now, when he had the misfortune to break his shoulder while on the P. E. & E. as conductor. He is known by the undersigned and is O. K. He certainly will come back in with us if he stays in this department.

Bro. Crimp, looking for some plan to reduce his weight before the hot weather sets in, was told to stop eating for a month, but declined.

Bro. Tom May, third Drain, while in Portland telling them about the war in Mexico, was relieved by Bro. Nicholas, who later relieved Bro. H. M. Wilcox, off for the same thing.

W. O. Miller, now with the Pac. Tel. & Tel. Co., Medford, made a hurry-up call to Portland recently, not having been there for some ten days.

Bro. J. M. Isham was at Mr. Fields' banquet, as well as other brothers, whose names I was unable to get.

Have as yet not had any news from the branches. Hope they will wake up and get in with the main

line. Received only a few notes this time, for which I am thankful, but hope every brother will get in and pull or push; we can beat every division in 53 for a write-up if you will all favor me with just a note or two. G. M. LESLIE, Div. Cor.

Los Angeles District—

The Southern District has been extended to include the Coast and Western Divisions. The general superintendent's position on the Southern District has been abolished, Mr. H. V. Platt made assistant general manager of the Southern District and Mr. E. E. Calvin has gone with the Oregon Short Line as general manager.

I wish to impress upon the membership the importance of notifying Bro. L. W. Quick, Grand Secretary and Treasurer, and Bro. D. W. Koppikus, general secretary and treasurer, of all changes in your address, so important communications from these offices may reach you promptly.

My attention has been called to the great number of telegraphers, especially new men and nons who know absolutely nothing about a switch board. I have been asked to bring this before your attention and ask you to make a study of it and try and improve along this line. This is one of your most important duties.

Mr. E. L. King, our new superintendent of telegraph, was agent at Verdi, Nevada, about fourteen years ago, and was then local secretary of the O. R. T. on that division. Later he has been trainmaster at Dunsmuir, Cal., for a number of years.

Our new application blanks have explicit instructions printed on back and same should be followed closely.

February 24th Indio was made a dispatching office, opened by Mr. G. H. Marsh, first trick, and "Desert Chief" W. W. Burns, second, and F. V. King, third. Later Burns to Bakersfield, relieved two days by G. E. Matteson, latter relieved by C. P. English, and he by J. H. Davis, from Iris. Los Angeles to Yuma was split into three districts, one set from Los Angeles to Colton, one set Colton to Indio, and the Indio set Yuma to Indio including Imperial branch. It is hoped this arrangement will be made permanent. Main line battery has been installed at Indio, feeding both dispatcher's wires and a thirty-two-strap switch board is to be installed.

C. P. English returned to Los Angeles, relieving Dispatcher McKinley, second Coast, who relieved J. A. Day, night chief, a few days.

Bro. F. Rothman relieved Bro. Wm. Fitzpatrick, first Shorb, one week, on account of sickness, then to River Station third, relieving Bro. Sam Woodworth a few days.

Bro. V. E. Watson, a new man, is at Iris, vice Bro. Davis.

John Beaton, relief man from "BD," San Francisco, is in "NG," Los Angeles.

Bro. C. L. Friddell, second Edom to Santa Paula extra, relieved by Bro. C. R. Weitz.

Bro. R. H. Hobgood, second Imperial Jct., on a year's leave to engage in mercantile business,

relieved by Bro. A. F. Thomas. This trick will be bulletined temporarily for one year.

S. F. Willard, agent El Centro, off on account of sickness.

Townsite opened at Imperial Jet., and postoffice name changed from Hobgood to Niland.

A. T. Sullivan, with eleven months' seniority, wishes to transfer with someone on Los Angeles Division. Write him at Caliente, Cal.

Am pleased to inform you that during the prize contest of 1913 I won a specially made watch charm for having secured fifteen new members up to time of my appointment as local chairman.

This is to announce that on Sunday, July 12th, a big telegraphers' meeting will be held at the Labor Temple, Los Angeles, details to be announced later. This date has been named as "O. R. T. Memorial Day" by Bro. H. B. Perham, president, in accordance with resolutions passed at the Baltimore, Md., convention, in honor of Bro. A. D. Thurston, founder of the Order.

H. J. Hicks relieved Bro. I. B. Carl, third Burbank, a few days.

Mr. Logue is temporarily at Carpinteria.

After three weeks' sickness our veteran Bro. H. C. Powell is back on second Chatsworth.

New members: C. A. Clark, Florence; H. R. Wyberg, Brawley; F. Rothman, River Station; A. J. Russell, Oxnard; R. A. Kumnick, Tunnel.

Transfers: Bros. S. Jackson and J. H. Sargent.

Assignments: Agencies—Beaumont, Bro. G. F. Nichols; Bassett, Bro. T. J. McDonald; Redlands Jct., W. L. Dearing. Telegraphers—Carpenteria, Bro. E. F. Rowe; Lano, Bro. H. P. Pilert; "HU," Los Angeles, Bro. G. H. Kenyon. Second—Declez, Bro. G. L. Rorer; Beaumont, Bro. J. R. Blake; Riverside, Bro. F. W. Kalis; third Ontario, Bro. Chas. Folsom; nights San Pedro, H. J. Hicks. Keep me advised of all irregularities.

A. H. HAMMOND, Local Chairman.

Coast Division—

The old Salinas River during the last storm cut the bank away at Harlem, or, old Riverbank and Milepost 154, just below Metz, by the thousand tons, but Mr. Ahern kept shoving on, dumping in hundreds of carloads of rock, and driving piles, and by building a shoofly around it kept the trains moving. A temporary office was opened at Harlem, with Bro. Morebeck in charge.

Salinas nights reopened, with Bro. Bramlet as night ticket clerk, an old-timer from the Burlington.

Bros. May and Allison went to Watsonville Jct., and Bros. Shackelford and Pittman to San Luis Obispo during the storm rush. Mr. Mansfield, clerk at Watsonville Jct., appointed to the new Atascadero agency.

Bro. Sisson relieved Bro. Shandy, agent Capitola, on vacation. Bro. Merrill on extra Santa Cruz.

Bro. Luttrell, a new man, is on third Redwood, and Bro. Moore on first Gilroy, vice Bro. McKosker, resigned.

To Bro. Spencer, "ND" San Francisco, we are indebted for a great many of these items.

Bro. Doyle, San Jose "YD," has returned from an extended trip East, relieving Bro. May, to Soledad nights, later to third Redwood pending bulletin. Bro. Spencer on first "SJ" San Jose pending bulletin.

Bro. Stone returned to Redwood from vacation, relieving Bro. Fuller, who took second there.

Bro. Evans, at San Luis Obispo, from working trick on south end during first storm, to his regular position as second telegrapher there.

Cashier Hylton, San Mateo, relieved Bro. Green, who went to the general hospital for an operation.

I am indebted to Bros. Werner and Smith at Gilroy for items.

Bro. Kramer, agent Tres Pinas, was relieved a few days by Mr. Miles.

Bro. Morebeck, Harlem washout, relieved by Bro. A. P. Shackelford, returned to second San Ardo.

Bro. Crofut, third Del Monte Jct., visited us Sunday recently.

Bro. O'Neel, assistant agent Watsonville, has resigned and gone to Alaska with his brother, in the automobile business, relieved by Bro. C. H. King.

Bro. Charles, assigned Aromas, relieved Bro. Kenyon, who relieved Bro. Barrett, agent Naples.

Bro. Jenkins, agent for the Delaware & Hudson, on vacation in California, visited your correspondent while en route to Los Angeles.

Local Chairman Bro. Ward, off several days on account of sickness, relieved on second San Jose by Telegrapher Rouse, Western Division.

Mr. Davis assigned agency Glenwood, vice Mr. Miles. Some of you boys up near him do a little missionary work.

Our new seniority lists are out, thanks to Bro. Ward, who made them up, for their completeness. Any brother can obtain one by writing him at San Jose.

Bro. Hoon, agent San Lucas, spent several hours in Watsonville Sunday night recently.

Assignments: Agencies—Aromas, Bro. C. Charles; Glenwood, E. N. Davis; San Ardo third, Bro. Luttrell. "HS," Cert. 1558.

San Joaquin District—

Bro. Jerome O'Neill, at Mojave two weeks during the flood, returned to Searles as night agent.

Bro. J. Stinson visiting friends, relieved at Palmdale by Bro. D. P. Gibson.

We welcome Bro. W. A. Troutman at Mojave, making that place solid again. Invitations have been sent to all the members of the division to attend "Judge O'Neill's day" at Mojave Easter Sunday. Bro. Jerome O'Neill will be the host for the day, and a large crowd is expected.

Bro. F. B. Lardner, agent Ravenna, off thirty days, relieved by G. H. Fredericks.

A telegraph office was installed in a box car at Russ while damage to the track east of Vincent, caused by the recent storms, was being repaired.

Bro. S. W. Davis is one of our new members.

Bro. T. D. Towles, while visiting friends in Los Angeles and Fresno, was relieved at Mojave by Bro. F. L. Moorman, of Division 2.

Bro. M. Krombeck, of Bakersfield, visited the brothers at Lang recently.

Bro. G. A. Sears and wife, Bro. M. Krombeck and W. B. Morgan, of the superintendent's office, and Mr. W. A. Kelly and wife took a motorcycle trip to the poppy fields east of Bakersfield on Sunday recently. All the operators in "K" office, Bakersfield, now have either a motorcycle or an auto. "K" is no place for Bro. Day. R. B. Mould is now society reporter for a paper there. Bro. C. L. Coleman, of Bakersfield, is now operator and lineman for the Postal at Mojave.

Bro. J. R. McKnight, of Owenyo, is reported very sick, relieved by Bro. F. M. Busby.

Bro. P. E. Turner and wife, of Tehachapi, and Bro. M. B. McMullen and wife, of Mojave, visited Bro. W. E. Blume and wife one Sunday recently. Mrs. W. E. Blume has been appointed general chairman of the Ladies' Auxiliary on Division 53, and the members of that department on this division are highly elated because of her securing the appointment. The ladies will hold a meeting at Mojave on Easter Sunday in conjunction with the O. R. T., and Sister Blume hopes to secure the applications of all the wives of the operators present who have not already joined.

Brothers, have you noticed how much more the telephone is used by trainmen and enginemen since several offices have been closed on the hill, and do you realize what it means? Div. Cox.

Tucson Division—

Bros. Christian and Cull assisted me with the write-up this month, but the others either forgot or overlooked it. I would like to have Bro. Hibbs, Lawrence at Bowie, O'Brien at Gila, Bechtel at Lordsburg and Del Buono at Cambray, help me out next month.

The lists I recently sent over the division to purchase a present for Local Chairman Cull in appreciation of his work on the general committee, have all been returned, a total of \$100.50 being received. The fifty cents was used for stamps and the balance forwarded to Bro. Cull in a bank draft, requesting him to use it in any way which would best suit him. In acknowledging the receipt of the \$100.00 draft from Yuma, Ariz., on March 12th, Bro. Cull said:

"I can not find words to convey my deep appreciation for this gift. Coming, as it did, at a time when I am greatly in need of some ready cash, it is more to be appreciated than a present of a like value; however, in order that I may have some visible evidence in the future, I have decided to purchase myself a roller-top desk with a portion of this cash, the desk being an article of furniture that I have long felt the need of, more so since assuming the duties of local chairman, but have so far been unable to afford it.

"Through you I desire to thank the members for this token of their appreciation and good-will, and in particular the members of this committee—Bros. Butler, Stanley and Wilson—whom I feel were the prime movers in this matter, and to assure one and all that I shall continue to put

forth my best efforts in their behalf, whether filling the office of local chairman or as an ordinary member."

The following is Brother Cull's letter of thanks: *To the Members—*

"Brothers—I wish to acknowledge receipt of your handsome present of a bank draft for \$100.00.

"Your appreciation of my work while a member of the reduced general committee would of itself have been ample compensation for my efforts in your behalf.

"Your added generosity is indeed gratifying, and coming as it does after a severe illness makes me appreciate it all the more.

"The purposes of our organization and the welfare of its members places a duty on every member to labor for the common good, and if my work has been productive of any beneficial results I feel that I have only performed the duty which we owe one another and which I sincerely hope I will ever be able to perform.

"Thanking the members of the Tucson District for their kind remembrance, and trusting that I may continue to merit your esteem, I am,

"Fraternally,

"T. T. CULL, Local Chairman."

Bro. Pine went to Steins second, vice Douglas Brooks, resigned, relieved on second Bowie by W. C. Jordan, from Marshall, Tex., T. & P.

R. E. Walsh, from Gila, relieved Bro. W. P. Larcey at Wellton, who went to Tucson hospital unconscious from a stroke of paralysis. Bros. Stanley, Wilson and myself were out to see him several times, and on March 13th, after being there three weeks in the hospital, he had not yet regained consciousness. He will probably be moved to San Francisco hospital if no improvement is shown soon. Bro. E. M. Brough, returning from Tucson, relieved Mr. Walsh.

F. V. King, "CY" ticket office, went to Indio as extra dispatcher during the congestion caused by recent wash-outs.

Bro. W. Brusha who relieved Bro. Black at Mescal a few days, later relieved Guy Edwards, Picacho, resigned.

Bro. H. F. Dumond, on Wellton agency, relieved by R. E. Walsh, on second there.

Bro. J. S. Geraghty, from Division 8, relieved W. C. Jordan, second Bowie, to dispatcher's office Tucson.

Bro. Cull, after a month's illness, displaced Bro. L. J. Lieux, who relieved Bro. George Heigel, taking in the sights of San Diego and Los Angeles; Bro. C. S. Sturges relieved Bro. Brinley, on sick list.

Bro. C. A. Olsen, from third Sentinel, relieved Bro. H. F. Albert, second Sibyl, who bid in second Gila Bend.

Bro. F. A. Clark, Division 32, relieved Bro. L. C. Pixley, Blaisdell, on vacation, and C. F. Sage relieved Bro. Olsen on third Sentinel.

Bro. B. D. Mahoney, Jaynes, while taking his wife to hospital for operation, was relieved by

Z. B. V. Wilson, who later relieved Bro. R. D. Jones, making improvements on his homestead.

Bro. Geo. L. Gallaher, cashier Yuma temporarily, has returned to the "Milwaukee."

Bro. D. H. O'Brien, from Tucson, relieved A. G. Phares, third Gila Bend, resigned, and Bro. W. O. Warren, second Gila Bend, relieved by Bro. Albert, resigned.

Bros. McCandless, Hettinger, Brough and Warren were recent Tucson visitors.

Bro. H. W. Henderson, at Willcox agency, vice J. N. Lean, on vacation. Bros. Henderson and Joyce gave a dance there recently. Music furnished by Bro. Jesse Long's Benson Orchestra.

The assignment to third Wellton on last bulletin should have read A. Halliday, instead of J. H. Cloonan.

Two new members and three transfers in February. It is now Bro. Healy, agent Red Rock, and Bro. G. N. Wilson, first Maricopa.

Boys, after making the combination 14221, leave your key open four or five seconds so that we can see the lamp. The combination rings a bell to call our attention and then lights a lamp so we can tell which wire it is.

Bro. Hibbs, agent Dragoon, is a busy man. The Johnson Dragoon and Northern branch of the S. P. Co., has been leased from the S. P. by people opening up the mine at Johnson, who are delivering eight to ten cars of ore daily at Dragoon.

"BC," Cert. 2099.

Salt Lake Division—

Assignments: Carlin first, second and third, Bros. Henry Didlake, F. J. Schermerhorn and J. E. Belgard, respectively; Cobre first, Bro. L. M. Young; Halleck agency, Sister C. E. Kalb; Halleck nights, Bro. J. E. O'Leary; Lucin third, Bro. H. H. Hoover, Jr.; Montello agency, H. P. Davis; Beowawe second, Bro. P. G. Matson; Winnemucca first, Bro. J. E. Cooney; Rock Creek second, Bro. David Duram; Nenzil second, Bro. N. M. Kerr, and third, M. M. Durham; Toy nights, Bro. C. E. Lamb. Agencies—Parran, Bro. J. E. Brown; Litchfield, Bro. J. B. Barnes, and Thorne, Bro. J. R. Bolte.

Mr. Puckett, from his ranch near Twin Falls, Idaho, relieved Sister Kalb, at Clark, on an extended visit to Salt Lake.

Mr. Loban, first Elko, has gone to Twin Falls to enter real estate business, relieved by Mr. Long.

Bro. Gonder, to first Carlin, relieved on third Elko by M. L. Paulsen.

Bro. Hoover, on third Promontory Point, relieved Bro. P. G. Matson at Beowawe, and Bro. Young relieved Bro. Barnes at Halleck. Bro. Ellis, of Moundhouse, has resigned.

Bro. Didlake, second Montello, relieved by Bro. Hanna, second Carlin, and Bro. Hanold relieved Bro. Grant on third.

Bro. C. P. Gannon to first Cobre, Bro. Young, acting agent Halleck, Bro. A. P. Mitchell on second; Bro. Barnwell relieving Bro. Buren, visiting back East.

Bro. G. C. Hoffing, third Lemay, resigned, relieved by E. H. Gibson.

Bro. W. R. Rich took Mrs. Rich to Ogden hospital to have an operation performed; relieved by McCann. Mrs. Rich getting along nicely.

Sister Gannon, who relieved Bro. Grauvogel, at Lakeside, while he attended court at Salt Lake, for the company, later relieved Mr. Larson, first Lovelock, and then went to Reno hospital to undergo an operation. We hope for her speedy recovery.

E. L. King, appointed superintendent of telegraph at San Francisco, vice F. S. Rawlins, deceased, was formerly agent for S. P., and Justice of Peace at Verdi, Nev.; promoted to Sacramento Division dispatcher then chief at Dunsmuir dispatcher, and later to trainmaster Shasta Division, at Klamath Falls.

Bro. A. D. Radcliffe, on first Winnemucca, pending bulletin. Bro. W. B. Owen, night ticket clerk Winnemucca had the sad misfortune to lose his wife during the latter part of January. He has the heartfelt sympathy of Division 53.

Boys, it only takes a moment's time to make a note and mail your items to Bro. Grauvogel, at Lakeside, who will consolidate the news from the division, and give us a good write-up each month. Notify him of the changes at your respective stations. Give the dispatcher prompt service, and show your genial chief that you are willing and right on hand when needed. That is the kind of men who gain promotion and get all that possibly can be given them. C. D.

G. H. & S. A., El Paso Division—

Assignments: Pumpville days, A. J. Hoffman; Marfa third, W. A. Floyd; Valentine third, Hickerson; Sierra Blanca agency, Barnhart; Ft. Hancock second, C. L. Bush; El Paso eighth, Williams.

Vacancies: Marathon agency, Ft. Hancock agency, Marfa second, Sierra Blanca second, El Paso tenth, Houston nights.

We have a bill pending in Washington, at this time, that will bring trainmen under an eight-hour provision of the hours-of-service-act, if a single train order or message pertaining to train movement is received or sent by them. Have you written your Congressman?

Bro. Pratt, the bugero of "RK," El Paso, believes in concentration: by putting the whole work on the smallest possible lead platform.

Bro. Nat Kolten has been called East by the serious illness of his sister. We hope she will have entirely recovered long ere this is in print.

Bro. Graves, "RK," El Paso, is back from a two weeks' hunting trip near Sierra Blanca. As Bro. Polk, too, was off, suspicion has it that the latter was doing guard duty in the rear of his lot. Polk raises ducks—when they hatch—and when they don't.

Bro. Roberts has gone to Sierra Blanca to relieve Bro. Hoffman, who goes to Pumpville.

The faster Bro. Williams sends the faster moveth his lips.

An eastern pastor says: There will be no baseball in heaven. Now what harm has Bro. Stewart done to St. Peter?

The little drops of water,
And little grains of sand,
Are getting shot to thunder,
Along the Rio Grande.

Div. Cor.

G. H. & S. A., Victoria Division—

Bro. Skiles, agent Ganado; Bro. F. Harris, agent Thomaston, and Bro. Black, operator Wharton, have re-enlisted in the Order. Welcome. We hope the three new men on the division, Agent Williams, at Pierce, and Telegraphers Ganado, Ford and Edna, will also line up.

Bro. Reinhardt, who bid in operator's position Ganado, has gone to Beasley as agent, where, we understand, he will make a home for his bride. Congratulations to be in order about the close of school, when a box of cigars will be forthcoming.

Bro. McClanahan bid in operator's position Edna, and Bro. Black, "VI," Victoria.

Bro. Isaacson, agent Beasley, on vacation, will go to Westhoff agency, his assigned position, on resuming duty.

We are well on the way to a solid division. Our local chairman has worked like a trojan lining it up, and we are more than pleased with his success.

Wells Fargo is to establish an express office at El Campo, independent of the railroad company, but with the support of our contract. Bro. Rice probably will not suffer any financial loss.

We acknowledge a brief but pleasant call from Bro. Cowgill, general chairman, on his way to Port Lavaca to confer with Bro. Alexander.

CERT. 1715.

H. & T. C., First Division, North End—

We are now building a new agreement, and between its presentation and the time when the officials meet us is when we should all be busy organizing, keeping the committees informed of any changes at our stations, relative to added work, reduction of force and anything else of advantage in presenting arguments in support of our demands, so I hope each of you will from time to time advise us of anything you think will benefit us in the negotiations.

The dues will be the same as heretofore until after June 30th, when they will be raised to \$12 a year.

Bro. Maddux, second Sherman tower, resigned, relieved by Bro. H. L. Griffin on bid; Bro. Gormley going on first on bid, and Bro. West to third. A full house.

Bro. Starr, agent Anna, had to close up shop one day on account of the serious illness of his baby boy, whom we are glad to report is on the road to recovery.

Bro. Hardaway, agent Melissa, is branching out in the poultry business.

Bro. Jim Caldwell, Ferriss days, and former city official there, relieved Bro. Darwood, extra agent.

at Allen. Bro. Moseley, relieved by Mr. Bates, at Rice, Texas, bid in Ferriss agency.

Bro. Billings bid in third Dallas yard.

Bro. Greene, the dynamiter, is sporting a new bay window in his shack at Hutchins.

Third McKinney closed. Bro. Bowlby relieved Bro. Werley on second, now looking after his farm in southern Ohio.

Bro. Reynolds to Richardson on bid, relieving Bro. Finch, who bid in Groesbeck nights.

Bro. Hamilton relieved Bro. Reynolds, agent at Alma, later bid in by Mr. Carnes.

Bro. Vaught, second Ft. Worth, visited friends in Corsicana, and stopped off to see the writer, while passing through Ennis.

Bro. Jackson, third Mexia, was recently married. Congratulations.

Bro. Garland, agent North Zulch, has gone out on his farm on a ninety-day leave, relieved by Bro. Frost, from the T. & B. V. He has promised to send us some baked possum.

Bro. Robertson, agent Fallon, is off sick, relieved by Bro. Darwood.

Bro. Frost, extra, second Bremond, was relieved by former Bro. Cayce, who has been out of the service several years.

Bro. L. C. Moore, Calvert days, has gone to his goat ranch in New Mexico, relieved by Bro. Pitzer, relieved nights there by Mr. Evey, U. S. Signal Service.

Remember that the nons are the greatest drawback we have. Let's all join in converting them.
LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

H. & T. C., First Division, South End—

Recent bulletin assignments: Telegraphers—Second Sherman, Bro. H. L. Griffin; Dallas, J. K. Cayce. Days—Ferris, Bro. C. E. Foster; third Bryan, Bro. J. E. Pitzer. Agencies—Millican, Bro. C. H. Darwood; Rice, Bro. C. W. Priest. Cayce, Dallas, promises to line up soon, which should help us get the rest of the boys in Dallas office. Bro. "Josh" Billings, from Bryan, is there, and will no doubt get busy.

There are several places on the line where a card man is working side by side with a non. While we are resting they should get his application. If we allow these few nons to remain among us, it is our own fault. One or two men can not do it all, but if each individual member will make an effort, we can make this line solid. Observe that worthy slogan, "No card, no favors," constantly. You are injuring yourself unless you do so. Support our officers, clear the line of nons and we will soon "get there."

Bro. Laisure, local chairman, is at "JO" again. You will note from this write-up that there is class to him.

Mr. Drayer is at Courtney agency pending bulletin.

It is now Bro. Taylor at Prairie View. Some-one get after the agent at Cypress.

A change or contemplated change, or any other news, although it may not vitally interest you, may be of great interest to other readers of the journal. Drop me a card, noting such items,

before the 25th of each month. We can then have as good a write-up as Bro. Laisure sends in for the north end.

Remember, "No card, no favors," and the necessity of individual work on everyone's part to make this division 100 per cent strong.

W. F. DAVIS, Div. Cor.,

College Station, Texas.

H. & T. C. District, Second Division—

We are looking forward with keen interest for the new schedule of wages and better working hours the general committee has been trying to perfect now for two or three months with the management at Houston. No class of workers need better conditions any more than we do, and we feel sure we are going to get them.

The Sunday extra freight train east on the west end from Llano to Austin, causing us to do freight work on that day same as any other, simply to please the freight train crew, ignoring our feelings in the matter, we feel is an injustice. This freight train is scheduled to run daily except Sundays and handle passengers, but instead it is run extra Sundays and annulled Mondays and does not carry passengers either Sundays or Mondays, creating confusion in public service and cheating us agents and operators out of our day of rest.

Mr. Millstead, Lampasas, expects to soon be a brother, and C. N. Chamberlain, of Llano, enrolled with us this month. We have good material at Burnett, Marble Falls, Liberty Hill, Giddings and other places. Help us to line them up.

Bros. Rummell, at Leander; Schermerhorn, at Burton, and Fishbeck, at Chapel Hill, have been appointed on the division safety committee, and will get a trip to the capital city once a month.

Elgin tower has been assigned: Bro. Davis, first; Bro. Cunningham, second, and Bro. Foster, third.

Giddings union depot first, overlooked when it first opened up, is now on bulletin.

In order to see us represented in THE TELEGRAPHER each month with a nice write-up, each brother should do his share in furnishing the local secretary with a few items on or before the 20th for the following issue.

LOCAL SECRETARY.

Louisiana Lines—

Following are new members: F. W. Gershefski, P. J. St. Romain, L. H. Guidry, J. Whitmeyer, L. M. Ducote, F. B. Perkins, U. Maubert, R. S. Salsman, L. M. Firmin. This shows the good work of all combined. Let's get in the rest and make it 100 per cent strong. No card, nix mit the favors.

Meeting held by General Chairman Cowgill in New Orleans, February 14, 1914, not as well attended as was hoped, owing to short notice, inability to secure relief and bad train service. The sixteen present made up in enthusiasm what they lacked in numbers. Meeting called to order by Bro. Wells, local chairman. General Chairman Cowgill made a very interesting talk, and

explained in detail the proposed contract and the changes.

Bro. Vonau, the original "war horse," gave some interesting reminiscences of old times and the struggles he, together with others of the first general committee, had in securing our first schedule. While it is regretted that none of the boys from off the line could attend, yet the meeting was of general good, and its effects have already been felt.

We all regret to hear of the fire in New Orleans on March 7th, in which Bro. C. G. Moseley's residence burned; total loss about \$2,000, with \$500 insurance.

The local chairman desires to thank Bros. F. G. Tubbs, H. L. Feske and O. F. St. Blanc for their assistance in securing new members. Such services can not be bought, and shows what a few earnest brothers can do.

Telephone service has been put in between Bowie and Raceland, cutting out telegraph office at Raceland Jct., all business handled over the phone. A resonator has been put in at Bowie, all instruments fixed and all new wiring.

Bro. B. F. Brupbacher was off a few days, relieved by his son, O. B.

Bro. O. Champaigne relieved Bro. E. C. Mahahon at Patterson third, who went to Morgan City second.

Boutte second trick closed. Bro. Champaigne, of third there, while attending the funeral of his father, was relieved by W. C. Bienvenue.

Houma telegraph office closed and phone put in between there and Schriever, making "B" handle all the business.

Bros. H. L. and A. H. Feske attended the wedding of their sister at Franklin, La., March 26, 1914.

Refer to last paragraph of March bulletin, and be sure you do as instructed.

"FS," Cert. 2179.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Our heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom and goodness has deemed it best to call to the great beyond the beloved father of our brothers, A. and P. Champaigne; in manifestation of our fraternal sympathy, be it

Resolved, That the members of Louisiana Division, System Division No. 53, O. R. T., extend to the sorrowing brothers and family their sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved brothers and family, and also a copy forwarded to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

H. L. FESKE, for Div. 53.

Northern Pacific Ry., Div. No. 54.

Seattle Division--

Brothers and sisters, I trust you have all paid your dues in the local fund, thereby showing the same spirit in maintaining it as you did in creating it. I highly appreciate the good judgment displayed.

But for one dissenting vote the proposition would have carried unanimously, and up to the present writing something like \$27.00 has been remitted. Please be sure you have paid up and not let it become the duty of part of the membership to keep up a benefit to all.

We have distributed the seniority lists, marking them so you will know who the nons are as nearly correct as possible; but an accurate list of all operators and their standing has just been received from Bro. Holmes and copies furnished the assistant local chairman, so you may have the standing of anyone you are not sure about for the asking.

This list shows that we are not as well lined-up as we should be, but as it will not be practicable for me to cover the division at this time, I feel that it is the duty of each one of you to take at least one day a week and devote your spare time to securing some non at or near your station. Pay him a visit and take other brothers along if possible, or write him, and "camp on his trail" until you either land him or know the reason why, and after having tried every conceivable way without effect, write me or the assistant nearest you and we will pay him a call or write him. I believe you owe this for the good of the Order and this division in particular, as your local board and the secretary and treasurer are devoting all the spare time possible in organizing and other necessary work to the benefit of all; therefore I appeal to you all not to throw this aside without any further thought, but get busy now, as it is only with the united effort of all of you that we can become solid on this division. There are quite a number of "hard shells," on whom a lot of weight must be brought to bear before they will come out of their shell. Do not let this appear to you as a lot of "hot air," but look at it in the same spirit you know I give it, and not make it necessary for me to coax and beg you continually for your much needed assistance.

Remember, too, that if you notice something which you think is in violation of our schedule and may be corrected, write me about it and do not be afraid to differ with me if you think I am wrong, but do not go around knocking without giving me a chance to explain. I can not see everything that goes on, and a lot of things go undone which could easily be corrected if mentioned at the right time.

There are a few old heads, especially on the north end, who are enjoying the \$2.50 and \$5.00 raise secured for them last fall, mostly those getting the extra five, who do not seem to appreciate it, but give various excuses, and often do not even know the business courtesy of replying to letters written them. Woolley should be better represented than it is. Arlington and Snohomish are each shy one, while we are still ignored at McMurray, Machias, Maltby and Issaquah agencies.

It is now Bros. Pelzel and Warwick, and only one left to make Snoqualmie branch solid.

Bro. Leland, Fremont, came in last November, and Mr. Morrison there promised faithfully to do so not later than the first of the year. On the strength of that promise I handed him a seniority list, but although I reminded him of his promise then and visited him after March payday, I was put off again until the end of this term.

Do not forget to pay your dues promptly, and attend meetings when possible. You will be surprised at the interest it will create. Set aside a day or so every week in doing something towards strengthening our division, give the company the best service you can and show the officials that Order men give the best service. Offer any suggestions you may have and I assure you they will meet with our full consideration and prompt reply.

You may cut from your seniority lists Nos. 101, 111, 112, 125, 135 and 138. No new additions. In future meetings will be held at Auburn second Saturday of every other month, beginning with April; at Cle Elum second Saturday of every other month, beginning with May; meetings to start at 10 a. m. and 7 p. m. unless otherwise ordered. On the north end meetings are hard to get to on account of train service, but if possible will arrange for them later. Former attempts at meetings on the north end have met with poor attendance, so am not very optimistic about calling them, but if anyone has any suggestions they will be appreciated, and I hope we may find some way of having them.

R. C. BERGUM, Local Chairman.

Seattle Division Notes—

Bro. Hainsworth awarded the operator-agency Thorp, vice Mr. Mounce, to Sumner days, on bulletin.

Agent Gillett, Cle Elum, ptomaine poisoned recently, was fixed up by Dr. Kirby, the company doctor.

Sister Jonas, first Nelsons, was relieved a few days by Bro. Palmer, while visiting on the Sound.

Bro. Shorty Anderson, second Upham, on three months' leave, to try his skill with the Associated Press at Helena, Mont., was relieved by Miss C. E. Erdman, who has been relieving Sister Robinson, days Maywood.

Bro. Fenner, third Martin, off a few days to attend to business connected with the F. & S. sweatshop at Auburn, owned by Sister Fenner and Mrs. Saxton, relieved by Bro. Burghard.

Bro. and Sister Dawley, first and second Weston, visiting friends in Tacoma, relieved by Sister Morgan and Sister L. F. Rivett, latter relieved by Sister Leeper.

Bro. Tom Curren, first Ravensdale, on visit to his home in Maine, it is reported, to be married. Congratulations.

Bro. Weber, second East Auburn, on a trip to Butte, Mont., relieved by Bro. Brakhane.

Auburn yard office reopened after being closed three weeks, with Mr. Carr on first, Bro. Palmer on second, and Bro. Gould on third, pending bulletin.

Owing to the failure of the Christopher, Knickerbocker and Howard Bank, at Auburn, quite a number of the brothers and sisters, and other Northern Pacific employes have lost their savings. The depositors may realize about seventy-five or eighty cents on the dollar.

The company is installing automatic block between Cle Elum and Easton, expecting to have it completed about June 1st. "HAPPY."

Pasco Division—

The employes of this division have organized a baseball team with which they hope to beat all teams between Spokane and Ellensburg. The organization started by the clerks in the superintendent's office will take in and represent the entire division, and not the city of Pasco, as some suppose. Carl Mockross, "PA" office, will do a good share of the twirling. Quite a sum was raised by subscription. The grounds near the headquarters have been cleared off and work on the diamond is practically completed. Across the street from the new grounds is the Northern Pacific club house, and after the games our perspiring athletics will be enabled to enjoy shower baths there. New uniforms of gray cloth with a blue stripe have been ordered and the N. P. symbol will adorn the breast of each player. The weather has proven favorable, already a dozen aspirants are out each day practicing.

Bro. Daley and wife, when reduced to extra list, resigned and left for St. Paul.

Bro. J. W. Wickwire, on second Pomona several years, who went to the C. P. R. in Canada, has returned on a sixty-day leave.

Bro. Virgil Wilson, bumped on third Mabton by Bro. Hampson, now on extra list; Sister R. M. Moore, bumped at Alfalfa by Bro. I. I. Burfield, went to third Toppenish, and Bro. N. D. Starr, bumped on second Attalia, is acting agent at Lamar.

Sister M. M. Frence is at Roza nights; Bro. B. E. Edwards bid in Satus agency, and Bro. Garwood, third Pasco yard, bid in "PA" third.

Sister I. I. Burfield is on ninety days' leave, and Sister O. L. Johnson is on third Eltopia.

Bro. Virgil Wilson relieved Bro. O'Neil at Prosser a few days.

Vista, like many other stations, was made two tricks and is now held by Bro. and Sister Johnson.

Bro. Mitchell, at Schragg, is being relieved by F. B. Wood, and Bro. E. E. LeMarche is relieving N. J. Byrne, car distributor, for thirty days.

A card was received from Bro. B. B. Dingleline, postmarked Valparaiso, Chile, S. A., saying he was on his way to South Africa. CERT. 606.

Tacoma Division—

Bro. L. P. Carter, Sherlock agency, in Tacoma hospital six weeks after an operation, went to Forest Lake, Minn., his old home, to rest up. We hope he will soon be among us again.

Bro. Virum returned from the East, has been relieving Bro. Henderson on second Tenino.

Sister Henderson, mother of Bro. J. F. Henderson, has been quite ill for several weeks, obliging him to lay off and take charge of the household.

Please turn to your schedules and carefully read Clause B, Rule 9. This rule does not give a telegrapher any more right to waive this dollar per day extra compensation than the company, and by so doing you not only violate the schedule, but work a great injustice upon yourself and your brother co-laborers, who at a later date may desire to ask for this extra compensation. For the sake of harmony and the good will of your brothers do not become a party to any violations of our schedule.

It is very trying to a local chairman to have any delinquents on his division. Our future welfare depends upon our united efforts and we can not expect the general committee, without the encouragement and support necessary, to represent us properly and obtain more and better concessions. There is not a member of your committee but what is spending time every day that should be given to their families, and yet, at the close of the sixty-day period of grace, they find it almost an absolute necessity to spend the remaining four months of the term reorganizing the division. Brothers, the very least you can do is to pay your dues promptly, thus giving your local chairman a chance to look into reported schedule violations and show the remaining hard-shell nons the error of their way.

I have several more copies of the seniority list printed in December, nearly up-to-date as there have been but few changes in the past three months. Any member can have one by dropping me a card.

Bro. Lindel has returned to Raymond from his eastern trip, vice Bro. Swille, now bumping the extra list.

The dearth of news this month is caused by the inability of our local correspondent to send in any items, due to sickness in his home. Send your items for next month to Bro. Henderson, Bucoda, Wash. In the meantime get the application of that non working at your side.

R. F. GRAHAM, Local Chairman.

Montana Division—

An important meeting was held in the committee rooms of the R. R. Club, at Livingston, on Saturday evening, March 7th, there being about twenty-five of the brothers present. Talks were given by several of the boys, on subject of interest, not only to this division, but at large, with the operators of the west.

Bro. Haines was installed as acting local chairman in place of the brother who left the service, to whom the boys voted a hearty resolution of regrets and thanks. It was agreed by all present that his work the past two years has been the most beneficial to our Order of any local chairman ever on the division. We all wish him the best of success wherever he locates, and will be glad to have him with us again, if he finds nothing better.

A grievance committee was elected, Bros. Haines, Cranwill, Spangler and Nixon; committee on resolutions, Bros. Little, Tietz and Angle. Subscriptions to the flower fund still go to Bro. Conrad, and we hope all the boys will take an interest in it.

It was agreed we should have a meeting the second Saturday night of each month, to be held at different points on the line, giving all a chance to attend at least a part of the meetings. Three assistant local chairmen were appointed, Bros. Brown, Crey Cliff; Skelley, Belgrade, and Haines. Logan, and it is asked that all other brothers make notes of changes at their places, and send same to me at Mission. With this help and that of the new assistants, we should be able to get a write-up each month. Items go in about the 21st of each month, and brothers will please get them to me by the 18th or 19th, that I may get them ready to send to St. Louis on time. As two or more may send the same items, it is necessary to arrange them accordingly. It is evident that interest is being taken, having received notes this month from several brothers on main line, and Bro. Morrow, Silesia, who will give us the two branches each month. That's the spirit that keeps us from the \$50 class.

Bro. Herrick, on second Bozeman, by bid; Bro. Morgan on third, pending bid; Bro. Rasor on "LS," pending bid, Bro. McDonald having left service.

Recent assignments are: Third "JN," E. S. Hale; first "WH," Bro. Bush; third "WH," L. L. Riddle; second "RG," W. R. McDowell; Bridger, Bro. H. C. Riddle; third "BZ," Bro. Ayrest. Now on bulletin: Second "WH," second "JN," and third "BA," Bro. Lucke having come back into "VS" from "BA."

Sis. Taylor, Columbus, off a few days for eye treatment at Butte, relieved by Bro. Bush, who later went to "WH," Operator Warren, third "CO," and Operator Nelson, "GN" Jct., have requested papers, and will be with us soon.

Bro. Harlan, "CD," is now on his farm near "RN," relieved by Bro. Rasor, from Y. & M. V. All join me in wishing Bro. Harlan success, and hope he will come back when he gets his "taters" threshed.

Bro. Herrick, "BZ," is going into the rabbit farming business, along with many other side lines. It will at least be a "hair-raising" experience, and we hope successful, for we would like to have a spring bunny for breakfast some cool "September morn?"

Bro. Sigg has returned to his farm near Joliet. It seems the "back to the farm" spirit is contagious in these parts.

Bro. Conrad, "VS," has returned from a pleasant trip East, but reports too much water, at least for one used to something better.

Bro. Carpenter, past local chairman, is now at Red Stone, on the big G.

Montana Division is soon to have a Ladies' Auxiliary, and blanks may now be obtained from Sis. Nason, wife of local chairman, of Idaho Division, at Athol, Idaho. The dues are \$1 to join, and 10 cents a month. It will help your hubby brother to join, and show him he has backing in being a union man. If some young lady will take an

interest in yours truly, she can be a member at once, but she must have red hair and a million in the Postal Savings Bank. Don't all answer at once.

Bro. Fueter, "RG," has returned from a two months' trip South. Wish we could get his recipe for saving the silver 'till it turns to gold. Bro. Darham on second "RG," pending bid.

Bro. Cook, "RO," off two days, relieved by Bro. Morgan.

Mr. Bowers, extra "BX," is sending in his papers.

Bro. Burns, at Edgar, will help Bro. Morrow with items on the branch, and wish all the other boys would do the same.

Automatic blocks will probably be installed, Livingston to Toston, this spring, which may cut off a few operators.

Bro. Perkins, Toston, broke his ankle by a fall with a motorcycle, and is now in Missoula Hospital. Mr. Shaw relieving.

We regret to learn of former President Howard Elliott, now with the New Haven lines, being in ill-health. His many friends on the Northern Pacific wish him a speedy recovery and success in getting that road in shape for good business.

Bro. Dahl has taken his wife to Butte for an operation, which we hope will be a complete success.

Engineer Coffin, operated on for gall stones, had a relapse which proved fatal. He was buried at Livingston. His many friends extend sympathy to his relatives.

Our chief dispatcher is now east on company business, also our division superintendent. Through the kindness of Acting Chief Ramsber, I was allowed to attend the meeting on March 7th, and he also favored several of the boys by allowing them to return on different trains to their respective stations.

"SHORTY."

Rocky Mountain Division—

Bro. Cron, Garrison third, bid in Lothrop third, relieved by Bro. Campbell, and he by Bro. H. B. Avery, on bid.

M. E. Wilcoxon awarded Avon third, vice W. P. Wilson, relieved on account of violation of Rule "G." We are thankful to be rid of one more non. We hope Wilcoxon will now make good his promises to join. Bros. Harmon and Manchester relieved at Avon during changes there. A nice new depot is being built there to replace one destroyed by fire several months ago.

Bro. F. L. King (Florida Land King) resumed on Evaro third, relieving Non Olson, who had been relieved by Bro. Campbell there ten days for not being on hand to handle his trick. Bro. J. W. Scott is on Evaro second, Sister Estep being unable to resume work, at expiration of her leave, on account of sickness.

Bro. Merrick relieved Mr. Showalter, "MD," Missoula second, while he relieved in the dispatcher's office a few days.

Bro. Fretts returned from his visit East to Elliston second, Bro. Dorval going to Skyline a

few days, later relieving Bro. Mielke, Arlee second, who is putting in spring crops on his ranch.

Office opened at Clinton several nights by N. O. Parr, on account of the slide covering the westward track between Clinton and Bonner.

Bro. Blankenship, Silver Bow first, relieved by Mr. Olson, while "Blank" packed his household goods for shipment from his ranch at Dixon. Bro. Campbell on Silver Bow third, later bid in by Olson.

While shopping in Butte, the evening of February 28th, Bro. LeRoy O. Hinton, from Silver Bow third, was stricken with a fainting spell and fell to the walk, striking his head on an iron door. He was picked up by the police and rushed to Murry Hospital, where it was found he had fractured his skull just above the left ear, which caused his death at 1 a. m., March 1st. Bros. Blankenship, Johnson and Parks took charge of Bro. Hinton's remains, and arranged with his relatives for the shipment of the body to Olathe, Kan., for burial, drew up resolutions and handled the flower fund. The contributions for flowers amounted to \$30, and a beautiful O. R. T. wreath, covering the whole casket, was purchased at Butte, and the balance of the money was given to Mr. George, who accompanied the remains, and purchased more fresh flowers at Kansas City. I wish to thank all those who contributed so freely and promptly, and above all the members of the committee for their prompt and efficient work.

On account of so few of the regular men laying off, the extra men have had a very hard time of it this winter, four or five of them around Missoula awaiting an opening. At that we consider ourselves lucky, as not a single position was abolished on this division, while on the Idaho about half the second and third tricks between Spokane and Paradise were closed.

A new set of repeaters are to be installed at Garrison on 20-146, also on 49 wire, in the near future. No rest for the night men there.

Bros. Rowan, H. B. Avery and Lee, the latter from relay division, in Missoula Hospital recently for several weeks, have all resumed work.

Bro. Rowan has purchased a new five-passenger Ford. Bro. Avery says it's to run down the nons. Evidently with a view of getting a little training before tackling the real article Rowan tried it on a boy in Missoula recently. He got over him with all four wheels, and had just got his car stopped and was getting out to surrender to the police for murder, when the boy jumped up and said: "Gee, mister, I'm glad you didn't have an automobile, or you sure would have hurt me." Now Rowan says he is going to trade the Ford for a steam roller.

Mr. Fox, third trick dispatcher east end, spent a day in Helena recently, and dined with Bros. Kuffel and Nutter at the Placer.

Am indebted to Bro. Avery for most of these notes. Keep on coming, Harvey.

V. N. WEBER, L. C.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our heavenly Father and all-wise Ruler of the Universe to call to his reward our beloved brother, L. O. Hinton; in manifestation of our grief and sympathy, be it

Resolved, That the members of Rocky Mountain Division, No. 54, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the sorrowing brothers and members of the afflicted family their sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved family, a copy spread upon the minutes of the division, and a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

L. M. BLANKENSHIP.

E. J. JOHNSON,

J. J. PARKS.

Committee.

Idaho Division—

Sadness prevails over the entire division, caused by the recent death of Mrs. B. B. Johnson, wife of our universally esteemed chief dispatcher. The sad tidings came as a distinct shock to everyone, as her illness was of short duration and her demise entirely unexpected. The sympathy of every telegrapher on this division goes out to Mr. Johnson in this time of bereavement, with the benign trust that the Great Chief Dispatcher, to whom we must all give our final "OS," will lighten his burden of grief in this dark hour.

The telegraphers and agents of this division made a beautiful floral offering of roses, carnations and lilies.

The delinquent list for the current term, while somewhat smaller than those of previous terms, is still nothing to be especially proud of. We have something over one hundred members on this division, and twelve of that number had not paid their dues for this term prior to March 1st. This does not mean that twelve of our members are going to sever their connection with the Order, but that the majority of those twelve members are careless and indifferent, and have either neglected the remitting of their dues or have postponed it in order to make some other use of the amount of money necessary to pay such dues. This will make it necessary for me to write from one to half a dozen letters to each one of these twelve delinquents before I get them to pay up, and the time necessary to write these letters, and the postage to carry them, might much better be expended in an effort to organize the few remaining non-members on this division. Our members should at least keep their dues paid up, and not make so much additional work for the local chairman each term merely to adjust this matter of delinquencies. The handling of grievances and the work of organizing the non-members, together with the other correspondence connected with this position, is sufficient to use up the most of my spare time, and I believe that our membership should awaken to the fact that the time to pay dues is before—not after—becoming delinquent. I hope that before this letter

appears in print every delinquent on the list will have remitted dues, and that next term will find every member paid up before September 1st, so that there will be no delinquent list on this division for the last term of 1914.

There appears to be a disposition on the part of some four or five of our ex-members—and near ex-members—to create a couple of solid non offices on the First District, although all of these parties have profited by past schedules, more than the division average, because in one instance a schedule rule would not be broken to grant a special privilege, and in another instance the organization insisted on protecting its membership without fear or favor. I have not only used them fairly, but have exerted myself at times in an effort to be of assistance to them, because I knew that it would take more than a return of \$180 per year on a \$12 per year investment to satisfy them. I have gone the limit in my efforts to please, and our membership feels that we are not receiving fair treatment from these parties, and those who are honorably and honestly striving for better things on this division for the future will not forget the importance of "No card, no favors."

When displaced in the service, do not lose sight of the fact that the telegrapher who does not carry a card has no claims on you. Also remember that it is best not to "bump" a brother or sister as long as any other positions may be claimed on your rights. B. E. NASON, L. C.

Idaho Division Notes—

Bro. W. E. Floyd, first Paradise, relieved a few days on account of rheumatism by Bro. Fuller K. Sims, recently returned from his home in Newark, Ohio.

Second and third tricks at Thompson Falls closed on March 4th, Bro. G. C. Williams bidding in the new night office at Woodlin, and E. W. Hartman bumping Bro. Barton on second Kildee, who had displaced Bro. F. A. Bump. Latter bid in the new night office at Weeksville. Bro. Barton now on a thirty-day leave. Bro. Bartley was on second Kildee a few days.

Second and third Eddy closed, Sister Allgaier bumping Bro. Mays on second Trout Creek, who bumped Bro. Thornton on agency at Granite, relieving at Clarks Fork ninety days, vice Bro. Cusick, on vacation. Sister Stevens, third Eddy, displaced Sister Marshall on third Trout Creek, now on vacation.

Sister Morton resumed third Noxon, displacing Bro. N. P. Matheny, who displaced Bro. Crusier on agency Heron, who displaced Bro. Dierkes on agency Reardon, who bumped Bro. King on agency Cocolalla, who went to third Kootenai yard, vice Bro. Stephens, relieving Agent Gibson. Kootenai, on vacation.

Sister Owen to second Heron, Non Dickinson returning to second Garfield.

Bro. and Sister Cusick, agent and second Clarks Fork, on vacation ninety days. Bro. Thornton on agency, Sister Percy to second trick. Bro. Thompson relieving her on third.

Bro. Underhill, second Hope, on vacation, relieved by Bro. McGee, later by Bro. F. K. Sims.

Bro. Garrett is night ticket clerk at Thompson Falls, a newly created position.

Bro. Gephart, first Kootenai yard, relieved while ill by Bro. Culler.

Bro. Bailey has returned to second Ramsey, Sister Cunningham to third Ramsey, vice Sister Cahill, who relieved Bro. Cahill on first several days.

Bro. "Dick" Lee, second Velox, essaying the role of "merchant prince" in Spokane, relieved by Bro. Partridge. We hope "Dick" makes a million, but comes back at the expiration of his vacation.

On account of reduction in force, all numbers on seniority list from No. 121 to No. 136 inclusive have been stricken off; correct accordingly. We regret the loss of a number of good brothers, but are glad that nons like Colegrove, Vawter, Melten and Searight went down with the bunch.

Non E. C. Clarke, who inflicted his presence on this division for over a year, is on a ranch in the Big Bend territory—a place he is eminently fitted for.

Bro. Hazen, of Pullman, is making a decided improvement in our membership on the P. & L., Genesee and Clearwater branches.

Recent new members: Wilcox, of Kendrick; Dierkes, of Cocolalla; Harned, of Govan, and Bunge, of Cheney.

We congratulate our brother telegraphers on the O.-W. R. & N. on their success in gaining their first schedule, which was signed up March 6th. Now if the G. N. will only wake up and do the same, we will have just cause to be proud of our section of the United States.

This is our first attempt at furnishing a write-up for the division. We shall be glad to have the members send news notes to Bro. Nason prior to the 20th of each month. Bros. Thompson and Kay have our thanks for contributions this month.

"No card, no favors."

DIV. COR.

Dakota Division—

Hizzoner, the local chairman, has asked me to handle the notes this month.

It is now Bros. G. V. Skinner, Medina, and J. J. Ryan, Tuttle, whom we gladly welcome into our ranks. There are several others who are long on promises, to whom we should strictly apply "No card, no favors." Your local chairman can furnish you their names.

The delinquent list, thanks to the efforts of our worthy chairman, has been reduced to a minimum. If you would maintain the advantage gained, be prompt with your dues. The railroads are not paying the expenses of this organization.

Bro. Emery, at Timmer, has resigned and left for the East; Bro. Kelly, operator-clerk, Mott, secured the vacancy on bulletin, relieved on bid by Bro. S. F. Morse. Bro. Snell, at Cannon Ball, also resigned, relieved by A. F. Anderson on bid.

Pettibone agency, vice A. O'Neill, resigned, assigned to Bro. Jaynes, of McKenzie, relieved by Mr. Moe on bid.

Bro. Ralph Whitcome laid off several weeks until the new yard office at Jamestown was completed.

Presume you have all received your nifty "Careful Club" buttons by this time. This is a good work, and should receive your hearty support. It's better to be careful than crippled.

Bro. Norton, of Steele, recently married, was relieved by Bro. Roberts, on his short honeymoon South. No particulars. Congratulations.

Bro. Andre has returned from Wisconsin with his wife, and the new son to Dawson, also relieved by Bro. Roberts, who later relieved Bro. Reque, of Flora, on a jaunt to the sunny South. Bro. Roberts is now relieving Guy Rich, on vacation.

Bro. F. J. Thimmesch relieved Bro. Streukens, on third Windsor, for a little rest from his arduous duties.

General Chairman Mrs. B. E. Nason, of the Ladies' Auxiliary, has appointed Mrs. W. W. Jaynes, of Pettibone, as local chairman for the Dakota Division. She is endeavoring to start some enthusiasm amongst the O. R. T. members' wives and sisters, tending toward a good membership in the Ladies' Auxiliary. All brothers should lend their support wherever and whenever possible in building up this branch of the telegraphers. Have your wife, sister or mother read the Ladies' Auxiliary notes every month, and do everything you can to have them send in their application. In joining the Auxiliary they are brought in closer touch with the Order and as a result become better boosters.

I wish to thank Bros. Underwood, Roberts and Ellsworth for the notes they so kindly contributed, without which there would have been no write-up. Bro. Underwood, at Elgin, has consented to act as scribe next month, and I have no doubt that with your assistance he will make a very creditable showing.

D. C. POINDEXTER.

Minnesota Division—

We are glad to see our division being represented in the journal, as it will arouse an interest in the nons and delinquents, and help us accomplish, by our united efforts, a solid organization, by their brotherly assistance. We must awaken the manhood in the non-members, and not allow them to remain a stumbling block to our advancement, but see that they come in and do their part. Brothers, keep after those nons next to you and give them no rest until they join.

We should hold monthly meetings at some place where the boys could get there and back and not leave their position unprotected. Brothers, let me know what you think about this. I thank Bro. Taylor for the items he sent in. He is the only one I received notes from this month.

Bro. Live, second Wadena, who went to Brainerd Hospital for fifteen days, relieved by W. E. Johnson, was obliged to go back again in ten days for another examination.

W. O. ASH, Local Chairman.

Red River Branch—

Conductor Brown, an ex-telegrapher who lost his arm by being thrown off the caboose and run over, now on trip South, will take third East Grand Forks on his return.

Brothers, try and get the nons next to you and the ones working with you to join. Don't get discouraged if you can not land them, but get someone else to help you.

Take up your grievances with your chairman, if you can not get satisfaction, and give him all the facts relating to the case. Div. Cor.

Relay Division—

We hope the few delinquents, some of whom are out of service on account of recent reductions, will pay up at once. There's nothing gained by waiting. By keeping our membership up-to-date we are assured of more salary with which to pay living expenses.

Bros. A. R. Jones and G. A. Ford, of St. Paul, have resigned and transferred to Division 132, and are now employed by a turpentine company at Ludowici, Ga. Both fine fellows, whom we wish the best of luck.

E. M. Dormer was laid off at St. Paul.

Bro. Jensen's wife (St. Paul) has left the hospital, after being severely ill for about seven months, and is now getting along nicely.

It is now Bro. A. E. Robinson, at Tacoma, who recently became a "benedict." Congratulations.

G. E. Smith, who bumped Assistant Day Chief Whaley, at Dickinson, resigned a week later and went to the Western Union, at Helena. Position was bid in by W. J. Flury, L. N. C., but bids were reopened on account of W. J. Servis being on vacation, and he was assigned, leaving Flury on late nights. Bro. R. D. Miles, at Tacoma, who bid in Flury's position lost out when Servis was appointed assistant chief.

Bro. A. R. Lee, our local chairman, is not getting the support he should from other members of this division. He is making a noble effort to get the relay solid and keep our present members in line, but he needs the co-operation of every card-bearer in the relay. If you are not doing your part for the benefit of the Order, take another hitch in your belt and get busy. UNOTRIPLO.

St. Paul Division—

Thanks to Bros. Sartell, Anoka; Utz, Clear Lake, and Cert. 1980 for notes this month; that's the way to have a good write-up. Come again, boys, with some more of the same.

Agent Mero, at Becker, was off sick a few days, relieved by Bro. Utz, from third Clear Lake.

A. R. Wilson, from the Great Western, promises to join soon.

Bro. Barrett, agent Dayton, on an extended leave, relieved by Mr. Fitzsimmons, relieved there by Bro. Utz, when Agent Mero resumed at Becker.

Bro. Love, agent Rice, has returned after sixty days' honeymoon in California.

Bro. Macey to third Philbrook, relieving Bro. Geo. Blackhurst, who has bid in third Royaltan, relieving Bro. Peters, who bid in second Royaltan; Bro. Miller bidding in first there.

Trick dispatchers are on their annual tour of the division. Mr. Mero, third "MS," doing the dispatching, relieved by Bro. Anderson.

Signal Maintainer P. B. Johnson, of Anoka, was hit and badly hurt on February 15th, by No. 3, running about sixty miles an hour, between Coon Creek and Anoka, but he is now on the road to recovery.

We expect McGill, agent Lincoln; Vettters, Elk River, and Ferron and Galloway, at Anoka, to soon be with us. CLYDE BARTER, L. C.

Lake Superior Division—

Local Chairman Bro. A. E. Youngberg has requested me to take hold of the correspondence again, and will ask all the brothers on the division to send me all the notes and changes they can. That is the only way we can have a write-up, as I am unable to get all the changes and happenings, and this was the reason that I discontinued them a few months ago. Help me all you can.

We deeply regret the sudden death of Bro. T. J. Vesper, on March 7th, at St. Paul, in the hospital, few days after an operation there for appendicitis. In Bro. Vesper we lose a true brother and one of our dearest friends. The funeral services were held at Forest Lake, his former home, and interment made at the Wyoming Cemetery.

Bro. F. W. Eastlund, agent Shafer, is witness for the company in a damage suit pending against the company at Des Moines, Iowa.

J. M. Warhndal, agent Centre City, off for several months on account of sickness, relieved by H. O. Rolig, is now convalescing.

Bro. Warner has resumed at Hugo agency after a few weeks' leave.

Bro. Peterson was awarded agency Wyoming on bid, relieved there by J. H. Brownlee, on second. Bro. Knedel on third.

Bro. D. C. Gray is at Centre City during the absence of H. O. Rolig.

Taylor's Falls branch is solid, with the exception of this place.

Bro. Mason, at Willow River nights during the rush season, relieved Bro. Bailey on leave on Carlton third. Willow River nights discontinued.

Bro. B. E. Nason, of the Idaho Division, had a write-up in the January number which not only applies to his division, but to ours, and all the other divisions as well, and I would advise all the brothers to read it the second time, as this seems to be a rather serious question that confronts us.

Remember that notes must be in my hands not later than the 20th of each month, in order to get them into the journal the following month.

C. W. MICHAELSON, Div. Cor.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Our Father has deemed it best to call our brother, T. J. Vesper, to his home on high; and

WHEREAS, We feel that the Order has lost a worthy member and the community a conscientious and valued citizen, and his family a kind and loving husband and father; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the members of System Division No. 54, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the bereaved family and relatives their sincere sympathy; and be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be published in THE TELEGRAPHER and a copy sent to the family.

A. E. YOUNGBERG,
O. E. PETERSON,
SAM JOHNSON,
Committee.

Wheeling & Lake Erie R. R., Div. No. 55.*Toledo Division—*

The report in the February issue of THE TELEGRAPHER that Bro. Friend, of Toledo, was appointed chief clerk to Civil Service Commission there, was an error. It was K. W. Kessler, of Ironville shops, who was appointed to that position.

Bro. Cartwright, third Homestead, took a merry ride on the Odd Fellow's goat, and is now sporting three gold links

About half the force of shopmen at Ironville shop were laid off March 2d.

Bro. C. A. Porter, "GO" Toledo, resigned, and it has remained closed as a telegraph office since.

Mrs. E. D. Gier, wife of Bro. Gier, agent Milan, has returned from Hudson Falls, N. Y., where she had been called on account of sickness.

Cleveland Division —

Bro. J. E. Swope, agent Ellis, who broke his leg between the knee and thigh recently by falling on the ice, and was taken to Zanesville hospital, was relieved by Bro. J. C. Swope, from third Canton yard.

Bro. F. T. Peregoy bumped Bro. H. K. Taylor, operator and clerk at Sugar Creek.

Bro. F. M. Eby, from second Mingo, bid in Congress Lake nights.

Bro. J. P. West, agent Mogadore, off sick, relieved by Bro. C. L. Farquhar, operator and clerk there.

Bro. E. B. Farley, second Coal Docks, was off sick several days and Bros. Keough and Jackson worked twelve hours.

Wheeling Division—

"WF" nights closed, and Bro. G. D. McKean bumped Bro. Betton, third Pine Valley, who bumped Bro. M. L. Strickland, second there, who bumped Bro. E. A. Butler, third Hopedale, who bumped F. X. McCaffer, second Adena, to extra list.

Bro. C. J. Fulton, first Pittsburg Jct., while visiting home folks at Bethesda, Ohio, was relieved by Bro. F. G. Beider.

Bro. Tommy Lucas, third Jewett, visited the boys (?) at Canton several days.

Bro. Dan Healy, Connor days, drew second Mingo. "Dan" was relieved while sick a few days by Bro. M. L. Strickland.

Bro. Glaspy, third Warrenton, off a few days, was relieved by Mr. McCaffery.

Bro. C. A. Porter, on the W. & L. E. several years, is now auditor for the Ford Motor Co., of Detroit, Mich., at a good salary. He still carries an up-to-date, and says he will continue to carry it, although he has no intentions of returning to telegraphy. His many friends wish him success.

Bro. W. K. Carr, first Mingo, champion checker player of the road, challenges any and all members of Division 55.

H. S. B. and W. P. T.—

Bro. Wilson, agent Bruceton, was in Pittsburg recently; relieved by Bro. Sturgis, agent Fair Haven.

Bro. H. A. Cowen, agent Longview, off several days with an attack of appendicitis, was relieved by C. A. Coleman from the superintendent's office.

Bro. C. W. Weiss, agent Castle Shanon, moved into his new depot and feels very proud of it.

Bros. E. W. Sturgis and P. A. Burens are in the chicken business and will soon have some fancy stock for sale.

I wish to thank the many brothers who sent me items for this issue, and wish that all would take more interest in helping me out. Several of the boys have not replied to the cards I sent them. Let's have a nice write-up in each issue. Mail your items not later than the 20th of each month to Bro. R. F. Smith, Brilliant, Ohio.

"OK," R. F., Div. Cor.

Southern Ry., Div. No. 59.*Atlanta Division—*

Regarding the rolling clause in our last contract, dated March 1, 1913, I differ with R. R. J. with reference to conditions remaining as they are. We have several temporary positions accumulated during the winter months on the Atlanta Division, it being the custom heretofore for any telegrapher to bid in these temporary positions; it mattered not how much age he has, and being on a regular job when such temporary position is bulletined, the regular men have been bidding them in and then when such job is closed the man so affected would pick out any position his age entitled him to, and roll some telegrapher at a point where possibly he has invested a good part or all his many years' savings into real estate, etc., besides the inconvenience and expense of moving. Our officials are becoming tired of changes being made so often at the various stations, owing to some brother being displaced on account of some temporary job having been abolished. If a brother is displaced from a regular job then he should have a right to any job his age entitles him to; but the men permanently located

on regular jobs should hold on to them. If dissatisfied with their present location bid in some other job when they are advertised. Let the extra men work the extra jobs, taking the same advantage of the monthly bulletin to bid on jobs so advertised the same as regular men, and getting what their age entitles them to. So long as our rolling clause remains as heretofore, operators will never accumulate a thing for old age, that we are sure to meet, and leave nothing but an emblem of the O. R. T. for his dear wife and family to remember him by. I favor asking our local chairman to call a meeting immediately and vote the way we feel about this matter. I trust that every member will see that this continued rolling on our system is detrimental to all concerned. Please pinch your memory about the trouble there is in moving. W. O. DAVIS.

With reference to Bro. R. R. J.'s write-up in the January journal, and the different ones in the February issue, in regard to the proposed change in seniority rule, we differ with these brothers. During the winter months, south of Macon there are about ten or fifteen offices cut in, and two or three north of Atlanta, which stay in about five months. These jobs are bulletined and open to all operators on the division who care to bid on them, having the assurance that when those offices were cut out they would get any job that their seniority gives them in the regular offices, but this year our chief stated in his monthly bulletin that regular operators who had regular jobs bidding on these winter jobs would have to take them with the understanding that when the extra offices were cut out they would have to take extra work until a regular job could be bid in by them. We believe this was the best thing to do under the present contract, for besides putting a lot of unnecessary work on him in trying to place the men, it keeps them in a common uproar for about four or five months trying to get settled again, changing from seventy-five to a hundred about. We do not believe that the men who have regular jobs should be allowed to bid on these extra jobs, and then when the extra jobs are cut out every year for them to take a pick at every job on the entire division. A man would have to have thirty years' age to be sure of not being "rolled" when these extra jobs are cut off.

When a regular job is vacated, let every man have a chance at it, then the oldest man get it. Then let them stay there as long as they wish, unless some "regular" job is cut off, and give the extra winter jobs to extra men, also all jobs that are known to be of less than twelve months' duration. If we give the winter jobs to the extra men, then when they are cut out in the spring, let every man entitled to a vacation, which is given free, take it in preference to money, and give work to the extra men.

Those entitled to fifteen days' vacation should take it, thereby showing the company that we appreciate it, and not take the money for it, but give some unfortunate brother on the extra board

the work he would secure as a result of our taking the vacations. We recommend that a special meeting be called, notifying each member to be present to discuss this matter at an early date.

CENTS. 2844, 1460, 2840, 2850, 2009, 663, 3284.

Atlanta Division, North End—

Notes for February journal were sent in too late for that issue, and were published in the March journal, on account of our misunderstanding as to when they should have been sent in.

Bro. Ed. Williams assigned second Rome, vice C. A. Beaty, to Terminal Station, Atlanta. Bro. Williams was relieved by Bro. B. G. Wardell, from Hiram.

The boys at Shannon have moved into their new depot. Bro. Groover was appointed agent. Bro. G. D. Groover, first there, off a few days, was relieved by Bro. Bloodworth.

Bro. Fullen, second Plainville, off last month visiting in the Western States, relieved by Mr. Daley.

Bro. Hyatt, second Waring, visiting several days in Chattanooga, relieved by Bro. W. H. Davis, from the A. C. L.

Bro. Ralph House assigned third Oostanula, vice Bro. Boyles, relieving Bro. Goins, North Rome second, called to his mother's bedside.

Bro. Love, third Phelps, off sick, relieved by Bro. Adams.

Bro. McLeod, third Waring, now with the C. of Ga., relieved by Bro. Rains. Sorry to see Bro. McLeod leave the Southern, but hope he will like his new place.

Bro. Fisher, from third Brice, bid in third Dallas. Bro. Massingill, second there, is now at Cedar Bluff agency, on the main line.

Mr. O'Donnell to third East Rome tower, vice Bro. B. G. Wardell, resigned.

Bro. Brock gets third Plainville; Bro. Rains third Brice, and Bro. Mullins, from third Plainville, assigned third Waring.

Bro. Graves, first Dalton, on vacation in Florida, relieved by Bro. Robertson, from third.

Brothers, let's all get busy with the nons or our division and round them up. Every man become an organizer, and don't sit back and make remarks about what someone else is doing or not doing. If you don't like the way things are being done in your neighborhood, get out and change it. Get after the non next door. If he won't come in, when he asks you to do a personal favor, tell him "nothing doing." Make him understand he doesn't belong in your class. If we only work along this line, it will not be long before even the "hard shell" non will wake up to the fact that he is very unpopular and will either join or quit the business.

Boys, don't go to sleep and stop trains. We only have eight hours to work, and should give the company the very best service we can. We have good dispatchers to work with, men who are considerate in all cases. To repay their kindness by "laying down" on the job makes a mighty bad showing on our part, as well as on the Order of which we are members. Let's show the com-

pany the necessity of employing men with up-to-date cards in preference to nons.

Several members with whom I have talked believe that a meeting should be held at Rome to discuss several important matters. I recommend that our local chairman be requested to call a special meeting at as early a date as possible, notifying all members to be present.

H. G. GAY.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Our heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom and goodness, has deemed it best to call to the great beyond the mother of our esteemed brother, C. G. Gains, we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well; therefore be it

Resolved, That the members of Atlanta Division, No. 59, extend to the sorrowing members of the afflicted family and brother our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement; and be it further.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved brother, a copy to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication, and a copy spread on the minutes of this division.

H. G. GAY,

W. T. PULLEN,

W. L. LANDERS,

Committee.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Our heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom and goodness, has deemed it best to call to the great beyond the father of our esteemed brother, H. H. Moon, and we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well; therefore be it

Resolved, That the members of Atlanta Division, No. 59, extend to the sorrowing members of the afflicted family and brother our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement; and be it further

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H. G. GAY,

J. L. GOSSETT,

W. O. DAVIS,

Committee.

Macon & Brunswick District, South End, Atlanta Division—

An automobile ride was enjoyed in the afternoon and an oyster supper at the McLeod Hotel in the evening to welcome the members who met to assist in the good work of our Order.

After refreshments sixteen of us marched to the lodge room, where five were initiated, and important subjects were discussed and received favorable opinions from everyone present.

Bro. J. J. Pridgen spent several days in Florida, relieved by Bro. J. F. Nipper.

Bro. Young, of Baxley, off a few days, is due congratulations. We are glad to have Mrs. Young as a neighbor.

Mr. Tracy was relieved at Scotland a few days, on account of sickness, by Mr. Phillips.

We would be glad to have all the news on our minutes, and would be glad to hear from anyone.

We have good material on this division, and all are growing more interested. We expect to have a large banquet at our next meeting, and sincerely hope to have a larger crowd. We extend to all a hearty welcome to be with us.

Div. Cor.

"QN" Atlanta Relay—

I want to thank Bro. Stone, of "CS" Chattanooga Terminal, Q. & C., for endorsing my views in the December and February issues. I am glad to know that the brothers in other offices take such an interest in the journal and work, and would be glad to see a write-up from that place every month. The boys on the local wires out of "QN" try, I believe, to give the best service possible, and am sure they will continue to do so.

We had Bros. Alexander and Allen visit us recently. They will always find "welcome" on the doormat at "QN." Come to see us again. We are always glad to shake hands with men who have done so much for Division 59.

In the February issue the "GM" correspondent asks whether the seven relay offices should have an individual chairman. I say "by all means," for in the relay service there are ups and downs that the men on the line never experience, and if a man employed in one of the relay offices was chairman, I think he would be in a better position to look after our interest. But I think that the local chairman for the division nearest the respective relay offices should be given the power to handle any grievance that requires immediate attention, as sometimes there will be differences arise that need attention right then, and if the chairman for the relay offices was located in some distant office it could not very well be handled without some delay.

I am sure that the local chairmen nearest the seven relay offices would co-operate with us in this plan and be willing to lend their services any time we desired. We sent the "GM" correspondent our views several months ago in a letter. You certainly have the support of "QN" in this matter.

L. S. Murray, "P," is now with us. He is a fine fellow, and his many friends will be glad to learn this. Some misfortune lately prevented him from joining sooner. F. Hatchcock, "S," is still on the outside, and R. I. Thomas, "R" third trick wire chief, owing to illness and unforeseen misfortune, has been compelled to defer joining just at present. We need all such good men in the Order, and will be glad to welcome them as brothers. Let us all put aside the trifling bickerings of the past and live for the future.

The brother in "GS" Birmingham relay should give us a write-up, telling us what he has accomplished.

CERT. 2159.

"GM" Office, Washington, D. C., Relay—

Was very glad to see the several write-ups from "GM" and "QN" offices, and hope we will have them every month from each relay office.

We still have a few nons here, everyone of whom has received not less than \$100 increase in the past two years. They are: Hoppe, "HY," who has been here nearly two years, and Cline, A., who "do not expect to stay;" Odom, "Y," and Golden, "N," "not able to get a card;" Hvali, "U," "religious scruples." The other sixteen men are able to carry cards, and there is no excuse for the five not doing so.

For the past two years an effort has been made to get all the relay offices to sign a petition asking that they be given a local chairman, but up to this year it has failed through lack of interest. This year all the offices signed except Chattanooga and Columbia. Our general chairman now has the petition and promises to do his best for us. We maintain a separate seniority list, and no division local chairman is in a position to represent us.

CERT. 1809.

Washington Division—

Upon being requested to act as division correspondent I agreed to do the best I could, provided I had some assistance, and received some very extravagant promises, but have received notes from just one person. Brothers, a few notes from some of you are necessary, and unless I have the co-operation of you all, I can not make a success of the job. So if you want the division represented you will have to do your part. Let me know what you and the other fellows are doing at your station. Someone on the south end help me, also on the Manassas Branch. There is enough for us all to do, if we will only do it.

The installation of the automatic signals between Seminary and Orange is progressing rapidly, and will probably be in operation by May 15th.

Bro. Desler, third Buena, on fifteen days' vacation, relieved by Mr. Crump.

Warrenton agency on bulletin.

Bro. Bruffy, third Arrington, was off several days, relieved by Mr. Wenderoth.

Have you that card for this term? There is no excuse for not having it. The boys in "QN," Atlanta relay, have the right idea, advertise the fellow who persists in being a non. Ascertain who has a card and who has not, then try to reduce the list of nons. Get the man beside you into the fold. When you want off, hunt up an extra man who has a card, and ask the chief to send him to relieve you. This will make a man appreciate being up-to-date; make it not only "No card, no favors," but "No card, no work," as near as possible. Make your membership in your union practical. When you find an engineer, conductor, fireman or brakeman, put the same proposition up to them that you do to the telegrapher. Hasten the day when we shall be as the proverbial bundle of sticks: separated, easily broken, but all together withstand the strength of a giant. We can only do this by insisting on union labor and the products of unionism.

There should be a joint meeting of the O. R. C., B. of L. E., B. of R. T., B. of L. F. and O. R. T.

Let us have several of these meetings and invite the officers of the division to come and meet with the employees.

Bro. Douglass is relieving Mr. Lewis, first Montpelier.

Bro. C. S. ("Fisherman") McCleary says the Rapidan River is just alive with fish.

Bro. K. H. Lewis is on first Cameron Run, in Javin's place, and Bro. Weeks on second.

Bro. L. M. Brittle, third Brandy, off on account of illness of his father.

W. E. Strother, second Declare, while off getting married, was relieved by Bro. Crump.

Send me your doings before the twentieth.

W. E. BERRY, Div. Cor.,

P. O. Box 363, Orange, Va.

Washington Division Notes—

Bro. Urban was off a few days on account of sickness in his home.

Bro. Melson and Mr. Ford have returned from their trip through Alabama.

Bro. Burgess was off several days on business recently.

Bro. Clairborne bid in second "SB," relieved on second "MX," vacant, on bid, by Bro. Douglass.

Owing to the movements made around "AH," our good and faithful Uncle "Doddie" is now agent at "AH," relieved on first, on bid, by Bro. Wright, and he on second "MO" by Bro. Clifton.

Bro. Roberts was on the sick list several days. Bro. Redmiles relieving. Sister Connally was also on the sick list a few days, causing the boys to double, owing to the shortage of extras.

We should line-up the few nons left. The grand and local secretaries have swamped them with circular-letters, which seem to have had no effect. We must get after them on our own account.

"CH," Cert. 2882.

Knoxville Division—

We are sorry to hear of Bro. Gillespie's death. The division has lost a loyal member, who always kept paid up-to-date, and as a result leaves his wife, who has been an invalid four or five years, \$500 insurance, which will, of course, be some help, and the members of the division must do what they can to extend Mrs. Gillespie what help and protection is needed.

This is another case that should convince every brother the importance of keeping up-to-date, both as to dues and insurance assessments, thereby protecting the loved ones when the death summons comes. Life insurance has prevented the shipwreck of many homes. It has done more for humanity than any other one thing, and the man who has had business forethought enough to carry life insurance for the protection of his wife and children, knows in his last hours that he has done all that he could do to safeguard the home after he is no longer here to look after it. The peace of mind this thought gives one is worth more than the cost of insurance.

A nice wreath of flowers was furnished by the east end brothers, and several attended the funeral of Bro. Gillespie, which was held in Abingdon, Va. Assistant Local Chairman Bro. Foshee, of Johnson City, is commended for his interest in soliciting contributions, and the brothers who donated to purchase the flowers, the balance of the fund of \$16 being turned over to the widow. The brothers on the entire division would have gladly donated had there been time to do so, but such things must be done quickly, and until a local fund is established for such purposes we will have to do the best we can by subscription.

Brothers who have allowed their dues and insurance to lapse should renew their membership and reinstate their insurance immediately.

Our friend and trainmaster, E. J. Wooten, died in Cleveland, Tenn., March 14th. He made many friends while chief dispatcher, and while he was made trainmaster of the west end, by his congenial and kindly manner, and we are deeply grieved at his death. Quite a number of the boys attended his funeral at Knoxville, March 17th. A beautiful floral offering, bearing our official emblem letters, "O. R. T." was contributed by the telegraphers and station agents as a last respect to their departed friend. I wish to thank those who contributed, especially Assistant Chairmen Bros. Barkley, Foshee and Haney, for their interest in the matter. Considerably more was contributed than necessary to pay for the floral offering, which was \$20, and all received in excess of this amount will be turned over to the treasurer at next meeting, to be used for a similar purpose when necessary.

With the addition of the sixteen station agents we now carry 232 men on the seniority list just received, which is a pretty large division. The names of the delinquents will be furnished every brother who will help us to get them back in the fold, on application to the local chairman. The committee will soon be on the grounds again for a revision, and we must line-up these nons and delinquents. Men who make a habit of joining just before the convening of the committee each year, when the rate is the cheapest, and then drop out until the next time the committee goes up, should be treated the same as the nons: "No card, no favors." Until we do this, there will not be much change in this situation. It's a pretty mean man who will accept the increase, usually over \$100 a year, and refuse to contribute \$12 in dues to help pay the expenses of the organization that made this increase possible. Such a man deserves no consideration, when it comes to favors and the adjustment of his grievances, and members working with nons should endeavor to secure their applications at once. They have already received the benefits and know what it means. Make a united effort to get these men in and then keep them in.

Recently I received a criticism, from one of our brothers on the east end, for not having more of a write-up. In answer to this well-meaning brother, I will say that for eight years very few write-ups have been sent in, except those written

by me, yet this is not the business of the local chairman. On several occasions I appointed a correspondent, but not one of them ever took hold of it, therefore I have been obliged to attend to it in addition to the duties of division chairman. This brother also wanted to know what had become of Assistant Local Chairman Bro. Anderson on the east end, who has not been in that position for over a year. The assistant chairman on the east end has done his duty according to the support given him. The chairman of the local board is supposed to look after the handling of grievances, organizing meetings and otherwise be the official representative of the division, but there should be a division correspondent to handle the write-ups, a man for treasurer to look after such matters as floral offerings for deceased brothers and others, and each man perform his duties assigned him. I have had this matter up in our meetings many times, yet no action has been taken, therefore one man has had too much of the division's work put on him. One man can not know all the happenings on a large division like this; handle all the work and carry on meetings successfully unless the members attend with more regularity and in larger numbers; therefore, I suggest that the brothers look after these matters and co-operate with the division chairman and his assistants on the east end. You will find them willing to do their part and glad to receive suggestions at any time. What has discouraged previous assistant chairmen on the east end, causing them to resign, is the seemingly indifferent action of the men, receiving no support in matters they took hold of for the good of the organization. Just as much responsibility rests upon the membership as upon the division chairmen, and many times more, and they must take an interest and do their duty individually and personally in order to get the best results.

It is hoped that all who can will attend the next meeting, and we will go into matters of interest to the division and see what can be done, and if the brother who wrote me the letter will attend this meeting and make himself known, the local chairman will take pleasure in explaining to him other things that will convince him that he has not kept abreast of the times and is not posted as to the division, etc.

W. H. CORD, L. C.

Knoxville Division—Morristown to Ashville—

Floyd Calfee, who has been off quite a while on account of his health, has returned, and bid in Vance.

Bro. Line bid in third Sweetwater, and Bro. Southerland, third Alexander. Bro. Onsby bid back his old job, second Paint Rock. Bro. Gott gets first Delrio.

Boys, let's have a write-up from this end each month. Send all the news and changes you can get this way. It's hard for one or two to find out all of it, so help do this every month.

CERT. 1632.

Charlotte Division, North End—

Boys, we can have a write-up each month on this end as well as other divisions if each one of you will send in the items you hear of.

Boys, get after the extra men and see that they get a card if they stay on this end.

A new position, agent-operator, \$64.00, at Mayesworth, N. C., opened up April 1st.

We note the write-up in January journal by Atlanta Division correspondent in regard to our seniority rule being changed, so when a position is abolished the man affected will go on extra and take chances on bulletin. It would not be fair for a man with ten or fifteen years' seniority to have to work extra to be compelled to pay board on the road as well as the expenses of his family at home, when there is a man one year old holding a desirable position on the division to which the man whose position was abolished is entitled. Boys, our present rule has worked satisfactorily and will come nearer giving justice to all concerned than any other. Give this serious consideration and have a vote taken before adopting any change.

M. E. WOODY.

Charlotte Division, South End—

Bro. E. H. Brown, Central third, while on vacation relieved by C. O. Jones.

Bro. J. N. Wallace, third Easley, visited home folks in North Carolina recently.

Bro. R. E. Pierce, third Fallis, on a trip to Atlanta, relieved by F. Kinnett. Bro. L. Elliott, third Alto, off fifteen days, relieved by Bro. C. E. McWharther.

It's now Bro. W. M. Tollison. J. L. Brown and B. L. Rice, shown in February journal as brothers, are both delinquent.

Bro. E. Shelton, third Buford, off with measles, relieved by C. W. Duncan.

Regular meeting held at Central on March 8th with about twelve members present.

Get after the non working with or by you, and don't rest till you get him.

B. W. G.

Danville Division—

We have some good workers, and should have a good write-up each month, and keep the boys posted who are not fortunate enough to get to a meeting. We have only a few delinquents on this division and I hope they will appreciate the protection the organization affords; its influence for the higher and nobler aim we aspire to as well as more money and better working conditions, and pay up at once. We should all try and attend the meetings and discuss railroad subjects, that would benefit our employer and show that we merit a raise by attention to our duties. Meetings of this kind will bring out the errors in our work and possibly give some brother a new working plan.

A good way to remove crystallized copper and zinc sulphate from the bottom of battery jars is to turn them upside down on the ground. In a few days it will loosen enough so the crystallized substance can be removed by adding a little water

and some times it will come out without the aid of water.

A brother working with a non or delinquent is not doing his duty unless he uses every means in his power to induce him to come into the organization and pay up.

We have a good set of officials who are very lenient in overlooking mistakes which all human beings are likely to make, and in such cases a man is given a chance to redeem himself, but cases of exact carelessness are not liable to be condoned.

A CARD OF CONDOLENCE.

TO BRO. WREAN—We wish to extend our sympathy to you in this sad hour, owing to the loss of your wife, and in your deep grief we direct you to our heavenly Father who will surely show you that it was for the best.

It is hard for us to find words to comfort you, but we know that time will drive the shadows of grief away and in the end you will again be united with your loved ones to part no more, where shadows never gather and sorrow is unknown.

Fraternally,

GORDON B. WITT.

Columbia Division—

Bro. Crout, Gilbert, received his fifteen days' vacation for 1913; relieved by Mr. Turner. Bro. Ottes was sick three days.

Mr. Hutton, Rock Hill, promoted to dispatcher Charleston Division, relieved by Mr. Limberger, later relieved by Mr. Bridges.

Manager Veach was over the division recently inspecting the wires.

Bro. Miller spent a Sunday with his parents at Batesburg recently.

We are now in a battle for our rights. To those who are not willing to rally to the bugle call of the O. R. T.: "No card, no favors."

The railroad commissioners recently made an inspection of our division and found everything in shipshape.

The Sunday meeting at Greenwood was largely attended and many points of interest discussed. Come out to the next one at 1632 Main St. Columbia, first Sundays.

M. D. D., L. C.

St. Louis Division—

The meeting at Huntingburg, Saturday night, February 21st, was a success in every particular, about thirty present, not quite as many of the boys as were at the agents' meeting at Princeton. All enjoyed the meeting very much. We had hoped to have one or more of the grand officers with us, but on account of other engagements, it was impossible for them to attend. Our general chairman, Bro. H. G. Alexander, was very favorably impressed with the interest shown at this meeting. Many questions were brought up and discussed that were of vast importance to the men. The only way to learn the whole situation and get in the discussion is to attend these meetings. Many nice talks for the good of the

Order, and the men employed on these lines, were made by many of the brothers present. We hope to have a better turn-out at our next meeting. Brothers, try to get off and attend and get the good out of these meetings, as that is what they are for. Bro. M. L. Spurling, of East Jct., sent his regrets at not being able to attend. His heart was with us.

Bro. W. E. Young, of Rockport, just returned from a tour through Florida, relieved by Relief Agent L. C. Smith.

Bro. J. H. Peters and Mr. Swank traded tricks February 1st, to allow the latter to visit at English.

The brothers at Mt. Carmel had to double two or three nights recently, on account of serious illness of Bro. Booth's wife. We are glad to learn of her recovery.

Brothers, let's all do the right thing on third trick now. We have "Old Red Harris" back with us.

After a very severe siege of rheumatic trouble, Bro. Hutchinson is back on second Mt. Vernon.

H. G. Hartley, first New Baden, and Bro. Overbee, third Fairfield, have a new Martin vibroplex.

Bro. T. G. Steverson, agent Booneville, has resigned; relieved by Bro. P. R. Bishop, from Lincoln City.

Bro. L. E. Bell, of Ayershire, was a recent Huntingburg Sunday visitor.

C. E. Ellis, who bid in second Milltown, has returned to Oakland City second, and H. V. Steele, who bumped Bro. L. E. Bell, at Ayershire, bid in third there.

Bro. J. A. Whaley made a trip to Louisville recently.

Bro. J. H. Holstein, of Gentryville, says it does not pay to make a race in politics.

Bro. C. C. Schmuck, first Oakland City, visited home folks at Troy recently.

General Chairman Alexander visited Local Chairmen C. L. Watson, at Veechdale, and L. E. Crandall, Chrisney, after attending the meeting at Huntingburg.

Bro. W. I. Atkins, of Dubois, visited sick folks at Kyana recently. CERTS. 138 AND 2881.

Queen & Crescent Route (South), Div. No. 69.

On Sunday night, March 8th, the Valley Division of the Mo. Pac. held a meeting in "MC" Gehee, Ark., their local chairman, Bro. J. E. Lewis presiding. I can't recall when we have had a meeting, and there are several of our brothers who probably never attended one. Let us have a meeting where we can get the views of the different brethren.

Our general committee will return to "NO" in the next thirty or sixty days to try again to revise our contract and get us some more money, so let's get all the nons lined up before then. Each member select some particular non whom he knows and keep after him until he secures his application. We would soon be 100 per cent strong if

we would do this. If two members should get after the same non, all the better. They will have a better chance to land him.

Bro. W. A. Caples resigned second Ruston, relieved by Mr. Ellan, pending bids.

Bro. J. N. Melton is in the sanitarium sick. We all hope to soon see him back at "NA."

Bro. McKinney, while at Simsboro attending the burial of his friend, Dr. Chapman, at Garfield, was relieved by Relief Agent Hoge.

Mr. McIntosh, at Delta Point, was formerly agent at Tremont. Boys, let's see what he has got on his hip.

Bro. McKinney will soon be loading straw-berries on No. 9.

H. L. Mitchell has forgotten to answer letters from our brothers. Don't let us forget "No card, no favors."

Boys, send me all the news you can by the 17th of every month, so we can get in our write-up on time. CERT. 199.

M. & St. L. R. R., Div. No. 71.

Eastern Division—

Business is good, night offices having been opened up on that account at Rockwell, Abbott, Liscomb and New Sharon, making shorter hours and more station help. Wish they would extend this service on down the line.

W. F. Hogann, relieved at Macon City second by L. W. Colter, who went into the train service (the trainmen get a living wage). Mr. Colter has promised next payday. We hope the brothers up that way see that he does it.

The Rockwell night office only lasted three weeks, and they had three operators in that time; H. C. Cahill, Richardson and Bro. E. E. Carmichael, the latter being transferred to third at Marshalltown yards, vice Mr. White, resigned.

Bro. J. D. Wilson, of Division 126, relieved at Abbott nights by Bro. A. A. Jordan, of Division 2.

Bro. E. E. Erickson, at Latmer, was laid up several days, also your scribe for two weeks with a very bad case of grippie, but was unable to get relief and had to stick it out until we wore the grippie out. Expected to get out on the line some time this month, but hope to get out soon and line some of the nons up. My friend, C. O. Davis, at Elrick, landed M. E. Lash, third there, and we now welcome him as Bro. Lash. We extend our thanks to Bro. Davis. Hope he and Bro. Lash will keep lashing that agent down there until he also comes across.

Among the other new brothers are: E. R. Urbine, agent Gilman, and Telegraphers F. I. Griffin, Albia; S. M. Gearhart, Mason City third, and C. B. Morgan, Oskaloosa second, with several more good prospects for the near future.

Bro. E. E. Carmichael, first Mason City, relieved Mr. Colter, and E. A. White relieved Bro. Carmichael at Marshalltown yard.

General Manager Bierd has resigned to accept the presidency of the C. & A., succeeded by

C. W. Huntington, superintendent Iowa Central a number of years. General Superintendent C. S. Lake also resigned, succeeded by E. E. Kerwin, trainmaster under C. W. Huntington, who also filled other positions on the old Iowa Central.

A number of petitions were sent over this division the past month received from the committee of Division 23 for the pardon of former Bro. W. J. Hunter, now incarcerated in the Nevada State prison.

Bro. E. S. Packard was relieved by Relief Agent Archambault while he attended an investigation at Oskaloosa.

Bro. L. C. Clark, of Chapin, was off several weeks on account of the serious illness and death of his father.

F. B. Hageman, while on the sick list, was relieved by Bro. Heritage and Dispatchers Cunningham and Laird.

Bro. L. Quinlan, of Eldora, called to Minneapolis on court business, was relieved at Eldora by Bro. D. N. Blankenship, of Division 2.

Bro. Murray, second Pickering, resigned, relieved by Bro. C. C. Butts, of Division 53.

Bro. Rex Davis, who went to Middle "G" agency, is now on second Elrick, vice Decker, resigned.

Bro. Ed Anderson, whose wife died after an operation in Hampton hospital and was buried, at Abington, relieved Mr. Close at Elrick Jct., when called to Kilburn, Ill., on account the death of his mother.

Bro. C. L. Keshon relieved Bro. S. K. Anderson at Oskaloosa while he attended the funeral of his mother.

Boys, let's all get busy now on the nons and the delinquents, and line them up before we go in for a new schedule, which we are badly in need of.

W. C. M.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Our heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom and goodness, has deemed it best to call to the great beyond the beloved wife and mother of our esteemed brothers, E. W. Anderson and S. K. Anderson; in manifestation of our fraternal sympathy, be it

Resolved, That the members of the Eastern Division of the M. & St. L. System, Division 71, Order Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the sorrowing brothers and family their sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved brothers, a copy spread on the minutes of the division and a copy forwarded to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

J. C. SANDMIER, Gen. Secy. and Treas.
A. L. GARDNER, General Chairman,
C. V. PLATTS, Local Chairman,
JACK FOSTER, Local Chairman,
W. C. McLINN, Asst. Local Chairman.

Committee.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, has deemed it best to call to his heavenly home the beloved father of Bro. L. C. Clark; and

WHEREAS, We bow in humble submission to Him that doeth all things well; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the Eastern Division of M. & St. L. System, Division 71, extend to the sorrowing brother and family our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved brother, a copy spread on the minutes of this division, and a copy sent to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

J. C. SANDMIER, Genl. Secy. and Treas.

A. L. GARDNER, Genl. Chairman,

C. V. PLATTS, Local Chairman,

JACK FOSTER, Local Chairman,

W. C. McLINN, Asst. Local Chairman,

Committee.

C. & W. Division—

New Richland nights bid in by Brandt, relieved by N. Oight, from C. & N. W., at Humboldt.

The Hunter petition was signed by every man on the division.

E. J. Dalton, "HF" nights, resigned.

Auditor Smith and Mr. Musen went over a part of the road recently, shaking hands with the boys.

Bro. Conklin, Division 23, secured several members for us on west end recently, and several of the back-sliders have promised to get in line.

Only received items from two of the boys. Take a little more interest in this matter. When you hear of a change on the line jot it down and send it to me. Let's try and have a big write-up for next month.

"Joe," Cert. 29.

Chicago & Northwestern Ry., Div. No. 76.

Chicago Terminal District—

Brothers, we must line-up the few delinquents and nons still left on the division. We may now shake hands with Harry Gladish and Frank J. Gart, of Wilmette and Rose Hill.

We extend congratulations to Bros. Jacoby and Ganley on the birth of their boys, and accept the cigars with many thanks.

Messrs. Mann and Steers, of Clinton St. towers, have resigned, and Bro. John E. Strande, third Deering Bridge, has secured one of the positions. He has certainly earned the promotion, and we are all glad to see him get it.

Bro. Scanlan, second Lake St. tower, relieved thirty days by George Russ, telephone operator.

I wish that all members would try to attend the meetings of the Cort Club on the first Saturday of each month in the Masonic Temple. If you will do this, you can keep in touch with the O. R. T. movement in general, also on the C. & N. W. Ry., as Bro. Troy frequently attends these meetings and you will always be able to know just what is going on and will not have to be governed by hearsay.

Remember! No card, no favors!

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Madison Division—

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Our heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom and goodness, has deemed it best to call to the great beyond the beloved wife of our Bro. A. C. Deutschbein; in manifestation of our fraternal sympathy, be it

Resolved, That the members of the Madison Division of Division 76, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the sorrowing brother and family their sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved brother, a copy spread on the minutes of this division, and a copy forwarded to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

L. F. SCHNEIDER,
F. E. WICKERN,
C. E. L. HANSEN,
Committee.

CARD OF THANKS.

BUFFALO, WIS., February 18, 1914.

To the Members of Madison Division:

Brothers—I wish to express my great appreciation and sincere thanks to all the members of Madison Division for the beautiful floral offering presented by them in token of their sympathy for the great loss of my beloved wife.

Fraternally,

A. C. DEUTSCHBEIN.

Wisconsin Division—

Mr. Hardesty recently assigned to first Wisconsin returned to second there, vice Bro. F. Boynton returned to third, relieving Bro. J. O. Ricks, returned to Tower "SW." These changes were made necessary on account of irregularity in assignment of first Wisconsin, which has been secured by Bro. H. R. Wollmer.

Bro. J. N. Woodbury, agent Alden, is laying off a few days.

Conductor Gene Dady, of Harvard, relieved Bro. Regan at Capron, February 221, while he was in Chicago.

Chas. H. Lee, of the Terminal District, Clinton St. tower, visited his mother at Capron recently, and called on the boys at Harvard.

Chief Dispatcher McIntyre called on his parents at Capron recently.

The boys along the "KD" are kept pretty busy with the ice trains and a general all round pick up of business.

Trainmaster Davis is successfully looking after the overs, shorts and bad orders on our division.

Numerous changes have taken place recently, on account of the various bulletins, and we are receiving many new men.

Brothers, get after the nons and make them get a card.

Bro. Coburn was absent several days on account of sickness in his family, also doing committee work, relieved by Mr. Soles, of Woodstock.

We desire to call your attention to the Cort Club meetings held on the first Saturday night of

each month at Room 912, Masonic Temple. A card in this club only costs you 50 cents semi-annually, or \$1 a year. Every railway in the city is included in the membership of this club, and no more interesting meetings could you attend anywhere; discussions of vital matters, both legal and otherwise, are given by the ablest of men, and you could not help out a better cause. If you are not a member and hold a card up-to-date and have the pass word, you are cordially invited to attend the meetings. Don't forget the date, and be sure and come in to our next meeting. Any further information can be procured from Bro. H. L. Sharer, at "GO," Chicago.

Miss Andrews, formerly of Chicago Ave., has returned to work at Des Plaines second, relieving Mr. Sherman, who goes to West Bend third, vice Bro. G. A. Hallade, who bid in third Racine, vice Mr. Bassett, who went to second Tower "SW," relieving Mr. Saxe, on vacation.

The special meeting of Wisconsin and Galena Divisions, General Office and Chicago Terminal District, called by General Chairman Troy, at Victoria Hotel, Chicago, February 22d, was well attended considering the snow storm which raged all day and well into the night. The afternoon session was a hot one, and many new and interesting facts were brought to the attention of those present.

The evening session was called to order at 8 p. m., Bro. H. L. Sharer acting as chairman. There was a large attendance, and questions of vital import were discussed at length.

The meeting was opened by a short address from Bro. E. H. Webster, local chairman, Galena Division; interesting talks were also made by Bro. Smart, of "SJ," general office, and Bros. Henning, Graves and Cohen, on present conditions and the efforts that are being made to interest the non-member. Every member should not only make a special effort to interest the man whom he works with in the organization of the craft, but should attend these meetings whenever and wherever possible and thus keep posted. Two of our sister telegraphers from this division, of whom we are justly proud, braved the storm to be with us at the evening meeting, and the boys who stayed at home on account of the weather can well take a lesson from this and make an effort to get out to the next meeting. It will cure your faint-heartedness.

Brothers, send the news to Bro. Coburn, at Harvard. This will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for the items you have already sent in.

CERT. 262.

Sioux City Division—

Everything moving along smoothly, and new members coming in rapidly. Now, if the men on the Sioux City-Missouri Valley line will only become "alive," we can show one of the best-organized pieces of road in the country.

C. W. Mapes, transferred from Division 30, is now at Stratford. Mr. Guille resigned Sargent's Bluffs to engage in farming in Illinois. Boyer, from Sac City, bid in the position. Mr. Sunberg, a new man, is at Cal. Jct. Mr. Lewis,

from Danbury, relieved Boysen, Lake City, a few days. Mr. Graham, Modale, called to Illinois owing to the death of his mother. Mr. Clayton, assigned Lawton, left us without notice or address.

It is rumored that a new fast train will be inaugurated, Carroll to Sioux City, shortly, and our No. 22 reduced to the ranks of a local.

Mr. McClure requests that the boys live up to his instructions as far as possible in regard to admitting persons to the office, including unauthorized employees. Inspectors report direct to Chicago on such matters. It is then referred to Mr. McClure, who has to explain the complaint. We trust the boys will live up to the rule literally, and not impose too much upon Mr. McClure's good nature.

The circular letters in regard to the observance of the hours-of-service law should be carefully read and complied with. Station work does not come under the emergency clause.

The following is the seniority list. In case error is detected or you wish the exact date of employment, write the local chairman, who will loan you one of the lists: 1, Hungerford; 2, Feltus; 3, Van Der Velden; 4, Strong; 5, Laing; 6, Fenn; 7, Yule; 8, Sands; 9, Ryman; 10, Talbert; 11, Marple; 12, Beck; 13, Hammond; 14, Noe; 15, Ihde; 16, Green; 17, Sheldon; 18, Pratt; 19, (out); 20, Dick; 21, Baker; 22, Elliott; 23, Hooper; 24, Fuller; 25, Barfoot; 26, Treloar; 27, Diem; 28, Pangborn; 29, Kelsey; 30, Short; 31, Carnes; 32, Kent; 33, West; 34, A. Boysen; 35, (out); 36, Eck; 37, Cochran; 38, Fagan; 39, Neves; 40, J. F. Simpson; 41, Watson; 42, Boysen; 43, Breneman; 44, Edwards; 45, Roach; 46, Dean; 47, Meehan; 48, H. W. Hays; 49, Crinklaw; 50, Clanahan; 51, Willhoite; 52, Graham; 53, Alloway; 54, Cochlin; 55, Boyer; 56, Russell; 57, F. L. Hundall; 58, Lobdell; 59, Strauss; 60, Clifford; 61, C. H. Hays; 62, (out); 63, Graves; 64, Baskin.

We trust the practice of the agents hiring additional help out of their salaries will be discontinued on this division, as the company is fully able to provide the necessary assistance to handle the business.

Bro. Sands is very sick in St. Joseph's Hospital, Sioux City.

PARCEL POST.

Minnesota Division—

Recent assignments: Telegraphers—Third St. Charles, Bro. H. J. Yackel; Dodge Center, Bro. C. L. Cady; second Tracy, Bro. R. E. Graham. On bulletin: Third Waseca, Sanborn and Lewis-ton second.

The new seniority list is out. Many of the boys will find their numbers changed a great deal, and all have been moved up somewhat.

Chester Station has been changed to Haverhill, and Mankato Jct. to Burdette, owing to the likeness of Chester to Rochester and Mankato Jct. to Mankato, to eliminate the possibility of errors in train orders.

Jim Ingram, a freight brakeman on this division, was killed in Mankato yard, February 25th, while going west on train 481. Jim was well

liked by all who knew him, and his sad ending was a shock to his many friends.

Bro. A. G. Bosshardt, agent Dover, while on the sick list was relieved by Bro. C. L. Cady, from Dodge Center.

No news from the Watertown line. I sent out several appeals for assistance from a news standpoint, but very few returns. However, we are very grateful for all we received, and hope the boys will come to our aid better next month. One little item from each brother on the division would help greatly.

Bro. R. H. Krause, former agent at St. Peter, now with the A. C. L. at Drewrys Bluff, Va., sends his "73" to all the boys. We wish him success.

Dispatcher R. M. Morse, third trick Middle Division, recently enjoyed a few days' vacation, relieved by Tom Carroll, and he by Bro. Dan on third East End.

Bro. G. W. Cotton, first Janesville, is on the sick list again, relieved by Bro. W. F. Swanson, agent Judson, relieved by Bro. E. W. Johnson.

The subscription taken up for Bro. Cotton, amounting to \$215, was presented to him at Janesville, March 18th, coming at a time when it was sorely needed. He wishes to express his thanks and appreciation for this remembrance, and hopes that the opportunity will present itself some day to be able to repay the many friends who so freely gave towards the fund. Employees from every department donated, also our division officials and dispatchers, for which we are very thankful. It shows their hearts are all with us, and we should show them we appreciate their friendship by helping them out in every way, so that we may all benefit by their success.

I. M. Doskoskie, second Minnesota City, was recently elected justice of the peace, and promises to tie up all the O. R. T. boys who wish it free of charge.

Bro. J. F. Pierce, third Waseca, has resigned and left for the sunny South, to work for the W. U. Telegraph Co.; relieved by Bro. A. M. Thompson, Sanborn second, and he by F. L. McInstry, relieved at Minnesota by Bro. Wagner, the regular man.

Bro. Harry Sorenson, second Winona side wire, while visiting his home at Kasson, also the Twin Cities, was relieved by L. B. Curran.

Let us see what we can accomplish as an organization by this time next year. We have a good membership, and that is the prime factor in getting results. *Push.*

An open meeting was held at Mankato, Saturday evening, March 15th. Superintendent M. J. Boyle and Traveling Agent Perry were our guests. All the division officials received an invitation, but only those two gentlemen were able to be present, and brought the excuses of the rest. Addresses were given by Mr. Boyle, Mr. Perry, General Secretary and Treasurer Tenney, of the Omaha; Bro. E. J. Thomas and others.

The meeting was not adjourned until nearly 11 p. m., and those who were fortunate enough to be present were so well pleased that they would go any distance to be in attendance at another

such meeting. Bro. Wentworth, from Gary; E. C. Mielke, from Canby, and C. R. Riebe, from Marshall, hold the record for long distance.

That much good resulted from this meeting goes without saying, as it tended to bring out the friendly feeling that exists between the division officials and the boys, and all are looking forward to the time when another open meeting will be held.

Bro. Tenney is fast becoming a fixture at the meetings. By his presence and encouragement the destiny of the O. R. T. on this division is enhanced fifty per cent. Let the good work go on, and more of the boys put forth an effort to attend these meetings. If you once get the habit, you would not miss one. D. J. M.

Dakota Division—

On bulletin: Agencies—Henry, Verdon, Hetland, Rockham, Ree Heights, second DeSmet, nights Highmore, third Iroquois.

I have been very busy this month, having been on my vacation and changing my location, and have had very little time to drum up much for THE TELEGRAPHER, and I think it is as little as some of the boys on the line can do to send in a few notes. You won't attend the meetings once a month, never speak a word to the non you work with every day, and don't send in any notes; so the only proof you have that you are an up-to-date member is your division card. Work individually during the month, and come in on the second Sunday of the month and let's all tell what we have done "for the good of the Order." If impossible to come this month, send in your notes, and try to swap off and be there next time. We have a few one-man stations where brothers hold forth who have not missed a meeting. Try to do likewise. There are two or three and possibly four at some stations, and not a single member attends a meeting. Two or three individuals can not make a live division. It is absolutely necessary for each and every member to do his part before we reach that standard we claim to be striving for.

We have added several new members recently, and hope to soon have several more. Attend our meetings and you will get the news up to date and not have to depend entirely upon the journal. You prosper according to your deeds. Brothers, wake up; your integrity is at stake; be working members of our Order, and don't stand back and wait for someone to do it for you.

Bro. M. E. Taylor, agent Garvin, and wife have gone to his claim near Faith. Mrs. Taylor recently underwent an operation at Omaha.

Bro. E. H. Rohlfs, first Salem, off a few days visiting in Omaha and Manning, Wyo., was relieved by Bro. R. W. Richardson, who, with Bro. Boughner, Salem, attended the basket ball game at Huron recently.

R. E. Stengle, second Balton, off on account of sickness, is being relieved by A. Lane. Mr. Moes, agent Elrod, has resigned, relieved by J. H. Wohldenberg, helper at Alcester.

Bro. R. A. Pfefferle has cut down the high cost of living by going to Cavour to work, so as to cut out the weekly trips.

N. Paulsen, agent Centerville, off thirty days, was relieved by Bro. Ed Finnerty.

J. L. Walker, agent Blunt, off a few days on account of the serious illness of his mother at LeMars, Iowa, was relieved by Mr. Stewart, of Harrold.

Bro. J. S. Fillis, agent Hitchcock, on a five months' leave, working in the bank there, is being relieved by C. F. Swartz, from Canistota.

Bros. Pfefferle, Lane and Local Chairman Long were recent Huron visitors.

Bro. N. L. Cass has resumed as agent Miller, relieving Bro. W. A. Topp, who went to Pierre as day ticket clerk.

Bro. J. T. Lane spent Sunday renewing acquaintances in his home town at Mansfield.

Chief Dispatcher C. E. Sainesbury was at Minneapolis recently as witness in a law suit.

Bro. E. W. Carpenter was a recent Lake Preston and Cavour visitor. His wife, who was visiting at Buffalo Gap, has returned.

Dispatcher "Bill" Seaton has gone to California for a few weeks.

Ex-Chief Wilson was sick a few days, relieved by Bro. R. W. Richardson. Extra Dispatcher Kendall has also been off on account of sickness.

Bro. L. J. Kendall is back at Brookings from an extended trip, but has not yet resumed work.

Bro. B. Helvik, of the C. M. & St. P. wants to be remembered to the brothers.

Eighteen members were present at our Redfield meeting—the best showing so far.

Bro. H. A. W. Graham, of Carthage, secured the shawl purchased from ex-Bro. Hunter, of Nevada. Another one has been purchased. Our next meeting (on account of Sunday being Easter) will be postponed one week.

Bro. Pfefferle has appointed assistants on all parts of the division to help him out on the news. The treasury is flourishing, but there is still some money due from the brothers for local dues. If you have not done so, please send your 50 cents to Local Secretary and Treasurer H. D. Harrington, Iroquois, S. D.

Bro. J. D. Lane, agent Mansfield, recently in the Black Hills, Council Bluffs and Cavour, has returned to work. He was relieved by his son, A. Lane.

R. A. PFEFFERLE, Div. Scribe.

N. O., M. & C. R. R., Div. No. 80.

New Albany Division—

The assistant superintendent and dispatcher's office has just been remodeled, which adds to the comfort as well as attraction.

Third Trick Dispatcher S. A. Dobbs attended the meeting of the Shriners at Meridian; relieved by Mr. Sharpe, second Ackerman, relieved by (soon to be) "Bro." Haney.

Bro. Collins, agent Reform, went through a routine of court trips 18th to 21st; relieved by Bro. W. R. Moore, relief agent.

Bro. Holmes, first Ackerman had an enjoyable trip to Atlanta, Ga., recently.

Some of the boys have begun to send in their applications for the two weeks' vacation with pay. A number of boys are entitled to it. Remember to send in application sixty days before vacation is wanted.

We expect to soon know the details of our revised contract, and should all get after the few nouns on our division and make it solid.

Send in your suggestions to the general committee as to what you want in our next contract.

Bro. T. R. Craig, agent Falkner, had the misfortune to lose his new home by fire in January. All who wish to help him please hand your donation to the relief agent, who has a list for that purpose. Although Bro. Craig has not asked for help it will show our brotherly love to give him something. CERT. 108.

Louisville Division—

W. A. Weed, agent Bay Springs, on ninety days leave, is being relieved by Bro. R. A. Foster, agent Louie, relieved by Mr. Leek.

Bro. E. E. Gross, agent Montrose, while attending court was relieved by Bro. A. L. Rayburn, who also relieved Bro. J. O. Fait, agent Stringer, a few days.

J. D. Mansfield, first Newton, on two weeks' vacation, relieved by J. W. Murray, relief agent. Mr. Mansfield also attended the Mardi Gras at New Orleans, relieved by Bro. W. W. Watts, relieved by Bro. L. Gordon, of Shatton.

Bro. R. W. Morris, agent Shipman, off few days, was relieved by Bro. C. B. Holder, who also relieved Bro. E. E. Gross, agent Montrose, a few days, and later relieved Tullis Clark, agent Burnside several days.

Bro. M. J. McWhorter, agent Decatur, while on the sick list, was relieved by Bro. A. L. Rayburn.

We have secured a new contract, but can't say yet what increase was granted.

I wish all the members of this division would send me the changes and other items of interest by the 20th of each month so we can have a good write-up in the journal. W. W. WATTS,
Newton, Miss.

Colorado Midland Ry., Div. No. 81.

Second District—

Bro. "Slim" Ellis is on the sick list, relieved by Mr. Brewer.

Perhaps you have noticed the change in touch from the key at Ruedi. Bro. Cooke has been strolling down as far as Ruedi Canon, listening to the the echo of the word "papa." Congratulations.

Our meeting at New Castle was probably the most successful one ever held on this district, the following being present: Bros. O'Brien, Hughes, Coldiron, Rose, "Slim" Ellis, Jones, Maxwell, Smith, Lamborn and Harry Crutchfield, also Bros. Wright, of Division 126, and Miller, of Division 1. Upon our arrival at New Castle at midnight, Smithy escorted us to I. O. O. F. hall, where Mesdames Crutchfield and Lamborn had "the

eats" all ready. It was not until after he was threatened with expulsion, that Bro. O'Brien discontinued putting huge slices of cake away in his pockets. At 3:15 a. m. upon motion by Bro. Crutchfield we took a short recess to look over the fittings of the neat little hall, the refrigerator in the back room seemed to be the center of much attraction.

Bro. Smith endeavored to put a motion before the meeting several times, which had he succeeded, would probably have resulted in bloodshed or a recourse to the boxing gloves, with Bro. Crutchfield, as one of the combatants.

A vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Crutchfield and Mrs. Lamborn for the splendid supper, also to Bros. Smith, Lamborn and Crutchfield for their services on committee of arrangements.

Bros. Crutchfield, Maxwell, Jones and Coldiron have been appointed a committee in charge of O. R. T. Memorial Day services. They will be glad to receive any suggestions upon the subject, as we desire to observe July 12th, our first memorial day, in a most befitting way.

By request of Bro. Coldiron our next meeting will be held at Arkansas Jct., and I hope to be able to induce Bro. Manion to be with us, in the event he is in our territory at that time.

Let's we forget, Messrs. Borneman, Scandlan and Brewer are our second district non-members. May we hope that some day in the near future each may be called brother.

F. B. ROSE, Local Chairman.

Western Maryland Ry., Div. No. 82.

Eastern and Middle Divisions—

Bro. H. E. Hare is in a pitiable condition, having been sick for several months, the trouble having affected his eye-sight, causing total blindness, but we hope it is only temporary. He is the sole support of his widowed mother and is sorely in need of our support. While several small sums have been contributed, I trust all the brothers and others who wish to assist him will send what you feel able to give to Bro. O. E. Mull, Meyersdale, Pa.

Bro. R. G. Sterner was off several days on account sickness; relieved by M. Breighner. Bro. R. R. Myers was also off a few days making preparations toward nousekeeping, moving, etc.; relieved by "Fatty" Myers.

All three tricks at "SM" and "SA" and one trick at "SY" and "K" and several on the line west of Hagerstown have been closed, throwing about fifteen operators out of work. It is hoped this is only temporary and that they will be re-established when business picks up.

Bro. E. E. Baugher, who relieved the writer several days while on business in interest of the division, later relieved T. S. Shamberger.

P. C. Gardner was running trains a few days, Chief Dispatcher Koons being off, threatened with pneumonia, but am pleased to state that he is able to be on the job again.

Bro. Harbaugh, third "MC," is erecting a residence on Oakland Ave. Bro. Lawrence and Bro. Ogle have both been on the sick list.

Bro. Heinze, relieved at "UD" agency by Mr. Gardner, has taken second Walbrook.

Bro. E. M. Loose has had quite a siege of carbuncles, relieved by Bros. Senft and "Fatty" Myers.

Bros. Frank and Arnsperger bid in second and third "FD," and Bro. Danner second "MC."

Bro. G. A. Wertz, formerly first "SM," relieved R. R. Rowe on second "XS," who relieved his brother at Hillen ticket office.

We have a few less than the general average of delinquents scattered over the system than usual at the end of a dues period, and we hope they will get up to date as soon as possible; become "up-and-doing," brothers, and forget their petty differences and fancied grievances. Because we are organized or partly so we must not imagine that everything can be accomplished and overcome, conditions arise that become insurmountable and we act wise when we make the best of the situation. Kickers are never satisfied, when one condition is satisfactorily adjusted, they seek in another way to find something to fuss over—what a pitiable affliction. If it were not for the organization we would have much less than we have now. If you desire a change stay on the inside and help make it. You are doing yourself and perhaps others harm by remaining out.

With the induction into office recently of the new high officials there probably will be improved conditions, and we must make every effort possible to bring about a complete and happy organization of those not within the fold, then steps can be taken toward negotiations for improved conditions. Do your utmost to help accomplish this. I kindly extend thanks to those contributing news. Come again. CERT. 2.

Bangor & Aroostook R. R., Div. No. 83.

This is a year of uncertainties, and every brother should get the real good old O. R. T. spirit coursing through his entire system and work for the grand old Order as he has never worked before. Get that non working with you, or at the next station. Keep after them until you get them into the fold. Every "brass pounder" who is morally and physically fit should get into the ranks and help to make this division as near solid this year as possible. We should have 95 per cent before September 1st, in order to get a new schedule, as it runs out then, and we must have a good working percentage to get another schedule signed up with an increase and better working conditions. This can only be brought about by the honest and sincere work of the membership, the strong backing up of the committee to a man, and the committeemen doing the best there is in them. Let's have our committee go in with that strong understanding and absolute backing which knows no defeat. Other divisions do it and so can we.

Every brother should plan from now on to attend our regular annual meeting in Houlton in

August. As this will be so short a time, prior to the committee going in, it is very important that every possible member should attend. There will be many important questions to be decided upon, and every brother's views are earnestly solicited. When you start for Houlton to attend this meeting don't go off to camp meeting, or hire an automobile or team and go sight-seeing. Get up into the lodge room and put your committeemen wise to what they are to do.

Bro. Sherburne is back at Limestone, vice Bro. Walsh to Oakfield agency.

Bro. Fenderson, agent Mars Hill, has resigned; relieved on bid by Bro. Morton, of Bridgewater.

Bro. Donoghue, of Sherman, spent Sunday in Bangor recently.

Bro. Cutler and Mrs. Cutler are enjoying a few weeks' visit at Lincoln, Bro. Cutler's former home.

Bro. Connelly is now handing out the "31's," etc., on first at North Maine Jct. Bro. Hitchings landed third there.

Bro. Greene, of Searsport, off for several weeks, was relieved by Bro. Crozier, who also relieved Bro. Robbins, of Grindstone, recently, when he took in the Masonic meeting at Presque Isle.

Bro. Thorpe, of Millinocket, went to the wreck at Packards recently. Bro. Blake, second Millinocket, while off sick, was relieved by Mr. Atwood, of Norcross.

It is now Bros. Blake and Power, of Sherman, also Mr. Snow, South La Grange, and Mr. Trask, of West Seboois, making the latter solid.

Bro. Hatt, agent South LaGrange, and Bro. Hlib. Scribner, first "G" tower, have their hands full keeping run of the cars and handling the levers.

Bro. Lawrence, at West Seboois, had a good day's catch of pickerel in Seboois Lake recently.

Bro. P. L. Bates is doing his regular stunt down around Sandy Point now, and is feeling a lot better.

Sister Rollins is handling the station business at Prospect in a creditable manner.

Some of the north end brothers kindly donate some news items, and don't forget to work for the good old Order this year, next year and every other year until it becomes necessary through old age to lay your frame away, but let the button go with it. This means all of you. Yours for a solid O. R. T. and better times. CERT. 52.

Texas & Pacific Ry., Div. No. 88.

Transcontinental Division—

We only have four nons between Whitesboro and Texarkana. Wake up, boys, and get after that non next to you, get him into the Order, and have none left on the division.

It is now Bro. J. B. Pope, third Clarksville. Hope he will keep after Gooding and Miller until they come in.

Bros. Anderson and Smith, from Bells, paid the local chairman a pleasant call during March. Come again. The weather is good, and a walk from Bells to Savoy is a splendid morning or evening

exercise. Bro. C. A. Elkins, third Bells, on the sick list for thirty days, was relieved by Bro. W. O. Robertson, who later relieved his brother, Bro. C. C. Robertson, agent Hooks.

Bro. J. W. Wilson, of Division 53, transferred to "RN," Texarkana.

Bro. H. C. Dabney, first Clarksville, was relieved a month by Bro. Pope, relieved by Bro. W. W. Walker, from the Cotton Belt.

Bro. F. A. Wemple, Sr., while off sick, relieved by Bro. McGlasson, and he on second by Bro. F. A. Wemple, Jr.

Boys, I think it would be a good idea to have a meeting at Bonham some time this spring, and get better acquainted; have Bro. Hambright with us, and have talks by different members over the affairs of the division. A good part should be able to attend. I could arrange to be with you any time that suits.

P. O. RUTHVEN, Local Chairman.

Rio Grande Division—

It is now Bros. Carl Lasater, third, and J. E. McMurray, agent Aledo.

Pecos third assigned to Bro. Rogers, relieved on third Merkey by Kelly Hogg, later relieved on bid by C. L. Jones, from third Ranger, now on bid.

Midland third bid in by Bro. T. E. Paylor, extra dispatcher Big Spring.

Bro. Ralph, Colorado first, in hospital three days, relieved by Bro. Woods of second there.

Brothers, remember your obligation and allow no students in your office without the proper authority.

Barstow, Vonahans, Odessa and Toyah should be investigated, and if reports are true the "ham factories" discontinued.

Bro. Cary, third Abilene, was a recent motorcycle visitor at Merkle, accompanied by a friend.

I am very much obliged to the few who furnished me a few items this month. I hope more of you will help so we can have a good write-up each month, as I can only learn of a small part of the changes that take place on this division.

Agent Hall has resumed at Clyde, putting Agent Stover on the bump again.

Bro. Price, from Midland, bid in Stanton station.

Mr. Boyd, Pecos third, resigned on account of his drug business there needing his undivided attention; relieved by Bro. Rogers.

G. W. Marshall is baching at Baracho, while his wife is visiting relatives East.

Bro. Cochran, of Allimore, on vacation to Fort Worth and El Paso, was relieved by Mr. Van Horn.

Bro. Hester, at Kent, has been attending court in Abilene recently.

CENT. 89.

Rio Grande Division West of Big Springs—

Bro. Gage, agent-operator Itan, and Mr. Farrant, third Odessa, have arranged to trade jobs.

A young would-be O. R. T. with us when we organized, when things were looking kinder blue, tore up his card in presence of the officials, one

of whom patted him on the back, saying, "Young man, that will make you superintendent some day." His friend said, in reply, "Young man, you will be sorry for that some day." He is already out of a job with "No card, no favors" greeting him at every turn, as we are on top now and almost solid, enjoying a good schedule.

Bro. Chatham, first Toyah, was on the sick list several days last month. The Toyah oil business is increasing the Western Union receipts there.

Bro. Chas. Frame was off a few days at Monahans with a sprained ankle, relieved by Bro. Moore.

Bro. Graham, agent Pyote, was called to Odessa recently as a witness. About twenty-five more company witnesses also reported at Odessa, including Night Chief Dispatcher Young, from Big Springs, and Trick Dispatcher Steward, from Baird.

We are doing our best to have a write-up, and that is all a mule can do. We remember when we pounded on a mule instead of the key, and we were satisfied when old Beck did her best. Any items you may give me, over wire, phone or by mail, will be appreciated. Let's pull together. No card, no favors. CENT. 311.

Eastern Division—

Bro. George Montague, while visiting in Ft. Worth and New Orleans, was relieved by Bro. Cherry, from Grand Saline, where the best brass band played an appropriate selection, "Who would have thought it," as he carted the parcel post to and from the post-office.

Bros. Colvin and Hogan are keeping "back" at Eagleford. Peter Gavin, third there, being relieved by Mr. Vandermark. Sister Colvin is also off. Bro. Hogan was called to his home in Louisiana recently, owing to the illness of his mother.

It's now Bro. Pearce, first Willspoint, who was "one of the boys" back in the eighties.

Mesquite is now up for bid.

Bro. Douglass, second Terrell, was relieved by Mr. Rhodes, from Grand Saline, a few days.

Bro. Pearce, called to Burseson, Tex., owing to the illness of his father, was relieved by Bro. Geo. Montague.

Bro. Molhousen's wife and baby have returned to Edgewood from their two weeks' visit. We hope Bro. Molhousen will still continue to call on us at Willspoint occasionally.

Bro. McJimsey, who relieved Roy Walton, Grand Saline, off on leave, got split trick Mineola on bid. Mr. Harris, from Willspoint, got second, and Mr. Rhodes, first Grand Saline.

Bros. Tigner and Huffmaster have returned from their vacations, relieved by Telegraphers Rhoades and Hill.

Brothers, keep after the nons, and land every one you can. Agent W. H. Farrar is now a brother.

Bro. Cole, Gladewater Nights, bid in Atlanta, vice G. W. Straughn, to third Longview Jct., same on bid, vice J. H. Harding resigned.

T. P. Lumpkin is relieving Mr. Page on second Jefferson.

Boys, let us hear from you in regard to any changes.

Look what the boys do in East Texas, let's get a move on us and make the west end as strong as the east. If you do not get a fair deal, remember, brothers, that we have a committee ready at all times to assist us. Boys, it don't pay to fall behind.
Div. Cor., Cert. 373.

New Orleans Division—

Let us have a good write-up every month. Everyone send in what he knows to the division correspondent by the 15th of the month. Let us have all the changes at your station, say where the old men go and where the new ones come from. Also say whether the new ones are brothers or not. Let us make this division solid by July 1st. All it takes now is a convincing argument and an application blank. Let us all pull together and see what we can accomplish. You will be surprised at the results.

Bro. P. G. Guillot, agent Plattenville, was off several weeks, relieved by a new man; Bro. F. L. Bergeron, agent Killona, off, relieved by Bro. C. B. Palmer, and C. J. Clause, agent Vacherie, by W. K. Wimberly.

H. H. Miller, agent St. James, has returned from visiting relatives in Mississippi, relieved by R. C. Burpbecker, of second there.

Glad to announce that it is now Bro. L. B. Mattingly, agent Donaldsonville.

Send your news items to Bro. R. E. Cecil, agent Burton, division correspondent. Div. Cor.

Illinois Central R. R., Div. No. 93.

Tennessee Division—

A very interesting and enthusiastic joint meeting was held in the Firemen's Hall, Jackson, Tenn., with the Mobile & Ohio, on March 11th, with a very good crowd present, especially from the M. & O., which we appreciated very much.

The M. & O. members are a fine lot of fellows, and we hope to meet with them again in the near future.

Among those present were: Bros. Shannon, Mulhall, Mathis, Smith, Robbins, Blackwell, Nall, Wills, Cosgrove, Verhine, Meeks, Murdaugh, Cook, Brooks, Jackson, Reed, and others whose names I have not at hand.

Bro. Mulhall took the chair and held the audience spellbound for considerably over an hour with one of the best and most instructive talks ever heard in one of our lodge rooms, reminding the members of their duty to the organization and to themselves, especially now when the general committee is convening for a schedule revision.

Bros. Smith, Mathis, Blackwell and Cosgrove also gave short talks relating to the good and improvement of the organization.

Another very successful meeting was held in the City Hall at Fulton, Ky., on Monday, March 23d, with a fairly good attendance.

Among those present were: Bros. Mulhall, Collins, Williams, Reeves, Cosgrove, Derryberry, Felts, Boyd, Demger, Allen, Maxwell, Pierce, Smith, Phillips, McFarlin and others.

Bro. Shannon sent his regrets for non-presence on account of being engaged with the auditing committee in the yearly audit of the division accounts.

Bro. Mulhall took the chair and gave us a very fine talk, mostly along lines relating to the proposed new schedule, the duty of the rank and file to the organization, and the support they should give the general committee when up for a revision of schedule. A number of the members expressed themselves as being enlightened and benefited with a better idea of schedule negotiations than before.

These meetings are held for the benefit of our members, and the pity is that more of them can not be induced to attend. Still, we are not discouraged. This division is in better shape now than it ever has been, and we intend keeping at it until we get it complete. Meetings will be held from time to time, circulars printed and mailed the members, and new schedules will be secured, and we intend to demonstrate in a general way that Division 93 is very much alive and intends keeping on doing business as formerly.

The local chairman is in need of assistance in keeping the men organized, and individual effort should be given to this matter, thereby keeping the organization in a strong, healthy condition.

We should all stand by the general committee during the schedule revision, leaving all matters to be decided by it, and all the benefits possible will then be secured.
CERT. 332.

Louisiana Division—

It is with extreme regret that we announce the death of our chief dispatcher, C. S. Brill, after a lingering illness, at the I. C. Hospital, New Orleans, March 16th. Mr. Brill had been chief at McComb for a number of years, and was exceedingly popular with all classes of employees.

J. E. Schneider, first trick dispatcher on Canton District, has been appointed chief. Joe was "made" on this division, and is very popular, especially with the telegraphers, and the boys will give him their best.

Bro. L. E. Crawley, fourth operator at "MO" and extra dispatcher, promoted to regular trick dispatching, has already made good.

Our general committee is now in Chicago in conference with the general manager, revising our contract. Conditions have changed wonderfully since our last revision, over a year ago, and there is an insistent demand, especially from the agents, for better conditions and more money. The parcel post and reduced express rates have greatly reduced express commission, and the policy of the company in bonding the cheap clerk and helper and making them meet the early and late trains, has almost entirely eliminated overtime, consequently some of our heaviest agencies are hardly paying more than an "OS" job, and the cost of living has also increased fully 10 per

cent since our last revision. If the membership will give the committee their solid support, the bacon will be brought back.

There is only a "corporal's guard" of nons left. Let's land on them and show a 100 per cent. The new members are: K. S. Rheams, E. F. Dunning, Antonio Yenno, Peter Reets and F. M. Hall. Extend them a welcome and all courtesies. John Boudousquie, agent Flora, Miss., and Leslie Chambers, agent Tangipahoa, La., still head the down and out delinquent club. Their old hard luck story don't go with those who know.

The new depot at Independence, La., has been completed, and Bro. Hiram Allen is as proud as a boy with his first pants. The strawberry crop has been set back by the frost and cold weather, but "Whallen" says things will be popping about the middle of April.

Senor Martin and Grandma Poley's poultry farm at Nogan is not prospering. Suggest they enlarge the farm and take in Stewart Grant, thereby making it a full house.

H. E. Holliday, from Canton, assigned Jackson, Miss. Third "JD" is strictly a "No card, no favors" office. Bro. W. D. Stanley, fourth, and Bro. J. R. Youngblood, third Canton, Miss., and Bro. Barbee, third Harahan Jct. First Harahan Jct., third Kenner Jct., and fourth McComb on bulletin.

A meeting of general and local chairmen for the State of Louisiana has been called for April 11th at New Orleans. Legislative matters will be passed upon and bills approved to be submitted to the legislature, which meets in May. Since the Mississippi boys did so well in the legislative line, the Louisiana boys are getting into the game.

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Kentucky Division—

We are still 100 per cent solid and working for the good of the Order.

Saturday night, March 7th, we held a very interesting meeting at Central City, opened by General Chairman C. A. Mulhall. The following members were present: P. C. Berry, Kosmodale; A. M. Davis, Tip Top; Rickets, West Point; R. L. Pulliam, Grayson Springs; W. W. Sloan and W. C. Strickler, Leitchfield; C. C. Crawford, Millwood; J. T. Lashbrook, Horse Branch; H. Q. Crawford, Fordsville; J. E. Layman, McHenry; C. H. Deweese and John Couch, Central City; G. W. Crawford, Greenville; J. C. Oates, Luzerne; J. W. Copely, Graham; W. C. Durham, White Plains; O. N. Sisk, St. Charles; J. K. Adams, Dawson.

The meeting lasted until 1 a. m., when most of the Paducah District boys had to leave to catch No. 103.

Bro. Mulhall explained the new schedule, which calls for an eight-hour workday for all three-man stations, ten hours for all twelve-hour stations, and fifteen days' leave of absence for everybody.

Some of the brothers are not taking the interest in these meetings they should. I know of several who could easily have attended had they made an attempt. Let's see if more can not come out in the future.

Bro. J. E. Layman, from Dawson, bid in agency at McHenry, vice Bro. H. Gray, back to nights there. Bro. W. L. Nich, Paducah first, bid in third Dawson, vacated by Bro. Layman.

Bro. C. Weedman, from Calvert, secured first Paducah union depot, and Bro. W. R. Stewart agency Calvert. Whitesville is now bulletined. Bro. C. H. Albrow goes to Caneyville agency, vice Bro. J. M. Lansdale, to extra list.

Bro. A. R. Rogers, agent Mercer, got third Paducah union depot.

Bro. Tom Netherton, back again on this division, bid in agency Mercer.

Bro. H. Q. Crawford, nights Mercer, to extra list.

Bro. H. Curd, second Paducah union depot, was recently married.

Bro. R. O. Neel is on vacation, relieved by Bro. H. Q. Crawford.

Brothers, send me all the items you can.

Bro. Sloan, at Leitchfield, now has three operators at his station.

Bro. Williams, at Beaver Dam, and Bro. Crawford, at Greenville, have each secured a clerk.

Two heavy sleets recently put the phone out of business, but we had the old trusty telegraph instruments to fall back on. W. C. S.

NOTICE.

To the Members of the Illinois Division:

As the quarterly assessment of 25 cents (payable in advance) levied by this division is our only source of revenue for the maintenance of a local fund to provide for current expenses, such as the purchasing of flowers for sick and deceased members, hall rental, etc., I am compelled to request you to remit promptly when these assessments fall due. As the assessment is too small to justify the mailing of receipts, I would suggest that payments be made for the four quarters at the beginning of the year. This would warrant the purchase of a money order, the receipt of which could be retained to guard against a possible misunderstanding.

Remittances should be forwarded to me at 256 North Schuyler avenue, Kankakee, Ill.

B. E. PELSTRING,

Sec'y and Treas.

Approved:

C. R. WALTERS,
Chief Telegrapher.

Illinois Division, Chicago District—

Bro. C. C. Jewell, of Tucker, on thirty days' vacation, was relieved by F. W. Dugan, Jr.

Bro. F. A. Henion relieved Bro. Cline at Colfax, on vacation, and Bro. D. J. O'Connell was relieved several days at Parnell by J. J. Flick.

Bro. Schneider, of Otto, who relieved Mr. Davis, first Kankakee Jct., several days, was relieved by Bro. Arnold, of Gilman.

It was our good fortune to have Bro. Mulhall at our meeting in Kankakee on March 20th. Bro. Mulhall delivered a lengthy talk on important questions, which was generously applauded. An exceptionally good crowd attended the meeting and

the following appointive officers were named by Chief Telegrapher Walters: Marshall, R. L. Madix; inside sentinel, B. C. Madison. On account of sickness, Past Chief Telegrapher Morrison was unable to be present and the installation of officers was therefore postponed until our April meeting.

Future meetings will be held in the Labor Hall on West Avenue, just opposite the I. C. depot, at Kankakee.

Champaign District—

Bro. E. O. Wooley was relieved at Pesotum a few days while finishing his duties as tax collector, by O. H. Schwabbe.

Bro. C. C. Edwards, while moving his family and household goods to Doran's, was relieved by W. L. Raney.

Bro. J. B. Foster relieved Bro. R. O. Dornblaser at Edgewood a few nights.

Bro. O. D. Keen, operator Kinmundy nights, while off on account of sickness, was relieved by Bro. J. B. Foster. C. E. M.

Springfield Division—

We had a good crowd at our last meeting, held in the St. Nick, at Springfield, March 14th, when Bro. Mulhall gave us an interesting talk on the new schedule, which has some good amendments. We should all support our committee, and stand by it to the end. A 15 per cent increase, all Sunday work overtime, forty cents per hour overtime and sixty cents for calls, ten hours for the twelve-hour men, and eight hours for the trick men, are some of the amendments in the new schedule. Now is the time to line up that non and make this division 100 per cent strong. We are going to let the nons this time stay on his same old feed.

Agency Monticello bid in by F. E. Rorer, relieved at Alvan by Mr. Horton.

Bro. "Johnnie" Moore relieved Bro. Cox at Buffalo Hart a few days.

Bro. Harwood, from Mt. Pulaski tower is doing extra dispatching. We congratulate him on his success.

Brothers, if you wish to see a write-up each month please collect the news and send it to me by the 15th. C. W. DONALDSON, Div. Cor.

St. Louis Division—

Bro. Starkweather bid in agency Grand tower, relieved on bid at Cache by Bro. H. L. Dye, second Illinois Jct.. Bro. Murdock went to North Jct. Bro. Berry, third Illinois Jct., is reported sick.

Boys, mail me your news to Cache P. O., Beech Ridge, Ill. H. L. DYE, Local Cor.

Southern Ry. in Mississippi, Div. No. 94.

GREENVILLE, MISS., March 26, 1914.

To the Members Division Ninety-four, Southern Railway in Mississippi—

DEAR BROTHERS—I regret very much that I have not had the opportunity of meeting each one of you since my trip to Mobile, but hope to

do so in the near future, as I feel that you are all very happy since securing our contract and raise in salary, and will be glad to hear from me.

The officials of the company deserve the sincere thanks of everyone of us for the courtesy shown to Bro. Neyman and myself, and I hope to be able to show my appreciation of the same in the near future.

I expected some consideration from the officials but the manner in which we were treated, and especially the raise in salary, shows that the company appreciates our efforts and is willing to meet us half way if we only show the proper spirit.

Let us do everything in our power to show the company the good of an organization of this kind, by handling the business promptly, looking after every little thing around the station that we know will save the company any unnecessary expense, and be polite to the patrons of the road.

Let us all co-operate with our officials, and when the season is over be able to say that none of our members lost out on account of sleeping at the post, and the officials will feel very much encouraged because of an up-to-date force of faithful and efficient men. Fraternally, yours,

J. W. ROBINSON, General Chairman.

Chicago Great Western R. R., Div. No. 96.

Northern Division—

There were 198 signatures secured in behalf of W. J. Hunter, of Carson City, Nev., on the main line of this division—a remarkably large number.

It is now Bros. C. S. McCloud, at Empire; Thos. McBride, at Rich Valley, and G. M. Robertson, at Faribault, M. F.

Bro. H. J. Ward, who worked at Hampton in 1909, called on Bro. Norris recently, and he had him placed on the Western Division.

Bro. A. F. Mockross, from the Northern Pacific, relieved A. R. Wilson, at Mankato, resigned.

A brother-in-law, an engineer on the Lehigh Valley, and family, have been visiting Bro. J. E. Leiser, at West Gate.

Bro. C. E. Norris attended the federation meeting held at St. Paul, Sunday, March 15th.

C. E. N.

Southern Division—

Recent appointments are: Bro. J. N. Trunnel, agent Dunkerton; Bro. A. W. L. Reed, third Gladbrook; Bro. J. H. Calkins, agent Athelstan, and Bro. E. D. Spicer, second Conception.

Bro. Trunnel was relieved as assistant agent at Conception by Mr. Carson from the A. T. S. F.

We mentioned W. A. Nelson, agent Conception, as a brother in last write-up. This is an error.

Bro. C. S. Liggett, agent Blockton, has returned from his vacation visiting relatives and friends in California and Osceola, Iowa.

Bro. and Mrs. W. S. Nish, of Des Moines, Iowa, have the sympathy of the entire division in the death of their infant son.

Bro. D. W. Smith, from the C., B. & Q., is now on third Reinbeck.

Former teacher of telegraphy Bland was relieved at Shops by Mr. Vanderhoff.

It is now Bro. W. W. King at "FB." Bro. Keefauver says it is "No cards, no favors" at "FB."

Bro. W. T. Nish, "SX" Des Moines nights, was in St. Joseph, March 13th, as a witness in a company law suit.

Bro. E. M. McCarthy, second Parnell, while visiting in Kansas City, was relieved by W. O. King.

Bro. R. A. Powell, president Topeka, Kan., O. R. T. Club, visited Bro. A. L. Coleman at Kansas City recently.

We are glad to see our old-time brother, J. N. Trunnel, secure Dunkerton agency.

Live up to our motto, "No card, no favors," cut out favoring the hardshell nons.

We have had a large increase in membership since the first of the year and if each member would make it a point to get after the nons we would soon be 100 per cent strong. You should not leave it all to your chairmen, as they can not get them all, and if you would speak to those who are not up-to-date you could probably do more than your chairmen. It is to your interest to help get a solid line-up, so let us all get in the game.

Many thanks to the brothers who sent me items and hope you will continue to do so every month. One man can not do it all.

CERT. 475, Div. Cor.

Eastern Division—

The best way to keep up an interest on the division is for every member to send in the news items he hears of. It's impossible to get it all without your assistance. Let's see what we can do toward making this the banner division on the Great Western.

W. W. Beattis, our genial local chairman, was out non hunting recently, with good results.

Hon. J. Conroy, of Clare, is busily engaged playing the hero act, when he is not engaged in his rhubarb patch.

Bro. J. E. Hanna, St. Charles, has returned to work after a three weeks' siege of mumps.

Bro. Reynolds is recovering from an attack of rheumatism.

Holcomb has a new platform and electric lights, and the brothers there are happy.

Bro. O. A. Potter, relieved at "Z," Chicago third, by R. C. Stanford, bid in Forest Park agency.

Bro. Geo. Perrish, "HV," Chicago, has gone with the P. M. at Detroit, Mich.

Bro. Hesner, Syracuse second, relieved W. M. McGirk, second Wilkinson, while he was relieving at Bellewood.

All get busy and send in your news items to Bro. Hesner, Sycamore, so we can have a good write-up every month.

Bro. G. L. Meister, second Elmhurst, was called home to Iowa, on account of the illness of his folks, relieved by Mr. Welch, from the Milwaukee, who will soon be with us.

Bro. Phipps, upon his return to Holcomb, off two weeks on the sick list recently, presumably left his suit case at St. Charles by mistake. Can it be possible that this is another "suit case mystery?"

Bro. Harry Mullen resigned third Dyersville to accept an agency on the Dubuque Division of the Illinois Central. We wish him success.

John W. Tanner, relieving at Bellewood, has resigned.

J. R. Hudson has resumed third at South Freeport, after spending the winter in the South.

Dispatcher F. E. Lawrence has resigned, on account of ill-health, and gone to California. Best wishes.

W. M. Boots, second Thorpe, on two weeks' vacation, was relieved by Mr. Nickerson, of Kidder. Mr. Virtue is on Dyersville third, pending bulletin.

Thanks to the brothers who helped with this write-up. Don't forget to help next month.

I. L. H.

Seaboard Air Line Ry., Div. No. 97.

North Carolina Division—

Our members are giving very efficient service, and it is very gratifying to know that none of them lost out by failure to do their duty during the season of the limited and special trains, while a number of the nons bit the dust.

Mr. Fields, of the W. S. S., is one of our new members.

The taking off of the limited may close a few offices, but business generally is heavy and we will probably have a busy spring.

Mr. Fields relieved Mr. Edwards, second Vass, a few days; Mr. Clapp, Hamlet yard, went to third Camden, S. C.; Mr. Rice, former clerk to chief dispatcher, bid in third "HY;" Bro. C. G. Pepper, first Hamlet, exchanged places with his son, first Hamlet yard, on account of heavy work at Hamlet.

We are also glad to note that Bro. Windham has been promoted to train dispatcher, and is making good; also Dispatcher Sauls, promoted to night chief.

Mr. Pridgeon, an old-timer, is acting freight agent for Mr. Chestnut at Hamlet, who is in very bad health. Bro. G. W. Rowe, relief agent, is acting as ticket agent at Hamlet.

On March 22d the entire South was wrapped in a sheet of solid snow, something we have not seen in many years.

Mr. C. G. Pepper asks us to say for him, and the brothers in general, that we appreciate the untiring efficient work of our worthy Bro. Cumming on this Division. He has been kind and helpful to men who have not been so fortunate as himself. We appreciate his work and his love, and after knowing him for eleven years, Pepper thinks more of him today than ever before. Bro. Cumming is the champion of every worthy cause which aims at making working conditions better for us and making our homes more happy by being contented and faithful to our trust.

Div. Cor., Cert. 197.

Florida Division—

Bro. C. P. Graham is on thirty days' leave, trying out a position with the Interstate Commerce Commission as tariff clerk at Washington, D. C. Best wishes for his success.

J. P. Sims, is acting agent at Cedar Key, pending bulletin.

Miss Maidie Sasser, our genial lady agent of Bronson, visited her home at Williston, Saturday and Sunday recently.

Bro. J. L. Vining, former local chairman of this division, now local chairman of South Carolina Division, has been elected a member of the general committee. A good man. Congratulations.

Main Line Notes—

Miss Eagan, Campville, resigned, relieved by Bro. J. F. Ricketson.

Bro. Prince transferred to Hampton, H. C. Groff to Summerfield.

Cabbage moving from Southern District, and strawberries from Starke and Lawtey. Prospects good for heavy vegetable and watermelon movement this season, during the rush. We hope the boys will do their part as they have done in the past, and make this the banner division for efficiency in our line. F. W. BROWN, L. C.

Ulster & Delaware R. R., Div. No. 113.

Bro. Pough, off three days, relieved by Bro. T. Ennist.

Agent Elmendorf, Phenicia, on vacation, relieved by Bro. Falk, "RA."

Bro. Sanford, Big Indian, off a few days, relieved by Bro. T. Ennist, "RA."

It is reported that trains Nos. 31, 34 and 37 will be discontinued this summer.

The snow blocked trains more than in many years past—the Stony Clove branch for nearly two days. In the "notch" for nearly half a mile it averaged fourteen feet; at some places eighteen feet deep. It was packed so hard that it took the snow-plow with four engines to cut through it.

Bro. Lafferty, who could not get to Kaaterskill during the blizzard, cut in at Stony Clove and reported progress of the snow-plow.

Brothers, are you doing your best to secure the non nearest to you? There are only a few left, and we want every desirable one lined up with us. Remember, in union there is strength.

"IKE."

Toledo & Ohio Central Ry., Div. No. 118.

I have only been here about six months, but there have been a number of changes made and a few new positions opened up, and I am one member among the 75 per cent of our division who is ready and willing at any time to help push along the new schedule now pending.

Bro. Schaffer, third Kile, has been off for some time on account of the illness of his mother. Former Bro. Grubbs, agent Croton, bid in second Thurston. Remember, brothers, "No card, no favors." Bro. Devore, first at Thurston, was on vacation recently, and it is reported that Bro. Sanford, third there, is soon to be married.

It is now Bro. Poling, operator and clerk at Pleasantville. We are glad to welcome him, and hope he will punch up the gentleman just south of him.

Bro. Clark bid in the new agency and operator position at Blanchard.

Bro. Jenkins, operator and clerk at Wapakoneta, took his vacation recently.

Mr. Artz appointed agent and operator at Kile.

I hope all the members will send me some news for next month, not later than the 25th, and keep it up every month. CERT. 354.

"Soo Line" Ry., Div. No. 119.

It is quite encouraging to the officers of the division to note that the membership have taken hold of the work in earnest and are trying to convince the remaining nons that they are on the wrong side of the fence. The work of the members is making itself quite manifest. We advised you that through their efforts we added twenty-one new members to our membership during January. During February, a short month, we added sixteen more. We have only a few of the old "hard shells" left. If the good work continues, we will add more during this month than we did in any previous month of this year. Have you secured one non? If not, you have not done your share towards making the system 100 per cent strong; so please get busy and help the other members by doing your mite. If you will only exert yourself just a little, we are confident you will be successful in helping us out by at least securing one application. Remember, we are still allowing you a credit on your dues of \$2 for every application that you turn in accompanied with the necessary amount. In a past write-up we told you of a certain young man who has had his salary increased in the past three years \$15 per month, but he refuses to take out a card, and we advised you that unless he made good in the near future we would advise you where he is located, but we believe in giving everyone a chance to make good before giving his name to the entire membership on this line and forty-five thousand other brothers in the United States and Canada; so we are going to give him one more chance. Some good brother see that he gets to read this article.

J. H. Gray is now up to date, and we welcome him among us.

The nons are getting restless about the revision of our schedule. The non has more money coming, but he has not done anything to help get it. We have the money, and the membership will tell the committee when to go in, so Mr. Non need not worry now, at least. He may have a chance to worry when the committee gets through. CERT. 94.

Chicago Division, First and Second Districts—

Bro. J. M. Philippi, agent Lake Villa, on a trip to Waukesha, was relieved by J. McDonald.

W. J. Sebor, brother of Bro. J. W. Sebor, of Athens, was appointed weighmaster at Lake Villa

temporarily, while the scales at Kolze were being overhauled.

The local backed into a car John Zabel, car-smith from Kolze, was working under at Lake Villa and killed him. Zabel had a "Safety First" button in his pocket, but failed to put out proper safety guards.

Thos. Karr, second Rugby Jct., shot by A. H. LaPoint, third there, after the two had quarreled on March 6th, died the following day, leaving a wife and two small children. LaPoint is in jail at West Bend awaiting trial. Bro. A. V. Carpenter is relieving on third West Bend, relieved as agent there by Bro. A. N. Theisen, who had been off on leave. Karr was relieved on second by Bro. Larson from the N. P.

Bro. H. L. Lepinski gave up second Fond du Lac, and went on extra list. C. L. Larson later bid it in, relieved as agent at Vandyne by Bro. Bloom from Colgate.

Bro. J. J. Dunn, agent Hilbert Jct., has resigned, relieved by Bro. C. L. Clancey, and he on third there by a new man. Mr. Harold, second Hilbert Jct., resigned by request, relieved by Bro. H. S. Day, and he on second Nelsons by Gilbert Martin, helper from Allenton.

Bro. T. J. Tronson, third Medina Jct., off a few days, was relieved by R. C. Sutton.

Second and third Rugby Jct., agency and second Hilbert Jct., agency Franklin Park and Colgate up for bid.

Bros. Murphy, Tronson, Lund and DeLong sent in items this month. Thanks. Come again.

JACK FROST, Cor.

Minneapolis Division—

Bro. J. D. Beck, Camden Place, relieved F. L. Marshall on second; Bro. O. C. Hendricks assigned the trick.

Bro. C. M. Evjen, agent Hamel, bid in third So. Haven, vice Bro. A. J. Schlink, relieving Bro. O. C. Hendricks on second, Mr. Jackson to third.

Bro. H. J. Hanschen, off on a few weeks' vacation, relieved at Belgrade by Bro. J. D. Beck, who later relieved Bro. J. D. Burk at Hankinson, on vacation.

First Trick Dispatcher Vorhies at Enderlin resigned to engage in manufacturing a grain harvester and thresher, of which he is the patentee. We wish him success.

Bro. H. W. Teich relieved Bro. J. D. Beck on second Valley City. It is now Bro. Mullen there, making "NC" solid; also Bro. F. F. Beard, Mantador, and Bro. C. E. Huffman, third Fessenden.

Bro. V. J. Muntoff is visiting the twin cities, relieved, at Bordulac, by Bro. J. B. Iverson.

Bro. L. A. Swanson, agent Carrington, is looking after his claim in Montana, relieved by Bro. J. D. Beck.

W. K. Parker, formerly with Great Northern, put on third Harvey, reopened.

Bro. R. P. Welton has returned to Foxholm from his honeymoon. Congratulations.

Bro. J. E. Sons, of Kensal, has been appointed assistant local chairman for this division.

CERT. 124.

Duluth-Superior Division—

Bro. J. R. Havfek is on "Q" dispatcher's side wire Superior, that trick having been opened again. Bro. J. C. Hazen is on first trick.

Dispatcher Shimonak was on the sick list several days, W. Smith, chief trick dispatcher, relieving.

Bro. L. M. Roderick is back on second Boylston Jct., and Bro. L. F. Johnson on first.

Blackhoof station has been opened with Bro. W. D. Ballon again in charge.

Oklee agency secured by Bro. J. G. Mersy from McGrath, vice Bro. Campbell, resigned.

Moose Lake station agency is on bulletin, vice Bro. E. L. Allen.

Antomba agency has been opened with Bro. J. B. Sprague, of second Onamia, as agent.

Lawler second and third tricks have been reopened by H. E. Plummer and H. E. Newlander.

Shovel Lake two tricks have been opened on account of the logging business by Q. O. Strand and D. C. Burnside, latter resigning later.

Third Remer temporary position is up for bids.

Bro. Johnson, off on account of sickness at Boy River, was relieved by Bro. Swan, from third Lawler.

Bro. W. P. Clark, second Boylston Jct.; Bro. Roderick on third Federal Dam.

B. A. Titus bid in McGrath agency, R. A. Curl relieving him at Solana, pending bids, and Bro. J. G. Mersey, agent McGrath, bid in Gully station.

Bro. Sprague went to Antomba agency, relieved on Onamia second by Bro. Fogarty.

"RO," Cert. 741.

Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific R. R. Div. No. 126.

General Offices—

Chicago "G"—Vacancy bulletin No. 6 in "GO" Chicago bid in by Bro. Kososki, of Blue Island.

Sister Essley spent a few days last week among friends in Kansas City.

Bro. Hanson spent a few days in LaSalle with home folks.

Bro. Flanagan, relieving assistant chief, relieving Coyne, night chief, Patterson, who is looking over his fruit farm in Washington. Flanagan is some yardmaster and keeps the crews working.

Bro. Asper expects to take a trip to the coast May 1st.

Mr. Farr is going into the "strawberry" business near Chicago.

Bro. Baxter, of "MS" Des Moines, can translate most anything. Morkrum copies included.

Goodland "GD"—Bro. Harding will move his household goods here from Chicago, May 1st.

Bro. J. B. Reynolds relieved Bro. Snyder while he was on his honeymoon, also Bro. Powers several days before returning to Flagler.

Miss Marie Miles, our check girl, is on vacation to North Yakima, Wash., and we wish her a grand time.

Bro. George Butler Snyder and bride have returned from their honeymoon, and are now keeping house in Goodland. They have our best wishes. George was put through the regulation

initiation the evening of the day he returned to work for getting married on the quiet, while on his vacation, and of course got home late. He swears to get even with us if we don't get married in a hundred years.

Herington "RI"—Bro. W. S. Austin, who has been with his folks in Michigan since cut off January 1st, has returned, and is now at Cedar Rapids.

Bro. L. H. Ingram has been appointed late night chief, vice H. B. Högewoning, who takes No. 1 wire east, vacated by "XN."

New bank tables, new wires, quads, electric current, machinery, etc., will soon be placed here.

Bro. C. O. Lowe was a recent "KC" Sunday visitor.

Manager Hedrix recently made a trip to Wichita.

Bro. H. A. Pearsall is off for a month. His attraction at Lincolnville is moving to Montana. We all sympathize with "Happy."

El Reno "NO"—Our force has been reduced, Mr. Rippon being laid off.

Bro. Snodgrass has returned from his honeymoon. Congratulations.

Bro. Blevins, from Haileyville, who has been here six weeks, has left.

Mrs. "RU" promises her application in the near future. This will leave us only three nons—Stickley, Canfield and Sullivan.

Trenton "RN"—We must get in the nons, they are getting the benefit of our accomplishments. If a dozen or two of the brothers and sisters along, the line would join with me in giving them an every-morning reminder, we could at least keep them bothered.

Bro. McClain is back from Tennessee; Bro. Brewer is also back. Bro. Davenport's wife and children have returned from St. Louis, where they have been getting special treatment for the daughter with favorable results.

Bro. Cazcl promises to tell us meeting night of his visit to the mining district of this city recently. Bro. Schreiber, who accompanied him, has been a nervous wreck ever since.

Cedar Rapids "CR"—Bro. Billy Supple, reduced, secured a good job in Haileyville.

Bro. Brown stopped off between trains Friday, March 13th, on his way east. We are always glad to see him and wish he could come oftener. He was accompanied to West Liberty by Bro. Halpin, who also visited his mother at LaPorte City recently.

Des Moines "MS"—Bro. M. R. Davis was off ten days sick, Bro. W. B. Downey relieving.

Bro. E. J. Bylander has been elected president and Bro. M. J. Collins secretary of the Des Moines O. R. T. Club. Everyone line up for the next meeting and try to induce the boys out on the line to attend.

Business is picking up. We should have another man right now.

Haileyville "HY"—Fred Rippon reduced in "NO" El Reno, who bumped Bro. J. G. Blevins, bid in a vacancy at El Reno when the force was increased there.

Bro. W. J. Supple, reduced in "CR" Cedar Rapids, bumped Bro. W. E. Hamilton, who replaced Bro. Blevins and later bid in vacancy caused by Mr. Rippon returning to El Reno. Bro. Blevins is in "NO" El Reno extra.

Bro. Allen is back after a thirty days' visit to relatives in Topeka. He also took in the Mardi Gras at New Orleans and visited several other Southern cities.

Bro. J. G. Wyatt, third trick wire chief, was relieved by Bro. Supple while taking his wife to Oklahoma City hospital for an operation, which we are glad to learn proved successful, and that Mrs. Wyatt is improving rapidly.

Bro. "Bill" Hamilton blew in one morning wearing a pair of last summer low-cuts and sky-blue socks. A cold wave passed through Haileyville the next day and they are on the shelf again for future reference.

Bro. Supple is very favorably (?) impressed with the country surrounding Haileyville and is seriously contemplating making his future home here.

Little Rock "RK"—Bro. "IZ" Gibbs is breaking in his new L. C. Smith No. 5 typewriter.

Bro. E. H. Mitchell is now located in his new home on the west side. Bro. P. J. Kelly is working day-light hours, while Mitchell is making his garden.

Bro. B. Goodbar has returned after forty-five days' leave, during which he put his brother over the plate for circuit clerk of Lonoke County.

Manager Mitchell was under the weather for about a week, but carried his usual smile regardless.

Our rosy-cheeked messenger boy, Pat Sherry, wore a big shamrock on his coat the 17th, and Pat Kelly also had his green vest on. Some noise!

Bro. F. C. Durst is relieving Bro. Goodbar as third wire chief indefinitely, night work not agreeing with "BG."

Keep after the nons, and remember, "No cards, no favors."

Fairbury "F"—Bro. "S," from Goodland, came up and shook hands recently, said he was going down the Horton line. Some one tipped it off and the boys at "GD" will meet him with tin pans, etc., on his return.

Our superintendent, Mr. Reed, is a telegrapher. Let's help him make the Nebraska Division one of the best.

Mr. Woolen has returned to Havelock, and promises to line up soon.

Dispatcher McGee relieved Night Chief Bishop, who goes back to third west end. The increase in business put on two more dispatchers. 12 p. m. to 3 a. m., Bishop entire division; 3 a. m. to 12 noon, McFarland; 12 noon to 9 p. m., Dickens; 8 a. m. to 4 p. m., McCoy; 4 p. m. to 12 midnight, Olsen. Gardner, from superintendent's office, relieved McFarland on the car distributor's job.

Topeka "KI"—Reggie Herbert, of Kansas City, worked a few days the first of March, while

Sister Brown and Bros. Ehrhart, Carver, Powell and Prescott were laying off.

Mrs. Skinner, wife of manager at El Reno, visited Sunday, March 8th, with Sister Brown.

Bro. Powell spent Saturday, March 14th, in Kansas City.

Some managers seem to be obsessed with a supine indifference as to what becomes of their men, the paramount issue with them being the reduction of force. A legitimate reduction of expenses is commendable in any manager or official and is to be expected by all, but the rerouting of business and the employment of other and more expensive methods of handling business, making an increase of force necessary in other offices at the expense of some other office, naturally causes resentment in the minds of those affected. Men who have established themselves at some point and purchased homes, expecting to make that their permanent residence, then to be cut off and sent elsewhere without any actual reduction in expense, and no real good being accomplished, feel that "there's a reason."

The reduced committee convened in Topeka the last week in March and audited the accounts of Secretary and Treasurer Meador.

Bro. Brown attended a joint meeting at McAlester, Okla., night of March 21st, while Bro. Meador attended a meeting at El Reno the same night. The meetings are becoming popular, and the attendance gradually increasing. There's nothing more helpful to our organization than these meetings where we get acquainted and discuss matters pertaining to our work and the Order.

Several of the brothers in Topeka attended the banquets at Herington and Trenton on March 27th and 28th.

When a man continually protests his fairness and squareness, when it has never been questioned, and never overlooks an opportunity to flaunt his "square deal" ideas, will usually bear watching. He is either a crook or has an axe to grind. Can any of the brothers in "KI" call to mind such a man?

The recent ruling handed down by the infringement court didn't hit anyone in "KI," excepting Bro. deGarmo, and Bruce says, "Isch ca bibble."

Baseball season is with us again, and Bro. Carver has one more good ankle to sprain.

Bro. Hattwick, formerly of "KI," advises they use the same kind of 280 blanks in "MS" as they do here. Charley is the boy that can take 'em, too.

The officers of Division 126 report the largest number of members paid-up ever known at this early period in the term, also the applications coming in better than ever before.

A very large per cent of the expense of our division is due to the fact that all the men do not remit upon first call, making it necessary to issue later notices. When we all learn to remit promptly the division will get the benefit of the interest on all the money saved on postage and increase the working fund several hundred dollars a year.

The improvement in interest and personal work is the greatest ever known on our division. A continuation of this will give us a solid line-up at the end of this year, a stronger delegation to the next convention and the assurance that our committee will have all the backing and support necessary to meet every condition.

Delinquents cost us many thousand dollars a year as well as hard work and expense in addition to getting new members. It is therefore necessary for us to keep after the forgetful ones as well as the nons, get their applications and support, and as one of our local chairmen put it: keep them from "pulling the harness off over their ears, backing up" and trying to take us along. With a solid line-up, there is no practical limit to our salaries and working conditions.

Everybody chipped in this month, and the result is a fine, large write-up. Get the habit, boys, and let's have a good one every month.

RELAY COR.

Chicago Terminal and Illinois Division—

Friday, February 27th, all agents and local conductors were called to Davenport to attend an O. S. & D. meeting, the object being to eliminate as far as possible the enormous short and bad order claims. It was a very profitable meeting to all: presided over by Division Superintendent G. W. Rourke.

Bro. Weitz, Annawan, resigned to go farming: bid in by Bro. J. L. Sumner, who later bid in his old position, first Peoria yards, relieved by Mr. Ray, from Galva, and he on bid by F. D. Staley.

Bro. Sumner went to 5th st. yard Peoria, while Bro. Hubbel relieved Extra Dispatcher Warner.

Bro. Peterson relieved Mr. Burke, third Chilli-cothe, on vacation.

Local and assistant local chairmen will be glad to advise operators and agents of the generous offer to join us now.

Bro. Woodfine and wife have returned from a visit to Bro. Woodfine's parents in McHenry, Miss.

Bro. R. W. Beckwith gave a banquet to 150 Geneseo business men, February 22d, Washington's birthday; the swellest affair ever held there. He was relieved by Mr. Corbin, from the U. P., who later went to Morris third, relieved there with a time check.

Bro. H. W. Voss, the old-reliable from Silvis yard, is assistant manager Western Union at Geneseo. Bro. McAvoy, from Silvis yard, gave the boys at Geneseo the once-over a few days ago. Come again, Mac.

Bro. Nordholm, Geneseo, was a Rock Island visitor a few days ago. Bro. Woodfine, Geneseo, at 5th st., Rock Island, a few days, went to the wreck at Mineral, thence to Rockdale second a few days.

Galva first on bulletin.

Bro. Bonti, third Sheffield, attended the banquet given by Bro. Beckwith, Geneseo, with fifteen more business men of Sheffield.

Business is picking up now, boys, let's be right on the job; we have a good bunch of dispatchers, and they appreciate promptness.

A six-mile speed limit has been put on all trains through Geneseo.

Send all your notes to Bro. Condon, at Wagoner, or Bro. Kay, at Blue Island. Nothing will help a division more than a good write-up every month, to let others know about the old Rock Island line, where trains are always on time.

Ex-Bro. G. A. Lundin, agent Minooka past two years, was relieved by Bro. C. A. Peterson, from the U. P. Minooka and Toulon agency both pending bulletin.

Bro. D. H. Andrews has returned from a six weeks' visit to his family at Ontario, Cal.

Bro. F. L. Kosowski, third Blue Island, is back in "GO," Chicago, for ninety days. E. L. Foster on third. C. D. W., Cert. 309.

Missouri Division—

M. Flynn, Centerville, on leave, relieved by R. G. Fox; Bro. A. Irvin, Weatherby, relieved a few days by J. K. Cox, and Bro. F. E. Abernathy, Columbus Jct., by Bro. C. C. Porter, who also relieved Bro. R. M. Moore, Nahant, a few days.

Miss A. C. Horton, Lineville, on vacation, relieved by D. R. Luse, and he by Bro. R. W. Marshall, Division 32, at Altamont.

Bro. A. Irvin relieved Agent J. C. Morrow, Weatherby, a few days, on account of sickness.

Bro. A. E. Loe transferred to Tindall agency, relieved, at Rushville, by F. W. Field, and Bro. J. A. Pope, from Beverly to Stillings on bid, relieved by D. E. Nicholas, from the Santa Fe; A. E. Gibson replaced H. W. Welch, Stillings Jct.

Bro. B. C. Wells relieved the agent at Muscatine a few days.

W. D. Duffy was promoted to extra dispatcher, relieved by S. O. Carr as car distributor, and he by Bro. C. C. Porter, at Seymour, relieved by F. D. Ochs, at Columbus Jct.

Bro. P. V. Cox, agent Mercer, on company law suit, relieved by Bro. D. E. Cox, and Bro. S. A. Kindig, Stillings, by H. W. Welch.

W. F. Rush relieved Mrs. E. W. Budworth, Spickards, a few days on account of sickness, and H. R. McGuire relieved W. F. Rush on transfer.

Bro. W. H. Gragg, Troy, on company law suit, relieved by J. K. Cox.

Bro. J. H. Powers, St. Joe yard, relieved by W. F. Rush.

Bro. J. E. Ouellet, Rushville, has resigned, relieved by Bro. J. H. Powers.

Bro. F. H. Harrah has returned to Donovan, after an extended leave.

Bro. L. J. White, third Allerton, relieved by A. C. Keemle, relieved Bro. Hillyard, second Allerton.

Our meeting at Trenton last month was well attended, and all present had an exceedingly good time, more so on account of the ladies being present. I again urge all to attend these meetings. Nothing will have the effect of keeping your division up from all view points as these meetings. Remember, if nothing special comes up to prevent, these meetings will be held the third Saturday night of each month in the Roh Hall, Trenton.

W. H. PLUM, L. C.

Arkansas Division—

Several new members received recently. Keep the good work progressing. Every man on the system was benefited by the O. R. T. in our last schedule. Those who did not get any raises in salary, failed to fill out the information blanks sent them during our negotiations with the company last summer.

Bro. Ellis, first Biddle, has resigned as local chairman of this division, and Bro. C. J. McNich, third Biddle, has been appointed, until a regular man can be elected. I hope each of you brothers will give him your hearty support and do all you can to get the nons in line.

Waveland has been made an agency, and bid in by E. R. Weiss, who has promised the writer his application as soon as he gets moved. Germania has also been made an agency, and Bro. Fowler, of Ola, bid it in.

E. B. Richardson, operator Benton, bid in agency Haskell, and has mailed his application.

Brothers, it is your duty to see that your friend next to you gets an up-to-date and keeps one all the time. Men from other roads were not asked to come here, and as they are enjoying the benefits of our schedule we should see to it that they join, if they are going to stay here. Local Chairman McNich is doing good work, and every brother should give him his assistance.

Bro. T. M. Poole bid in third Lonoke, and F. M. Grimes, of Proctor, bid in Widener's agency.

J. H. Hodges, who bid in agency Butterfield, promises to come in pay day. CERT. 185.

Kansas Division—

The few boys who have not paid up for this term better wake up before they find themselves down and out, and needing a little help from the good old O. R. T.

Bro. E. L. Blanton, agent Valencia, has returned after sixty days' vacation spent in Omaha and Oklahoma City.

Bro. J. A. McGovern bid in third McFarland.

Bro. M. L. Emery, third White City, was off a few days, relieved by Mr. Girdner, who also relieved Bro. Chris Fleisch, first Manhattan, several days.

Bro. W. A. Greene, third Manhattan, was off several days, relieved by R. C. Burns, who also relieved Bro. F. H. Munger, second Volland while visiting in Halifax and Eskridge.

A fire at Eskridge recently, close to Santa Fe depot, destroyed two blocks, including a lumber yard, a number of stores, a bank, hotel, part of Exchange and other buildings.

Bro. Earl Pearsall, third Dwight, relieved by H. H. Woolsey.

M. S. Resor, bid in Latimer nights.

Bro. F. H. Shanklin, third Herington yard, has been off sick, relieved by Bro. Austin, Herington relay.

F. C. Bebec, agent Marion, relieved by E. E. Maschal, relief agent.

The opening of the new Wichita union station takes off Bro. Benham, R. I. freight office, who goes to "U.I."

R. T. Smith, first Caldwell, off several weeks, was relieved by Bro. C. S. Forbes.

Bro. G. S. Johnson, clerk in dispatcher's office, has been promoted to extra dispatcher.

The relay office at Herington passenger depot is to be moved to the baggage room so the trick dispatchers can have a room to themselves.

Don't forget the nons, boys. Remember, "No card, no favors," and stick to it, too.

Send in some news so we can have a write-up.

M. W. SHAW, L. C., and Cert. 1016.

Des Moines Valley Division—

I hope our local chairman will succeed in getting some energetic member to act as correspondent. A good write-up in each month's edition has a tendency to keep members interested in the work. We should all take a personal interest in helping our estimable local chairman and not cause him unnecessary work.

Keep up to date and answer correspondence. Help to line up the nons and not expect him to be continually reminding us that we are getting behind. Each one consider himself a committee to see that dues are paid promptly and that our neighbor keeps up to date. In this way this division would soon be solid.

All members should appreciate the promptness of our superintendent, Mr. Abbott, in issuing bulletins and issuing names of applicants, and showing assignments.

Seniority list for 1914 shows quite a number of good new positions on account of the new Allerton-Des Moines line which is doing a heavy business.

Recent assignments: Bro. J. E. Sweeney, first Evans, to second Oskaloosa, vice Bro. C. D. White, to agent Harper, vice Bro. M. L. Myers, to agent Eddyville, vice Bro. H. S. Life, to operator Winterset; Bro. C. F. Dykstra, agent Keosauqua, to agent Pella; A. M. Cox, oldest man on the division, retiring. Bro. J. A. Mock assigned agent Knoxville, vice Bro. C. E. Schmidt, off on account of sickness, who is thinking seriously of quitting railroad work. We would be sorry to lose Bro. Schmidt, but glad to hear he has a good paying position.

Bro. M. Matusick, agent Evans, assigned agent Melcher.

C. A. Barton, promoted to agent Waterloo, relieved by Cashier R. L. Plaisted, as agent Oskaloosa.

Keota station on bulletin for ninety days, Bro. B. B. Brown trying his hand at farming.

Bro. E. G. Workman assigned agent Keosauqua, relieved by J. G. Thorpe, a new man. T. J. S.

Cedar Rapids Division—

Bro. E. J. Walsh was relieved as agent Camanche, March 2d, and checked in as agent Blue Grass, March 9th. Camanche, Iowa, being made a commission salary station.

Bro. E. B. Albro bid in Mediapolis second.

Bro. N. F. Gordon, from Division 54, is on third Mediapolis pending bulletin.

Bro. J. F. Irwin, relieving J. E. Perry on leave of absence, was relieved at Webster by Bro. Kelly.

Glad to see Bro. F. D. Cedarbury land What Cheer, relieved by Bro. L. G. Owens, on bid at Wellman.

Brothers, let me have any news items and other information that may interest your local chairman.

J. P. HEYMANN, Local Chairman.

East Iowa Division—

Bro. C. K. Leimbach, of Iowa City, visited with old-time friends over Sunday at Adair recently. Bro. C. W. Coffin and wife, of Homestead, recently visited relatives at St. Joseph, Mo., and Bro. Paul Brown, of Wilton, made a brief visit at Iowa City.

H. A. Paul, of Homestead, has resigned to go on his farm.

We are glad to welcome Bros. Wm. Barber, Altoona; E. A. Chittenden, Oxford, and F. J. Sadelik and M. E. Scott, of Kellogg.

Bro. E. W. Stewart, second Iowa City, and wife, spent Sunday recently in Omaha.

Bro. D. Yates, of Grinnell, spent Sunday recently with Newton friends.

Bro. W. R. Larimer, agent Brooklyn, goes to Casey, vice Bro. H. M. Hanson.

Former Bro. R. G. Nancarrow, agent Exira for about six years, has resigned and will follow farming. We wish him success.

Don't forget about sending in any news items you may have to Bro. L. E. Hubbell, Anita, or local chairman.

The next meeting of the Des Moines O. R. T. Club will be an open one, at Kirkwood Hotel. We expect Supt. Gibson and his staff, and several other officials to be our guests. The next meeting after this the boys are invited to bring their wives or lady friends for a social evening.

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Minnesota Division—

Bro. M. P. O'Connor, second Inver Grove, off on account of sickness, was relieved by C. J. Smith from the Western Union, St. Paul.

R. I. Gorman is back at "DS" Manley Dispatching, relieved by Bro. B. P. Steel.

Joe McCue, Inver Grove days, later chief clerk St. Paul freight house, is now tariff clerk in J. B. Ryan's office there.

C. P. Priest, Inver Grove, is back from yardmaster's vacation, relieved by S. D. Graux. C. A. Raul is night yardmaster.

Recent bulletin appointments: Bro. W. N. Staley, third Waterloo; Bro. S. W. Barry, first Cedar Falls; Bro. J. J. Janus, third Ellendale; Bro. J. C. Lemon, second Albert Lea; R. A. Staley, third Albert Lea; Bro. B. J. Steel, third Inver Grove; C. P. Huey, second Northwood; Bro. H. S. Mark, third Iowa Falls; F. K. Thompson, third Nevada; Bro. S. A. Wild, second Enterprise.

Am pleased to say that Bro. S. L. Bailey, agent Rock Falls, is up to date again; also Bro. R. Kelley, third Nora Springs. There's nothing like being up to date. "There's a reason."

Keep after the nons, and remember the slogan. "No card, no favors." CERT. 266, Div. Com.

Iowa Falls Line, Minnesota Division—

Bro. M. S. Barnes, of Dysart, attended court in Vinton, February 26th, on company business.

Bro. V. H. Vilmont has become owner of an elevator, ice and coal business in Eldora, Iowa, and was checked out March 20th. We are most sorry to lose Bro. Vic and he has our best wishes for his success. He was relieved by Bro. Hans Mork, pending bulletin.

Mr. Reagan transferred from third Grundy to first Waterloo temporarily, relieved by Jno. Ristan off the Soo Line.

F. D. White, second Vinton, promises to soon be with us, and we hope Mr. Albright, of Traer, will also take the proper step shortly.

Bro. F. D. Merrill visited his father, who is very poorly, in Cedar Falls, March 15th.

Bros. Pardun, Havirland, Merrill and Beecher attended the club meeting in "CR," Friday, March 20th. Sorry not to see more of the boys from our line out.

Bro. W. F. Weik was a Cedar Rapids caller Friday, March 20th.

Bro. J. C. Luth, of the Grand Division, is on second Linn.

Remember the monthly meeting at "CR" the third Friday of each month.

Bro. DeLong bid in Garrison station.

We now have "Hank" back as our dispatcher first trick, and Mr. Tjaden on second, while Mr. Albright holds third. The Iowa Falls line being handled in connection with the line between Cedar Rapids and Manley.

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Dakota Division—

Bro. Kerans, who relieved Agent Mitchell, at Watertown, on vacation was relieved by Bro. Kregger, former agent at Brandt, who also relieved Bro. H. J. Tholka, at Kanaranzi, while at the bedside of his mother, who was sick.

H. J. Judd, extra Somers, who relieved Mr. Vasey, at Jasper, who went to Granite as agent, vice Mr. Hess, now on extra list. Bro. Wald relieved, at Trosky, by Bro. Corbett, is now extra agent at Somers, leaving only one non on the Gowrie line at Moneta.

Bro. Ayers has returned to Burdette, as agent; Bro. Ensley, second Dows, is now agent at Ottosen, vice Bro. W. M. Peterson, extra Brandt; Bro. Lathrop on second Dows pending bulletin, and Bro. Sturdevant at Dows nights, vice Hess.

Calmer Anderson, helper Livermore, went to Livermore nights until abolished. A. Buffar, on second Sibley, promoted from helper there, promises to get a card in April.

Mr. Wingrave, Estherville, on a ninety-day leave, has gone to Chicago and other Eastern points. A fifth dispatcher, S. E. Staggs, was put on at Estherville during the recent rush of business. Bro. C. C. Griswold, Estherville, recently visited in Fairfield. A big meeting is being planned for Estherville the night of April 16th, following the Des Moines meeting.

Please send all the news you can to me at Ottosen.

C. C. ENSLEY, Div. Cor.

Nebraska Division—

The Richfield line-up is Bro. W. G. Smith, agent; Bro. J. A. Draelantz, second, and F. L. Kingsbury, third, who promises to come in with us this month.

D. S. Annis is still the non at Meadow.

Bro. Hornbeck, "MD," is doing good work as local chairman.

We hope to soon line-up O. N. Cash, at Alvo. His name sounds prosperous. He was referred to in February as "Bro." by mistake.

You boys on the west end keep after Mr. Brandt until he comes through.

I am indebted to Bro. Carson, third Jansen, for the Horton and Nelson line news. You brothers over there please notify him of any changes. He recently secured Bro. C. C. R. Barnhart, third Jansen.

Dewitt is now solid, with Bro. E. M. Richardson, agent; Sister M. B. Richardson, second, and Bro. C. O. Watson. I wish "the flying Swede" would go over the line and take a fall out of some of the nons.

Bro. C. H. Zook, of Gilead, bid in agency Clatonia, vice Cronn to Athol as agent, vice Coffman to Deshler as agent.

C. Humley is now agent at Germantown.

West End, Fairbury to Phillipsburg—

Bro. Williamson was relieved at Greta by Mrs. Pryor, and went to Havelock.

Don't forget to pay your dues and get the man next to you.

Regardless of the benefits being enjoyed, some of the nons turn a deaf ear to all appeals to get a card, as long as they get the benefits without paying they seem satisfied to remain nons, now is the time to apply "No card, no favors." Every one keep after them; they are as able to pay for what they are getting as the rest of us.

D. B. RICHARDSON.

Panhandle and Oklahoma Divisions—

Bro. Howell, Rushsprings, on leave of absence, relieved by Mr. Heldreth. Sister Pack, of Chickasha, has forsaken Morse for Martin, some burg artist. Bro. Newell, third Waurika, resigned to accept position with M. K. & T. at Denison, sorry to lose him, Mr. Gray filling in until position bid in. Bro. Hoover, of Enid, off temporarily, relieved by Mr. Bratt, Mr. Woodward taking first. Bro. Wooldridge, second Chickasha, on vacation, relieved by Mr. Kell. Mr. Brown bid in third Chickasha. Bro. Matthews bid in first Waurika.

Hours of service at "FT," El Reno, changed, bringing Bro. Correll, first, on at 6 a. m., in order to get consists in chief's office by 8 a. m.

Bros. J. G. Blevins, of Haileyville relay, relieved H. T. Snodgrass, No. El Reno, while Harry was getting married. Hearty congratulations.

It is now Bro. Brown, "RN," Elk City. Glad to call him brother.

The meetings at El Reno, on Saturday after the 21st of each month, are for the benefit of you men out on the line, and you should get acquainted with your fellow-worker and learn what is going on in the Order. Last meeting night Bro. C. A. Armstrong, of Oklahoma City, was the only one who attended. It is our intention to give a banquet in the near future, and we want every man who can possibly do so to come in on Saturday, April 25th, and help us arrange it.

CERT. 1218.

Indian Territory Division—

A. F. Gilstrap, on vacation, relieved by H. H. Martin, and on his return relieved J. K. Polk, "MU" agency.

Tucker on first Mansfield pending bulletin.

M. C. Sally, after several months' absence, has been reinstated, and is back at "JY." D. V. Wycoff relieved Chas. Kirk a few days, on sick list.

R. S. Hutchison, Wewoka first, bid in Wardville agency, relieved by D. V. Wycoff.

G. W. Hutchison, Wilburton second, who bid in Howe first, relieved by H. N. Penny, was on sick list several days.

Olney station bid in by Bro. A. T. Aldridge.

One more non came in this month. This only leaves six on the division. Seven came in during February. There won't be any left by April. "Take a shot at them." R. S. H.

Southern Division—

If the brothers will try and send me an item or two each month, I will try and see that we have a monthly write-up.

It is now Bro. W. R. Watkins at Bryson.

Ryan second is on bulletin. G. B. Fitzgerald bid in third Bowie.

The Magnolia Pipe Line Co., of Oklahoma, running along a section line from Terral to Addington, thence to the Healtion oil fields, has been a great benefit to the Rock Island the past few months, in the way of revenue at all stations between Terral and Addington. Sugden office showed a large increase over February of last year, and other stations done as well if not better.

Bro. P. J. Reynolds, from the F. W. D. C., at Texline, recently at Tarrant nights, has gone to the T. & B. V.; relieved by F. C. Clark, from the T. & P. crossing, now closed. He promises to come through soon.

Remember we still have a lady non on the Dallas line. Get after all the nons, brothers. We need them to make a good showing, and it is our duty to work on them every day until we get them lined-up.

Bro. W. P. McCormick, from the Louisiana Division, has purchased a farm near Tarrant and retired from railroad life, but still carries an up-to-date card and says he always will. This brother knows a thing or two.

L. A. Eastlake is now on third at Irving.

The new seniority lists are out, and every brother can get a copy by applying to the local chairman.

Our next meeting will be held at Ft. Worth in the superintendent's office. Every brother on this

division should make arrangements to be present, as we will have several of our officials with us; let us make them think that we want to do the right thing.

Bro. J. I. Dealy, Ryan nights, bid in second there.

I wish to thank the two brothers who sent me items this month. Unless I can get help, this will be my last effort. If some other brother wants to try it, I will help all I can, but one man can not do it all. "SLATS"

El Paso Division—

Superintendent Greenough spent several days in Hutchinson.

Dispatcher F. W. Sharpe, Pratt, Kan., called to Chicago, on account of sickness in his family, was accompanied by his wife. Extra Dispatcher Williamson, from Dalhart, Tex., relieving Dispatcher Rice, on vacation, on return of Dispatcher Sharpe. Mr. Childers, from B. C. Ware's office at Dalhart, on third there several days, owing to shortage of men.

Bro. Edgar called to Canute, accompanied by his wife, owing to the illness of his mother, relieved by Bro. Louderdale.

W. L. Woods, agent Greensburg, while on vacation to Harrisonville, Mo., relieved by Mr. McCullum, and Agent Wellsford, visiting a few days in Liberal, relieved by Bro. L. M. McGee, of Greensburg, Kan.

Bro. H. C. Breckenridge, on visit to his sister in Montana, writes that "No card, no favors" is the rule there. He has resigned here and will remain there.

Bro. M. E. Holliday, agent Naravisa, N. M., visiting at Hutchinson, Kan., Kansas City, Chicago, St. Louis and Newton, Kan., looking after his property there; relieved by J. H. Hemphill, who also relieved Bro. O. R. Griffin, agent Ramona, Kan., fifteen days.

Bro. H. F. Williams, agent Kismet, Kan., says the journal is the finest book he ever read, and we will all agree with him, even the nons.

Bro. A. H. Maytum, at Fowler, has a nice garden and a lot of fine chickens.

The Western Union manager at Hutchinson, Kan., made me dig up 25 cents on a personal rush message, and I have been working for Western Union for twelve years, only during the strike. Probably that's the reason he made the charge. If any of the section foremen refuse to clean up around the depot and yards, take it up with the superintendents' office, and they will soon get busy; so writes an agent, but, boys, let's take it up with the foreman first, and try to get along with everybody.

Bro. C. M. Pierce, who died at Liberal, Kan., was buried at Stanbury, Mo. His wife and mother accompanied the body, Bro. W. L. Woods, agent Greensburg, Kan., assisting Mrs. Pierce all possible. The boys from Herrington to Logan, "NM," all donated for a nice floral wreath, and several personal bouquets were also presented. The money left over on the donation was sent to Mrs. Pierce.

Boys, none of us missed that small donation. Let's look after such work as this and show that we are brothers and prove it by our good works and assistance to others.

Be sure and send in your notes so we can have a write-up each month, and remember our motto, "No card, no favors."

Bro. H. B. Shoupe bid in first Liberal, Kan., made vacant by the death of Bro. Pierce. Second Bucklin is open for bids. CERT. 2855.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, On the 25th day of February, 1914, it pleased almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, to call to his heavenly home our dearly beloved Bro. C. M. Pierce; and

WHEREAS, We realize that Division 126 and the Order of Railroad Telegraphers has lost a true and faithful member, and his family a devoted husband and loving son, and been brought to face a sorrow, the like of which comes only to those who have lost, the bitterness of which can only be healed by Him who has suffered for us; and

WHEREAS, Each member of Division 126 feels a personal loss in the death of the deceased brother; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we tender our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family and friends in this their hour of sadness and sorrow; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, a copy to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication, also a copy to Superintendent Mr. H. P. Greenough.

CERT. 2855.

CARD OF THANKS.

I wish to thank the members of the O. R. T., the Rock Island dispatchers at Dalhart, Tex., and Pratt, Kan., and the Wabash dispatchers at Moberly, Mo., that sent such beautiful flowers; also the boys with whom he worked at Liberal, Kan., who were untiring in their kindness during the sickness and after the death of my husband, Carlos M. Pierce.

Sincerely,

THEO. B. PIERCE.

Louisiana Division—

Assignments: Carthage agency to J. A. Swilley. and Upland agency to Bro. J. T. Green.

It is Bro. R. G. Lightfoot, at Pine Prairie, and Bro. H. E. Kerr, at Lamourie, now, and it will soon be Bro. Weaver, at Calion; Bro. Smart, at Jonesboro, and Bro. Fulton, at Ivan. Nothing like putting our shoulder to the wheel, boys, and everybody push.

Boys, if you want your rights protected, send a copy of your bid by United States mail to Bro. C. B. Hanley, local chairman, at Alexandria.

Bro. Brown, general chairman, and Bro. Meador, general secretary and treasurer, were over our division last month en route to New Orleans to the Mardi Gras. Bro. Allen, of Hailey-

ville, was also with them. They all had a fine time, even if their wives were with them. Bro. Allen is coming back soon again, to get some more Louisiana oyster cock tails.

A. E. Walker, from the Amarillo Division, is our new superintendent.

Two good men are wanted with backbone enough to join the O. R. T. and work in "DO" office. Good salary for the men with the backbone qualities.

Don't forget to speak an encouraging word to the nons, and get them to secure an up-to-date. One letter will only cost you a few cents, and may help us gain several dollars by their being in, and they will likewise get the benefit. J. W. Fulton, agent Ivan, and J. A. Weaver, agent Calion, have promised their applications. We have only a few nons over here and will soon be 100 per cent strong.

Bro. E. P. Davis, agent Harrell, away a few days on account of serious illness in his father's family, was relieved by F. J. Autrey, agent Ellisville, who promises to come in next pay day.

Some of you experienced brothers tell us a good remedy, and we will do our best to get in these few "hard shells."

CERT. 1799.

Amarillo Division C. R. I. & G. Ry.—

Supt. Van Heck was on No. 4 the night it was derailed by sand drift at Benonine. Bro. J. H. Address was called to the office at 3 a. m. and when the superintendent learned his baby has just died of whooping cough he relieved him and took charge of the station until Bro. Ricketts arrived there from Texola telling Bro. Address to get business off his mind and not let it trouble him. Mr. Van Heck's action is very much appreciated. Let each member on the division show this, by doing his full duty at all times, especially by seeing that our toilet and station lamps are kept properly burning. This is a very vital question and in this matter we are his representatives, so let's do everything the best way and always right. We have the assurance that he is going to be fair and square with us. He is from the ranks of agents and operators and knows what station work is, and if we do what is right he will be our friend.

Bro. B. E. Clapp, cashier at Shamrock, was so seriously injured by No. 91 on March 11th that Bro. Teed was obliged to get a new cashier to relieve him. He is getting along nicely now, and we hope will be able to resume his position within thirty days. His hip was fractured, several ribs broken and had an ear cut off, which the doctor replaced, which is also doing nicely. We hope for his speedy recovery, and offer him our sympathy and if necessary our financial assistance.

Bro. Morgan, at Erick, Okla., who was on the sick list, is back on duty again.

I appeal to all to pay dues promptly and save time and postage, and be always up to date and remember the one non, B. L. Summers, at Adrian, Texas.

M. H. KEASLER, Local Chairman.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, God, in His infinite wisdom, has seen fit to call from its earthly home to its home beyond the cares of this life, the infant son of Bro. and Mrs. J. H. Andrews, of Benonine, Tex., C. R. I. & P. Ry. System, Division 126; be it

Resolved, That although we bow in submission to Him who doeth all things well, we are grieved because of the sorrow that has come to the home of our esteemed brother; and be it further

Resolved, That in token of our sympathy, we cause to be printed in THE TELEGRAPHER a copy of these resolutions and a copy be sent to the bereaved brother.

M. H. KEASLER,
D. H. NUNN,
J. S. SAUSING.

Committee.

**Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Ry.,
Div. No. 129.**

Western Division—

The committee is still in Cleveland and we expect to hear some good tidings most any day now. Don't get discouraged, but strive for the 100 per cent membership and the rest is sure to come. Keep after the nons and try and land all eligible ones. They need some brother to remind them of their duty to their fellow workers. Some of you brothers on the west end get busy with a few of them.

Bro. Farmer, second 3-I Crossing, expects to quit the service to engage in farming shortly. His name indicates that he should make good.

Bro. Meisner will probably land second "NX." He deserves it.

Mr. Pancake got in eight nights at L. E. & W. crossing, while Bro. Longee was visiting his parents in Ohio.

Bro. Whitehead displaced Mr. Smith, third Ind. Harbor.

Mr. Fulton was off several nights recently on account of his wife's illness, relieved by Mr. Brandon.

Bro. Pratt, "RO," was off recently.

Bro. Miller is back on third "NX" after ten days' illness.

Englewood second taken off, Bro. Trowe going to second Whiting, displacing Mr. Tracey.

It would help considerably if some of you energetic brothers would send a few notes to me, especially from the west end.

"BILL," Cert. 610.

Eastern Division—

Bros. Sam Barchus and Guy Stearns visited friends in Erie recently.

Bro. Zeebe, extra man posted up at tower "W" a few days, so as to relieve Mr. Lamb at Willoughby.

Bro. J. C. Leo, West Seneca tower, is on report job in the Buffalo dispatcher's office. John will be one of our future dispatchers. J. H. Miles is relieving him.

Bro. Glenn D. Miller was off a few days recently practicing on the new targets at the 75th Armory, Buffalo.

Bro. Claude Sadtler, second Bay View, visited in Buffalo recently.

Paul Pickard has taken second Erie depot on account of reduction of force at "ON" Cleveland, vice Bro. C. M. Smith, who goes back to Erie yard office days; Bro. Chas. Switzer going back extra West Seneca yard third, trick closed and Henry Nemeyer is now working nine hours night, and Bro. Art Munson days.

L. J. Fay has taken second Dunkirk tower, displacing Bros. A. C. Will and Beideck; Bro. Will taking third trick there, and Bro. Beideck third Buffalo Creek, vice Bro. Schroeder to third North East, vice Bro. Miller, who goes on extra.

Business is very dull and the extra men are having a hard time making their salt this winter but a number of the boys are planning on one to three months' leave, which will probably keep all the extra men busy.

Remember our motto, "No card, no favors."

CERT. 287.

**Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R. R.
Div. No. 130.**

Galesburg Division—

The meeting at Quincy in the Wood Hotel, Sunday, March 22d, was the best ever held at that point, nothing being lacking in interest, enthusiasm or attendance, and we were mighty glad to have the Q. O. K. C. members with us, as they served to make the meeting all the more enjoyable; not only because of the fact that it was a great testimonial that the brothers on the south end of the Quincy branch have realized the good which a good attendance at these meetings do ourselves and the organization which we represent, but because we had with us men who had not yet reached the stage where they were represented by a committee and protected by a schedule, and their presence in the meeting gave them a most favorable idea of the vast good which the Order of Railroad Telegraphers is doing and the great amount of good which it will do for them in the near future.

The meeting and brothers missed our loyal, energetic local chairman, who was confined at his parents' home threatened with pneumonia, but in token of their loyalty and appreciativeness of his valuable work, turned out to a man to see that each one would do their part in keeping up the good work which is being done at the present time on our division.

Bro. Carder made a splendid talk, telling of the almost solid membership on Division 130, and in his remarks concerning the Q. O. K. C. conditions, he pledged his earnest and hearty support toward procuring a schedule for the members working on that line, and explained to them how in the short space of ten years our salaries on the Burlington had increased thirty-three and one third per cent, and how much more favorable working conditions are for the telegraphers now

than at that time. He laid particular stress upon the fact that at the time we secured our first schedule there was being paid only fifty cents per month overtime, while today this item runs into hundreds of dollars per day on the Burlington System.

Bro. Schoene, local chairman of the Q. O. K. C., who is one of the veteran operators on the C. B. & Q., contributed a most pleasant and interesting talk of the earlier days of railroading, and explained the far from favorable conditions which existed at that time.

Bro. Alexander, who is one of the live wires on the Q. O. K. C. and who has done a wonderful amount of good, converting the nons down that way, also made a few timely remarks, which were thoroughly enjoyed.

Bro. Kinsey, agent Colchester, gave a most accurate description of the circumstances which demands that the present rate advances be allowed the railroads. Bro. Kinsey is an able speaker and his talks are always appreciated.

Short talks by Bros. Dowell, Fisher, Davis, Fox, Armstrong, Belding, and various others certainly verified the brotherly feeling and the interest they all have for our organization.

Bro. Minor, as usual, made good in the pinch and in his peculiarly pleasant way sprung a few jokes on the crowd, and as they are always a sure cure for the blues, we are always glad to have him with us.

Bro. Rogers, our most faithful and efficient general secretary and treasurer, made a most interesting talk of thirty minutes' duration, concerning the splendid condition of Division 130.

Bro. Carder read the new schedule which we expect to procure in the near future. It is a dandy, and now that our general officers have done and are doing their part it is the duty of every member not only to support them in every way possible, but each member should make a special effort within the next few weeks to land every non on this division. A seventy-five or eighty per cent membership means just that strong a schedule, and a little interest and personal co-operation on the part of the membership will put us over the one hundred per cent mark.

As employes of a corporation, nine out of ten of us put forth our best energies for them for a salary far below what we should receive. We work hard for them for a salary, and it looks reasonable that we should be just as energetic in an effort to make our organization stronger, which will eventually mean more money and better conditions.

The splendid attendance will not permit me to criticise any brother for not attending a meeting when it is possible for him to do so, however, keep up the good work and always remember after you have read your journal thoroughly to mark your division write-up and send it to some non who is working near you. It will wake him up to a realization of what we are doing and what a large faction our organization represents among the other labor bodies identified with the railroads of the United States, and if the proper

amount of interest and persuasion is brought to bear upon the non's case someone will eventually secure his application; while it would be impossible for each member to secure a new member this year yet some of those who are non-members makes it necessary for several members to work overtime to make them come across; never lose the opportunity to remind a non of his delinquency and make it your own personal matter to see that he gets a card at once.

The members present at the meeting were: R. F. Hendricks, Fall Creek, Ill.; Wabash R. R.; J. F. Carder, general chairman, Burlington, Iowa; M. K. Jester, W. B. Straub and G. W. Gray, Quincy, Ill.; J. H. Rogers, general secretary and treasurer, La Crosse, Wis.; A. Sapp, Ewbanks, Ill.; E. G. Armstrong, Macomb, Ill.; E. V. Kinsey and L. T. Burford, Colchester, Ill.; G. Ventrees, Glenn Willis and C. R. White, Golden, Ill.; A. Belding, Avon, Ill.; A. E. Dowell, Macomb, Ill.; W. R. Minor, Bardolph, Ill.; B. F. Bittle, Fowler, Ill.; D. G. Rixey, Peoria, Ill., and L. T. Davis, J. W. Fox, D. S. Babgy, C. J. Marron, Earl Porter, W. R. Turner, W. Fisher, E. S. Vandruft, L. E. Schoene, and E. B. Alexander, Q. O. & K. C. R. R. CERT. 928.

Galesburg Division, North End—

Bro. John Westbay, second to third Lynn, and Bro. J. Q. Duffy, second Barstow, to third Bardolph.

Bro. S. E. Mattson, agent, off a few days, was relieved by Mr. Sheppherd, who also relieved Bro. Lindell, second Erie, a few days, on vacation.

Bro. Miller, second Denrock, gets Rockport on bid.

Whitehead, third Denrock, is on vacation.

"Where there is a will there is a way." Shortly after Bro. Duffy was assigned to second Barstow he was obliged to transmit one of Happy Sharp's destination reports to Savannah yard by wire, at first he thought it was a Chinese laundry bill, but finally tumbled. Got the operator on the fone, picked up his flute and played the notes in a creditable manner.

It is now Bro. H. V. Lonis, second Rio.

Commencing now each member see if he can secure one new member before June 30th. By so doing much good can be accomplished, as we still have plenty of material to work on.

CERT. 1851.

Galesburg Division, Quincy Branch—

Bro. Dallberg, Galesburg relay, on an extended visit in Florida, returned March 15th.

Manager Vivion, Galesburg relay, is being relieved by Mr. Ramp, putting Mr. Wood on first trick wire-chief, Bro. Abrahamson second trick wire-chief and Bro. Brown third wire-chief.

First Trick Dispatcher Root, Peoria branch, is being relieved by Mr. Eleer, Bro. Florence working as second trick dispatcher Peoria branch and Mr. Kelly third.

Bro. Mullen, third "YD," Galesburg, bid in first, Bro. Botkin going to third and Mr. Clayton relieving on second.

Bro. Kynion, agent Norris, bid in second Barstow.

Bro. G. S. Herron, first Augusta, off on account of sickness, was relieved by Bro. Mullen.

The nons on the Quincy branch better look out for their personal safety, for Bro. Willis is the official "motorcycle mike" of that locality, and a good jolt with a machine making ninety miles an hour is likely to wake up some of the few hard shells over there.

It is very gratifying to have the brothers take so much interest in the affairs of our organization, and the first part of the year 1914 shows the Galesburg Division in better shape than at any previous time since its existence. It means a great deal to all of us who are interested to know that we are not only holding our own, but that as each month succeeds another we are growing by leaps and bounds, through the splendid work of those in charge of our organization and the thorough co-operation of the entire membership has made this possible. Brothers, do not lose sight of the fact that now is the time to prepare for the future. Never lose an opportunity to solicit a non-member's application, to be successful we must be energetic and willing to work for "the cause" which has helped us in the past. If every member will do his or her part the future will hold far greater possibilities for us than any other railroad organization in existence. "We will" should be the motto of every member on the Galesburg Division.

CERT. 928.

Peoria Branch—

Bro. F. M. Everetts, Peoria yard office, was off a few days sick, relieved by Mr. Sherman, from Colchester.

Bro. C. E. Walker, Galesburg relay, one of the many losing out on account of reduction in force, bid in third Yates City.

Bro. C. H. Austin, city ticket office Peoria, visited homefolks at Camp Point, Sunday, March 22d.

Bro. H. C. Eyeman, agent Duncan, on vacation, was relieved by Bro. J. F. Weller.

Bro. Graves, local chairman of this division, after being in La Crosse, Wis., a few days, serving as chairman of the finance committee, returned home and was taken seriously ill, threatened with pneumonia. After a week's confinement he became well enough to be taken to his parents' home at Wyoming, and we are glad to say that he is now on the road to recovery.

CERT. 928.

Q. O. & K. C.—

Things are beginning to look brighter each day on this division, boys are lining up in fine shape and the officials of the Order are prepared to help us. We should each lend all our assistance and keep dues paid right up to date.

We now have fifty members out of sixty-three positions, with prospects of five or six more before long. We now have enough to begin action.

Bro. King, Brimson, has been laid up for four or five weeks with a very bad dislocated hip, hav-

ing fallen during the icy weather, but he is improving, and we hope to see him back shortly.

Bro. Robison is back at Coffey, relieved by Non Lintner for about twelve days.

Former Sister Markel, Weatherby, should be called upon to take out another card. W. E. Harding, at Knox, with a little persuasion, will become one of us.

Brother members, keep your eyes open for meetings on other divisions as well as your own, and make it a point to attend some of them and keep "next."

Our schedule is the thing we are after.

Div. Cor.

Chicago Division—

Bro. W. R. Peters, Clyde tower, took a trip to the country recently. E. W. Montgomery, second Clyde tower, working a few days at Aurora. Both relieved by H. E. Ensworth.

Bro. W. E. Siebert has returned to first Hawthorne tower, after several months' absence on account of an injury to his knees, where he had an operation performed.

Bro. Geo. Gannon, on the sick list a few days, was relieved by H. E. Ensworth on first Kedzie Ave. tower, who also relieved Bro. R. H. Hachmeister, third Kedzie Ave., while attending a party.

Bro. Summers, first Robey St. tower, off a few days on the sick list, relieved by Al Janscowski, repairman.

Bro. M. T. Dyer, second Ashland Ave. tower, also on the sick list several days, was relieved by Otto Wegener, repairman.

Then starting at Canal St. and going west is the song of the busy bees.

M. R. PETERS.

Aurora Division—

There was no write-up from the Aurora Division last month, on account of local chairman being away and the usual failure to receive any notes. Brothers, don't expect your local chairman to do it all. Interest yourselves in your own welfare and help him line-up the nons. There are other obligations besides carrying a card. Keep after the non in your office or the one at the next station until you land him.

Bro. Salander, second Sandwich, bid in second "SY," Aurora, relieved on bid by Sister Hills, working extra since Wester Springs closed.

Bro. W. H. Dillon, Somonauk tower, and Bro. R. Dillon, Meriden, were called to Hillsdale, Ill., on account of the sudden illness and death of their mother the first of the month. Bro. Lieber, of Sugar Grove, relieved Bro. W. H., and Mr. Sunberg relieved Bro. R.

Bro. Robey, third Earlville tower, is making regular trips to Aurora now, instead of Sandwich.

Bro. Geo. Jackson, second Princeton, has resigned, and it is now on bulletin.

Bro. Osborne, Downers Grove, and Bro. Lieber, Sugar Grove, called on Bro. Todd, March 21st.

Mr. Smith, third Somonauk tower, was called to Aurora on account of the sudden illness of his mother, March 23d.

Brothers, have you all filled out your information blanks that were sent you some time ago? Remember this information must be given if you expect us to take care of your job, if we do not receive the necessary we will expect you are satisfied with what you have got. CERT. 14.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Our heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom and goodness has deemed it best to call to the great beyond the beloved mother of our Bros. W. H. and R. E. Dillon; in manifestation of our fraternal sympathy, be it

Resolved, That the members of the Aurora Division of the C. B. & Q. Ry., Division 130, Order Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the sorrowing brothers and family their sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved brothers, and a copy forwarded to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

E. F. TODD,
E. G. NOACK,
C. M. SALANDER,
Committee.

Beardstown Division—

Business has been very good this month owing to everybody stocking up with coal in expectation of a strike April 1st.

Franklin and Atwater second and third, and two tricks at Ayers closed and there may be more closed by April 1st.

On bulletin: Brighton and Atwater agencies, third East Alton and second Whitehall.

Bro. Dooley bid in Youngstown agency and will now try his luck telegraphing, being on the telephone circuit so long. He was relieved at Atwater, pending bids by L. F. Savage.

It is now Bros. R. W. Thomas, third Keyesport; Champ, Centralia yard; Mumbower, agent Pisgah, and R. Banks, Herring Jct.

Now the nons they won't come into the Order until the trainmen stop taking orders over the telephone. They are always ready with new excuses, but never fail to exercise the rights secured for them by the O. R. T.

Brothers, when trainmen take orders over the telephone, except in cases of emergency, you are requested to notify General Chairman J. F. Carder, Burlington, Iowa. The trainmen's schedule only calls for this kind of work in case of emergency, which has been defined by the Interstate Commerce Commission, and they ought to live up to it; furthermore, if you are sure of any cases where they have taken these orders and not written them down, give date and trainmen's name and the number of the order. The only way to break this practice up is for us all to watch and report them as requested.

The boys along the Jack line are coming in fine. Bro. Urham on telephone circuit in Beardstown relay office has about twelve on his list so

far. If we will all work like Bro. Urham we will soon be solid down here.

I have received no notes this month except from a couple of the brothers on the wire.

Let no discord prevail, but let us all dwell in unity and harmony, giving good service to the company and the officials will recognize us as the only men to have, and ever remember that we are traveling upon the level of modern times, where the supreme architect presides.

Div. Cor., Cert. 2212.

Relay Division—

We still have a few delinquents left whom we hope will pay up before it is too late. Considering the reductions, the members are to be congratulated for the prompt manner in which they paid up. This indicates the interest manifested, and it ought to have some influences on the nons who are deriving benefits from the schedule, but doing nothing to maintain the organization. This division was hit harder this time than ever before, but in view of all this we have managed to hold up our percentage and continue to take in new members. The outlook for increasing the force in the different offices is not very encouraging, but as business begins to pick up, we will gradually get back to normal conditions. The success of an organization depends upon the efforts put forth by the individual members, if you ask a non to join and he turns you down, do not get discouraged, but go after him again, there is hardly ever anything accomplished by the first attempt, but every attempt accomplishes something, and if you keep it up you are bound to win.

A great many changes have taken place recently, but not one note was received, as these notes serve two purposes: by having the division well represented in THE TELEGRAPHER, and keeping the local chairman posted on what's going on, the members should send them in.

Bro. Curt Haines, "GO," has bought out a cigar and tobacco store at 2117 W. Harrison St., Chicago, he carries a full line of union made goods, so when you want to smoke a good union-made cigar call on him. Bro. Haines also has the exclusive agency for the Martin vibroplex, if you are in the market for a sending machine he will be glad to give your order prompt attention, address him in care of C. B. & Q., General Office, Chicago.

Our esteemed contemporary, Bro. Wood, has purchased a barber shop at 2351 W. Madison St., Chicago. Sister Wood is managing the shop successfully, and also works the first chair herself, having had fifteen years' experience in the tonorial business. We are daily expecting Bro. Wood to drive up in his forty-horsepower limousine. We wish both himself and Mrs. Wood the best of success.

J. J. ROSE.

Relay Division Notes—

Wymore, Neb.—Bro. Dean was called to Colorado, on account of the death of his sister-in-law. On account of slack business Bros. Wells and Glenn, and Messrs. Heilman and Williams were laid off.

During the last big snow and sleet storm Wymore Division wires were all down for thirty-six hours. Third W. C. Bennett and Dispatcher Miller went to Table Rock for one day and dispatched trains from there. Dispatcher Bates was put back in relay office on account slack business.

Bro. Feary, pulled off in Wymore, went to Hannibal for several weeks, was pulled off there and returned to Wymore bumping Bro. Glenn.

Div. Con.

La Crosse Division—

The Milwaukee brothers recently held a meeting in La Crosse with a large attendance. A few Burlington boys being present.

Bro. Shultz relieved Bro. Gilliland a few nights at Savanna yard.

Bro. Unangst, agent Whitton, laying off, relieved by Relief Agent Sands.

Bro. Otto Sands, second Grand Crossing, returned from a visit to his home in Muscoda, relieved Bro. S. R. Kimbal, second Charme, on sick list.

On bulletin: Cochrane second; North Jct., Cochrane, "JN," "Q" and "AY" third, and "MA" first.

Bros. Rogers and Schrunck passed over the line recently.

Bro. Monti, of Genoa, spent his vacation in Kansas.

Bro. Hastings' wife was buried at Stoddard, her old home.

Superintendent Cunningham is now chief train examiner, headquarters La Crosse.

R. W. Kimball, first Charme, was off with mumps for a few days.

Bros. Bill Bright, second Lynxville, and H. Sterling, second Ferryville, made a trip to Prairie du Chien recently.

Bro. Gilbertson went to East Dubuque, while Bro. Cullen laid off. Bro. Gallagher relieved a few days by Bro. Shultz, from the relay, and while visiting his folks at Nelson relieved by Mr. Peterson.

Force in "CX" cut down to three men days, only one on second and third. Boys, do your best to help these men out by answering calls promptly.

Bro. Harville bid in "VA," and Bro. Groff, Bay City agency.

Bro. Ebert is being relieved by Bro. Ruedy.

Second "JD" closed; Bros. Dyer and Gibbons working nine hours, and Bro. Hartman handling yard office business at depot.

Brothers, practice the motto, "No card, no favors."

Bro. J. R. Graber and wife Sundayed at La Crosse recently.

Bro. Lynch bid in second Galena Jct., and Bro. L. W. Ender second Nelson.

Bro. Hornby, agent Bagley, lost his new house and all its contents on March 3d. He has the sympathy of all on this division.

Bro. J. B. Spratt was relieved several nights by Mr. Irwin.

Note the Aurora Division article in February issue about the banner. Let us give them a merry chase for it.

It is now Bros. W. R. Taylor, A. W. Beilefeld and R. H. Bootsma.

Don't forget the flower fund, and let us make it a good one.

Bro. McDonald, third Savanna, is off sick, relieved by Bro. Gilbertson. Bro. C. J. Doran, first Savanna tower, sprained his ankle recently and was laid up several days, relieved by Bro. McDonald.

CERT. 1416.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Our heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom and goodness, has deemed it best to call to the great beyond the beloved wife of our friend and Bro. D. L. Hastings; in manifestation of our fraternal sympathy, be it

Resolved, That the members of the La Crosse Division of the C. B. & Q. System, Division 130, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the sorrowing brother and family their most sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved brother and family, a copy spread on the minutes of the division, and a copy sent to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

W. B. SCHRUNK,

F. H. OWEN,

C. E. WHITE,

J. H. ROGERS, JR.,

Committee.

CARD OF THANKS.

I take this way in showing my appreciation and heartfelt gratitude and thanks to the members of the O. R. T., La Crosse Division, No. 130, C. B. & Q., for the floral offerings, kindness and sympathy shown me during the illness and death of my beloved wife.

DENNIS L. HASTINGS.

St. Joseph, Mo., Division—

No one sent in any news except Bro. Whalen, Tower 46.

Our chief, W. H. Brown, recently issued a bulletin stating that he now had several extra men to use for relief. Now would be a good time to take a vacation, as there might be a scarcity of operators later on.

Bro. V. H. Conrad, third Block 36, off two days, was relieved by Bro. Strode, extra.

C. O. Whalen relieved at East Leavenworth and Corning while the regular men attended court. Whalen bid in Percival nights, and should now get a card. Bro. Branston, second Waldron, was also relieved several days by Whalen.

Bro. Jim Cash, agent Waldron, while attending the funeral of his brother at Atchison, was relieved by Extra Agent Fewson.

Bro. Armstrong has returned to Amazonia agency, after a trip through the West, relieved by Bro. Boyd.

It is now Bro. J. S. Gardener at Armour.

Send me all the news you can, not later than the 20th, so I can fix them up and send them in on time.

L. J. MILLEN, Loc. Cor., Coin, Iowa.

Hannibal Division—

Bro. Chitman, second Dunsford, Sandusky, on bulletin, relieved by Bro. Allen.

Bro. Muller, third Alexandria, relieved a few days by Extra Wing.

Mr. Draper, second Alexandria, relieved ten days by Bro. Roberts.

"DO," Keokuk union depot on split trick again. Alexander handling business for yards at Keokuk during the hours the office there is closed.

Bro. Blincoe assigned Viele agency.

Bro. Mears, agent Martinsburg, while visiting relatives in Moberly and Clarence, relieved by Bro. H. M. Anderson.

E. D. Laudell, extra, to third at Doddridge St.

Bro. L. E. Williams, agent Foley, off on account of the illness of his little daughter, relieved by H. M. Anderson.

Did you read the decision of Judge Brewer, of Oklahoma, in the case of the nons in the February TELEGRAPHER? If not, read it.

A. P. Murphy, who died February 1st, was our valued friend and one that will be missed.

G. F. Carder, general chairman, visited Local Chairman Mays recently, while looking after the interests of the Order.

We still have a few nons who are finding fault and making excuses for not joining the Order. We wonder what excuse they will find now that our grievances have been so favorably settled.

Many brothers from other lines are carrying annual transportation for themselves and family, after ten years' service with the company. Why should the boys on the Burlington not have this also?

Just received an up-to-date list from Bro. Rogers, which is a good showing. You who have not remitted, please do so immediately, and do not allow yourself to become a non.

Some of the brothers are very faithful in furnishing us write-ups for the journal, and we would be glad to have others do likewise, then we will be able to furnish you with all the news up-to-date.

Div. Coa., Cert. 1605.

Burlington Division—

Bro. G. A. Oliver has returned from thirty days' vacation, relieved by W. Wade, later resigned.

S. M. Wilson bid in Swan; Bro. A. R. Davidson drew Hollsboro, and A. Anderson, Pilot Grove.

Bro. Frain was relieved, while attending court at Mt. Pleasant, by Mr. Smith, who later relieved Bro. Manusier, now under the doctor's care. We all hope for his speedy recovery.

Bro. Smiddy, agent Cedar, off a few weeks, was relieved by Wm. Stout.

Bro. Moore, from the Ottumwa Division, is relieving Bro. McKay, agent at Packwood. Mighty glad to have these boys with a card light on this division, it all helps.

Bro. Severs, while in Mr. Pence's office in Burlington, was relieved by Bro. Cummins, as assistant agent at Oskaloosa, and he by Bro. Moore.

Mr. Barnard, agent West Point, Ill., is on thirty days' leave, being relieved by Mr. Zimmerman.

Keep after the nons, boys, only two between Albion and Des Moines, and two between Tracey and Burlington. Speak a word to the man who does not belong every chance you get, show him that you are interested and it won't be long till he gets interested and it won't be long till he gets interested and lines up with us. CERT. 8.

Creston Division—

Bro. Hinthorne, McPherson, resigned, relieved by Bro. Poindexter, and he on second Nodaway by Bro. Hodges, second Glenwood, who later went to second Pac. Jct. On Mr. Rush's return from vacation to Glenwood first, Bro. Unangst relieved Bro. Hodges.

Bro. Trotter, second Cromwell, resigned and gone in the restaurant business at Greenfield, his home, relieved by Bro. Fredenckson from Essex.

Bro. Gleason has returned to Hastings.

J. R. Supple, second Pac. Jct., is trying out for night yardmaster there.

Bro. Rose, first Pac. Jct., while on the sick list, was relieved by Bro. Poindexter, who later went to second Glenwood pending bulletin.

Mr. Roberts, second Glenwood, assigned agency McPherson.

Bro. Hodges relieved Mr. Price a few days on first Shenandoah.

Bro. Daugherty, third Corning, is now cashier in a bank at Cromwell.

Bro. L. K. Wells, Shenandoah first, later went with the C. G. W. at Lohrville, Iowa, and is now in the picture show business at Malvern.

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Ottumwa Division—

Bro. Parker, of Tower 179, Monmouth, was off a few days attending the basket ball games in Omaha, relieved by Bro. C. F. Fisher.

Bro. S. F. Lauger, second Woodburn, relieved Bro. D. L. Gibbs, while getting married.

"Ye scribe," laid up ten days the latter part of February with a bursted ear drum, was relieved on second Tower 307 by Bro. A. W. Mangle, from third Murray, who later bid in third there.

Bro. H. R. Babcock withdrew his bid on second Cameron, and Bro. F. E. Hull was assigned, being the next oldest man asking for it.

Bro. J. W. Walsh, our old-time friend at Burlington yard, is in Tennessee disposing of his coal properties, worth about \$750,000. We hope he gets his million for them. Bro. C. C. Carson is relieving him.

Extra Jacobson, who went to Woodburn while Bro. Lager was on third Chariton, has promised me to soon be a brother.

While our friend Juno, second trick dispatcher west end, was laid up with the smallpox, Bro. C. A. Walters handled the train sheets and made the crossover movements on his territory like a veteran. Bro. O. A. French, extra chief clerk in Mr. Messenger's office, from first Fairfield, handled Bro. Walters' position.

Bro. A. H. Osterich, agent Batavia, on three weeks' vacation, was relieved by Bro. Parks, of second there.

Bro. Lunders, agent Thayer, is back again after a bad case of sore eyes.

J. J. Cadagan, agent St. Charles, has gone to the Missouri Pacific out in Kansas, relieved by C. L. Bradshaw, of Afton, pending bulletin.

Bro. F. L. Carpenter, third Albia Passenger, went to Maxon on account of shortage of towermen; Bro. W. R. Wilkins, La Crosse relay, relieved him.

I have called on several of you this month for assistance in some matters which on account of my working hours I could not handle personally. I wish to thank you for the interest taken and the promptness with which you have taken care of them for me; co-operation is the key-note to success in any business, ours is a business in every sense of the word, in helping me out you are furthering your own interests in every way.

I am glad to be able to report the following new brothers this month: E. W. Putz, Woodburn; LeRoy Palmer, Ottumwa; H. B. McMillen, Maxon, and J. M. Carr, Melrose. This is a good showing and does not leave many nons on the division; with a little assistance I hope to get the rest in the near future.

Bro. J. W. Greely, our oldest member on the division, who holds Cert. 31, recently celebrated his twelfth year on first trick Tower 307. We congratulate him and hope he can spend another twelve years, if he wishes, at this point.

I am indebted to Bros. C. A. Johnson, J. M. Stevenson, C. C. Carson, J. M. Walden, S. W. Morrisson and F. L. Carpenter for assistance with this write-up. Come again, brothers, and as often as you can. I sure appreciate your help, even if it's not news to us, it is to brothers who are now on other roads. T. R. CRANDALL, L. C.

Omaha Division—

We wish to correct the error made in the January issue, classing Bro. Baum, of Louisville, as a non, as Bro. Baum is in good standing. Mistakes will happen, and we are very sorry, indeed, that he was referred to as a non.

Bro. Gordon relieved Baker, of Page, out of the service, and later taken sick, relieved by Bro. Hess, of O'Neill, relieved by Extra Burkett.

Bro. Frey took in a big feed at Orchard the 24th.

Bro. Lussier, Randolph, was under the weather a few days in March.

Hays, at Goodwin, is going to join when he can afford it.

Bro. Enlow, of Louisville, off for three months, relieved by Bro. Baum.

Bro. Daily, of Ashland, was elected mayor of that city at the recent election, and Bro. Kimball is now a "City Dad" of McLean.

Bro. Gilbert says they raised the rent on him and he will move. Most of us would move if they even tried to collect our rent.

CERT. 1350.

Lincoln Division

Assignments: Operator Cairo, to Bro. J. H. Smith; agency Giltner, to Bro. J. Cogil; operator Cushman, to Bro. G. D. Kratzer; agency Archer, to R. R. Burns; first Milford, to Mr. Mueller, leaving second Milford pending bulletin.

Bro. J. H. Smith, at Cushman, relieved by Mr. Briggs. Bro. H. C. Cook to first Milford, relieving R. R. Burns.

Bro. G. E. Adams, agent Denton, on vacation, relieved by Bro. B. F. Kaney. V. D. Chidester has accepted a position in Mr. Newell's office at Chicago.

Bro. C. R. Baker, York, is still among the live ones, getting in his neighbors.

Bro. H. L. Weatherald, towerman Harvard, off sick, relieved by John Zagler.

C. E. Rogers, agent Berks, resumed after short vacation; his relief phoner, Anderson, back to Saronville, as helper.

Bro. A. A. Canfield, agent Inland, was a recent Harvard visitor.

Trainmaster Grisinger dispatched trains three days at "IIN" between Hastings and Sutton, on account of wire trouble. He still knows how.

Bro. J. H. Smith, of Cairo, was a recent Minnesota land looker, relieved by Mr. Briggs.

Bro. B. J. Hill was a Kearney visitor on K. of C. special, and later on vacation.

Bro. J. M. Combs, agent Trumbull, is raising a big crop of Rhode Island Reds, and Bro. Wade is also in the chicken game with White Orphingtons, having purchased two hundred eggs from blooded Kansas stock.

Bro. R. V. Starks, a recent Sunday visitor at Gretna, is still making trips there.

Bro. Dick Irwin, "HN" ticket office, has almost cut out the motion picture shows trying to increase his ticket business.

Bro. C. J. Plith recently discovered a piece of board sticking out of a car in a passing train, and notified the dispatcher to prevent anyone being injured.

Did you see the photo of the solid Utica bunch in THE TELEGRAPHER?

E. H. Weingardt, agent Dorchester, was a Hastings visitor this month.

"WA," St. Paul.

Alliance Division—

Bro. G. A. Henry, at Seneca, has resigned and gone to Wisconsin to visit his folks.

Bro. Parkson has gone to Ashby agency, relieved on second by Vining, who should now get a card.

Bro. Newman assigned first Seneca; Heilman, Whitman third, and Bro. McRaven, Mason agency.

Bro. W. J. Blank, relieved on second Seneca by Bro. Ough, while visiting his wife and new baby boy at Gordon, Neb.

The meeting at Seneca was postponed on account Bro. Carder not being able to attend.

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Alliance, West End—

Bro. Frank Brunkhorst and wife visited old friends in Sioux City the first of the month.

We are sorry to report the death at Fort Dodge, Iowa, of M. W. Sauerbrum, father of W. M. Sauerbrum, chief operator Alliance relay. He has been ailing for the past three months. The Alliance relay brothers contributed a beautiful wreath of flowers.

Dispatcher Biederman, first trick Deadwood, was taken suddenly ill last week and was relieved by Bro. Dowell, second Edgemont; relieved by Bro. V. H. Ough, who also relieved Bro. Herncall, first Edgemont, while the latter enjoyed a few days' visit with his mother at Seneca.

Bro. Lee, Gregory, who has been sick for past six weeks, is still unable for duty, his voice being too weak for the phone. We sincerely hope he will be able to be out soon; Bro. Wade Hack is relieving him.

Bro. Atwell, third wire chief Alliance relay, slipped up to Billings and married one of Alliance's most popular young ladies. We extend congratulations. The Alliance relay force presented them with a handsome cut-glass water set.

C. F. Triplett, the popular agent at Crawford, is wearing a broad smile. When asked the reason for all this joy, he replied, "I just sold my Ford."

Bro. Seybolt, who took a few days' vacation back to little old New York, has returned alone. We wouldn't like to insinuate that the brother got cold feet, but—

On bulletin: Anselmo, Hemingford and Whitman third, and Broken Bow second.

L. M. DAVIS.

Wymore Division—

You should take more interest in sending me items for our write-up. However, if you care nothing for this monthly appearance in print, your correspondent will try and survive without it, although it will have a tendency to show an enterprising spirit on the part of the membership of the division to have one.

Bro. Hargis, extra agent, who relieved Bro. F. C. Baemer, agent Tobias, later relieved Bro. V. C. Thompson, agent Blue Springs, while visiting in Kansas City.

Bro. Pekar relieved Bro. Haley, agent Vesta, while on a wedding trip.

Bro. Anderson, agent Preston, recently off few days, was relieved by Bro. McIntyre.

R. C. Reid, Humboldt, is now wearing the wreath and sounder.

Bro. W. F. Stewart, transferred Roca to Dunbar agency, relieved on bid by Bro. T. F. Antrim, extra, and Sam Wilson, of Beatrice, was assigned to Smyrna agency.

If you know of any member who has not paid up, hop to him. If any nons in your vicinity don't rest until you get their application. "No card, no favors." Div. Cor.

McCook Division—

Bro. H. E. Peterson, who relieved Bro. Beam at Ft. Morgan later relieved Bro. Neiman.

Bro. Peterson relieved at Holdrege while Bro. Schroeder was sick.

The installation of the automatic block system is progressing nicely between Akron and Denver.

Bro. Hitt, second Roggen, is being relieved by Bro. Venaire.

Bro. Overman, at Hudson, is sick, relieved by Bro. Barth.

Bro. Chambers, agent Stratton, called to Atwood on account of the death of a relative, was relieved by Bro. Jessup.

Agent Hanson, Benkelman, called to Bloomington, was relieved by Bro. Sanborn. It is now Bro. Hardesty, at Benkelman.

Bro. Westmoreland, second Haigler, is riding the A. F. & A. M. goat.

Bro. Weyl visited recently with the folks at Trenton.

Bro. Curran, Haigler, relieved in McCook relay a few days.

The boys that are behind had better get up to date, there is hopes of a pie-cutting in the near future and those that help us are more than likely to receive the larger piece, so better get in. If you can not arrange to pay let me know what the trouble is and I might be able to help you out, always better to let me know than to treat my letters with silent contempt.

C. R. HUNT, L. C.

West Sheridan Division—

Bro. Guy Warren, agent Frannie, off a month on account of sickness, was relieved by Bro. Best, of Clearmont third, relieved by Mr. Meadows, who promises to become a member next pay day.

Bro. and Sister Young, agent and second Wyola, on vacation, relieved by Bro. Gallagher of Crow agency, relieved by Sister Mrs. Gallagher; Sister Young relieved by Bro. Williams.

Clifton nights temporarily closed on account of the illness of Bro. Simcox, there being no one to relieve him.

While relieving at Cambria Bro. Thompson had the misfortune to break a wrist. Hope he will soon be at work again. He was relieved by ex-Bro. Burt.

Third Gillette assigned to Mr. Meadows, extra. We now expect him to become a member.

Bro. Arnold, second Parkman, off account sickness of his sister in Pueblo, Colo., was relieved by Extra Connors, later bumped by Mr. Meadows, account reduction in force.

Third Moorcroft assigned to Bro. E. L. Lynch from Corinth nights, relieved by Bro. Lowe, later assigned on bulletin.

Mr. Maris, agent Newcastle, off week, going to Omaha; relieved by cashier Bro. Pollard, relieved by Bro. Sullender, relieved on second Arvada by Mrs. Sullender.

Bro. Beck, agent Manderson, has returned from a month's vacation, relieving Extra Burt.

Bro. Thompson, cut off at Upton third on account of reduction in force, is relieving Agent Kissick, Cambria.

It is now Bro. DeLong at Alger second. Mrs. DeLong has been sick for some time. We hope she will soon recover.

There are only two operators on the Sheridan Division not up to date. With the time approaching for negotiations for a new schedule it certainly would be very much to the interest of the agents who have had their commissions materially

reduced during the past year to line up. The expenses of the division are largely borne by the operators, and this will possibly reduce the changes of the agencies getting their portion of any increases unless the agents join and help bear the expenses of securing a schedule. When the last schedule was secured there were almost four operators who were members to one agent up to date, so it is not surprising that the telegraph positions received the increase. Every operator get the agent at his station to line up, as this will be a great help to us in the negotiations soon to begin. J. E. WHAM, L. C.

Atlantic Coast Line R. R., Div. No. 132.

Richmond District—

The new second track was cut in between Pleasant Hill and South Emporia on March 13th. The Trego office closed and the operators there moved to South Emporia. Bro. Swingle on first, L. E. Erwin second, and Bro. Langford third. The new second track was cut in for freight train service between Collier and 41-mile post on March 16th, and a temporary office opened at latter point. Bro. Miles, at Foxes nights, to first, Mr. Turk second, and J. A. Oreially third. Brothers, line them up.

Bro. Rodwell, second "K" Richmond, while visiting home folks, relieved by Bro. Hopkins, first Washington street, Petersburg, and he by Bro. Cooper, ticket agent Washington street.

Bro. Worsham, third Carson, is in the A. C. L. hospital, South Rocky Mount, with typhoid fever, but is improving nicely. J. A. Oreially relieved him until office at 41-mile post was opened up and on account of scarcity of operators Carson was then closed. We hope Bro. Worsham will soon be able to return to work as we all miss him very much.

Bro. Lowery has resumed on second "CY" tower.

Bro. Hincney, formerly second Drewry's Bluff, now postmaster at Skippers, is thinking of joining the ministry.

Second Trick Dispatcher Gregg while off owing to the illness of his little girl, was relieved by Bro. Scott, first "K" Richmond, and he by Bro. Hopkins from Washington street.

Bro. Ford, third at "BG" Petersburg, off a few days sick, was relieved by Bro. Krause, third Chester, closed on account of scarcity of men. Second Carson also closed for same reason, while Bro. Lanier was off sick.

Bro. Gregg, first Dunlop, was off several days sick, relieved by Bro. Lucas, first Shops, and he by Bro. Hamlin, third Drewry's Bluff. Bro. Orrell on second at latter point pending bulletin.

Bro. Brown, agent at Garys, off two weeks, was relieved by Relief Agent Bro. Sanford.

Bro. McCotter, third at "B" tower South Richmond, while on sick list, was relieved by Bro. Taylor, second Shops, and he by Extra Mew.

Boys, it is getting to be too common an occurrence for trainmen to get their own orders on the phone and it is time to make a kick.

Bro. Langford, third South Emporia, took in the sights in Richmond recently.

Chief Dispatcher McKay was off several days on account of sickness of his son, Gordan, and Bros. Scott and Rodwell took charge of his office.

Bro. Scott, from the Fayetteville District, second "CO" South Rocky Mount, is now in "X" office there. We are glad to see him going up and wish him success.

Bro. Crowder's daughter at Stony Creek is quite ill. We hope she will soon be well again.

Bro. Godwin, third Weldon yard, off several days sick, was relieved by Bro. Garriss, and he on third at Pleasant Hill, by Bro. Miles.

The writer had the pleasure of meeting Bro. Dunham, agent at Pleasant Hill, a few days ago. We hope he will be able to get the man on second there to come in.

Boys, remember our motto, "No card, no favors."

Bro. H. T. Watkins, first Jarratt, had to be relieved for several days account sore arm and effects of vaccination, relieved by Relief Agent C. A. Sanford.

Bro. T. E. Jeter, third Jarratt, has returned from an enjoyable visit at the home of his parents in Halifax County, Va.

The boys are proud of the new standard train order and block signals recently put up, displacing the old semaphores. This road is installing up-to-date equipment all around, with double track and automatic block signals, and purchasing new cars in large numbers, and the boys who remain in the service will also have to be up to date in every respect. MACK, Cert. 1067.

Norfolk District—

Bro. Spruil, "KN," dispatcher's office, off a few days was relieved by Mr. Lafrage, who has sent in application for reinstatement. He also relieved Bro. Boyd several days.

Bro. Hedgepeth, while visiting his people, relieved by Mr. Hall.

Bro. Bland bid in third "KD."

New jobs created and bid in: Ahoskey second by Bro. Willowby, clerk Greenville; Ahoskey third, Bro. Hedgepeth, extra; Eure second, Bro. H. C. Eure, third Kelford; Eure third, Bro. Umphlett, extra.

Bro. Edmondson, relief agent, relieved Bro. Shyver, of Conetoe, who has gone to Colorado for his health.

Business continues very heavy, especially on branch line. CERT. 141, Div Cor.

Waycross District—

A non recently asked the local chairman, "Are we going to sit back and be satisfied with what we have got for ever? It looks to me as if it is about time we were going after another raise." And when the local chairman asked him when he was going to get a card, he replied that he was hard up just now, having just bought a \$2,500 place and it was taking all he could get to

pay for it. Not long before this his excuse was that he ran in a ditch with his automobile and it had cost him a good deal to get it repaired. He must surely realize that he never could have had an automobile, much less have gotten it repaired, or had time to use it, or have bought any place at all, if it had not been for the O. R. T. But we all understand that these excuses are only made because he don't want to spend \$18.00 a year to help support the organization that has made it possible for him to enjoy such things. But the day is fast coming when the labor organizations will stop supporting those who do not do their share of the work, and such men will then understand what it will mean to be without the protection that an up-to-date card gives.

There are still a few nons on this district who will join if we write them a monthly letter or ask them on the wire to join. Those who are willing to help in this way will be furnished with the names and present location of all the nons on this district up to March 1st, by applying to the local chairman. If each member will go after the nons once a month on the wire or by letter we will soon have this district 100 per cent strong.

Everyone push for the banquet in May and let it be the best ever held in the south on any road. Everyone bring a lady, for no gathering is complete without plenty of ladies.

A. L. PIXLEY, L. C.

Waycross District Notes—

Recent assignments: Bro. S. S. Parker, agent-operator Hardaway; Bro. W. A. Evans, agent-operator Ousley; Bro. W. T. Singleton, agent Naylor; M. G. Cecil, agent-operator Tarver; V. B. Hay, third Sylvester; B. F. Ward, second Valdosta.

On bulletin: Quitman third, Alapaha second, Willacoochee agency, and agent-operator Tarver, McAlpin, Pine Bloom and Fairfax.

Relief Agent Bro. R. C. Marsfield is at Pine Bloom pending assignment.

Bro. F. W. Corbett, Camilla, was off a few days on account of sickness.

Bro. Malphus, Ruskin agent-operator, resigned and gone into the retail business there. He will continue to keep an up-to-date. We all wish him the best of success.

Our sympathy is extended to our bereaved brother, J. H. Walker, of Willacoochee, who lost his wife, leaving a young baby.

Brothers, do not wait until the last minute to send in your dues. It is always best to have an up to date.

I will very much appreciate a few notes prior to the 25th of each month. Send to me at Pelham.

Morton Riddle, general superintendent third division, is now general manager F. E. C. Ry.; J. N. Brand, general superintendent second division, Savannah, appointed general superintendent third division at Jacksonville; R. A. McRanie, district superintendent Waycross, is now general

superintendent second division Savannah, and O. T. Waring, engineer of roadway, second division, district superintendent Waycross.

It is now Bro. McQuaig, at Valdosta. We hope Bro. McQuaig will help us to land all the boys as soon as they hit Valdosta.

F. A. CRITTENDEN, Dist. Cor.

"Big Four" R. R., Div. No. 138.

Cleveland Division—

Bro. C. J. Keifer, relieved by Bro. Crone at West View, is now at Ashley.

Bro. Bogan, second Harper, off a few days, relieved by Bro. Edwards.

Remember that the local chairman can not do anything for you unless you let him have the facts of the case and see if there is anything worth taking up in protest, when a brother is discharged or suspended.

Extra Jervis relieved Bro. Edwards, second Harper, until Bro. Bogan returned.

Bro. Walter Alexander is back on third Leonardsburg, relieving Bro. Griefenstine, bumped by an oversight of the C. T. D. and myself.

Bro. Harold Clutter, third St. James, off ten days, relieved by Bro. Alexander.

Bro. Joe McCartney, third Galion, on sick list, relieved by Extra Powers.

B. M. Smith, second Galion, on sick list, relieved by Extra Jarvis.

Extra McKinley on third Vernon pending bids.

Former Bro. C. W. Snowberger, second trick leverman Shelby, resigned; job bid in by T. J. Colman, who will soon be lined-up.

Assignments: Third Columbia, Bro. G. A. Rogers; agency West View, Bro. H. B. Crone; agency North Eaton, Bro. Linden.

Bro. W. F. Dutton, first Longville, off a few days, was relieved by Bro. Dick.

Bro. F. Holcomb, second Berea, on third Grafton a few days, relieved by Extra Myers.

Manual and positive block system on the south end between Delaware and Columbus, inaugurated March 22d, and Lewis Center, made a day and night office.

Bros. Saxton and Holcomb, at Grafton, off, relieved by Extra Long.

The nons are more interested than the brothers in trying to find out what the committee is doing in regard to getting a new schedule, also the first to find fault.

Be sure to let the local chairman know when you get bumped, so he can keep track of you and see that you get a square deal, and remember that this is the time to get after the nons and try to get them lined-up. CERT. 1123.

Cincinnati and Sandusky Division—

Some brother on the Sandusky Division get "25" and send in the news. There is plenty doing up that way.

J. H. Ross, transferre' to Cleveland Division, relieved by J. F. Williams.

F. Walsh resigned; Mr. Lemon is ticket agent, and Bro. Vail, night clerk.

Bro. Hagerman spent a few days in Texas, relieved by C. E. Schnorf on second Delaware pending bulletin.

Bro. J. W. Diehl, spending thirty days taking in the picture shows, relieved by Bro. Colway.

Bro. R. Howser spent a few days at home in Chillicothe, Ohio, relieved by Mr. Yazell.

Dispatcher H. Smith, taking an extended trip through Texas, relieved by "Jumbo" on first; Mr. Faucett taking second.

Mr. Guitch has resigned and gone to the farm, leaving Lilly Chapel on bulletin.

The chief dispatcher's office has been moved in the same room with the dispatchers.

C. F. Trainor is agent at Monroe again.

Bro. Moore is now at Mands, his home town.

Bro. Slane, of Shale, was kept under close confinement while three boys got away from Dayton on a speeder, using the C. H. & D. and Big 4 tracks.

We are getting paid for handling the telephone. If the trainmen wish to transact business with the dispatcher regarding engine failure, tie-ups, etc., give them a piece of clip, and safeguard yourself by keeping them away from the phones.

Bro. W. R. Calaway, of the L. S. & M. S., was on second West Sharon a few days.

F. W. Griffin, night chief, and C. E. Shearer are on retired list.

C. Stabler is back at "J" on "AB" wire.

J. B. Glenn went to third Draw Bridge, while T. J. Flinn was spending a few days at his home.

Brothers, mail the changes made at your stations, or any other news you can, to W. H. Alge, Franklin, Ohio, and we will try to have a good write-up each month. CERT. 1619.

Cairo Division, North End—

Bro. McConchie was a recent visitor in Mt. Carmel, on official business.

Bro. Rogers has been assigned as car distributor for north and south ends of the Cairo Division.

Bro. Foley has returned from the warring zone.

We overheard one of the operators trying to persuade the dispatcher to become a purveyor of fuel, one of the cold nights lately, but he demurred, saying he feared he might be taken for a brakeman.

Bro. Hays, on a trip to Cairo, was relieved by Mr. Buckner.

Bro. Roberts bid in second Allendale.

Bro. Blakeman has resumed on third.

Bro. Bristow is back on his job at Flat Rock, after acting as agent there several months. Agent Miller assigned Flat Rock agency, relieved at Birds agency by Mr. White.

Telegrapher Lee, who has been critically ill, has passed the crisis and is improving rapidly. "Red" is deservedly popular.

Bro. Fry to second "YD;" Mr. Anderson to third, and Mr. Boylan to extra list.

CERT. 871.

St. Louis Division, East

No write-up last month on account of the sickness and death of my father.

Bro. C. E. Franklin, first Burnett, spent a few days with home folks, relieved by Bro. N. E. Day.

Bro. C. E. Miller, second "A" tower, attending lodge business at Cairo, was relieved by Bro. Eyer.

It is now Bro. J. C. Nichols, at "LA," also Bro. Dermody at "JK."

Bro. F. G. Mayer is now on the car job at Mattoon.

Bro. W. A. Armstrong bid in second Paris.

O. W. Tomlinson visited relatives at St. Louis, relieved by Mr. Sappenfield.

Bro. C. A. Frankenbuger has gone to Urbana.

Bro. R. S. Oiton is at Blytheville, Ark., with the Frisco, and Bro. G. O. Byrd is with the Wabash. G. C. W., Cert. 981.

Chicago Division, West—

When the committee goes up and gets more money for the nons there is no excuse in the world for them not joining.

March 1st found all of us on this end who had been in the fold, sporting a new card, and west of "FA" clear to Seneca, nearly 100 per cent strong.

Keep after the new men on the division now who have no card. We want to make this the crack division of the Big Four.

Thanks to the two boys who sent me items. I have too much to do here on first to get all the changes alone.

Q. N. Sweeney, who worked third "MF" while Bro. Frank had the measles the first of the month, also relieved E. C. Taylor on third "J."

It is now Bros. Argenbright, Browning and McCann, making "KT" solid.

Lucas and Wright resigned; Sister Danwood, from "RO," changed with Sayers on second; "HR" later closed and Sayers went to Indianapolis. L. R. Mann on second and W. L. Martin on third "W."

Roy Thomas is now at agency "WD."

The eye car was over the division this month.

Bro. Frances, who suffered a serious sprained ankle, was relieved by Bro. Wert.

BARNEY.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to extend to the officers and members of Division 138, our sincere and heartfelt thanks for the many expressions of sympathy at the time of our sad bereavement in the loss of our infant daughter, February 7th.

MR. AND MRS. M. M. LA RUE.

Donovan, Ill.

CARD OF THANKS.

I wish, through THE TELEGRAPHER, to extend my sincere thanks to the members of Division 138, O. R. T., for the beautiful floral tribute sent me in my great bereavement, the death of my beloved husband. Especially do I want to thank the boys of "AB" for all their assistance during the sickness of their brother operator and my dear husband. Sincerely,

MRS. F. T. McANINCH.

Amo, Ind.

Maine Central R. R., Div. No. 140.*Mountain Division—*

The resignation of E. A. Hall, superintendent of telegraph, was received with regret by every man who knew him. He came to the road thirty-nine years ago, as train dispatcher, was soon made chief dispatcher, later promoted to assistant superintendent of the system, and served for about eight years as superintendent. He was then appointed superintendent of telegraph and served in that capacity until failing health caused him to resign. His genial way and kindly disposition won for him the respect, admiration and loyalty of all who served under him. He leaves the road with our best wishes.

J. B. Norcross, chief clerk in the superintendent's office of the Portland Division, for the past seventeen years, has been appointed superintendent of telegraph. "Jim" is well liked and will no doubt make good.

C. D. Ellis, at Harmony, and H. A. Reed, at Cathance, have been recently admitted on the Waterville list, and it is now Bro. Emery, recently assigned to Warren as agent.

Bro. L. E. Blodgett, from the Grand Trunk at North Stratford, relieved Bro. Hardy, relieving at Unity.

Bro. and Mrs. Colby, and son, spent Sunday, March 8th, at Bro. Colby's home in Richmond.

Bro. A. G. Allen, second Bath, is on the sick list, relieved by Bro. L. C. Ames.

Bro. Crepeau, of Jefferson Jct., has returned from his vacation in Canada.

Bro. Saunders, of Intervale, has been ill, relieved by Bro. Whittaker. Bro. Allen, agent Bartlett, is reported quite ill; Relief Agent Bro. Whittaker relieving.

The Mountain Division lacks one man to make it 100 per cent strong. Hope the brothers near Clifton will be able to get him in the fold soon.

"WR" second bid in by Bro. C. G. Priest, from third "W" Waterville.

Hope Sister Little, at Bowdoinham, will be able to show Agent Clark where the O. R. T. has done something for him and convince him that a card would be one of his best assets.

A few delinquents on the Waterville give the laughable excuse: "Was not notified."

Bro. Durgin, first Brunswick, off sick for a week, relieved by Bro. Lavallee, second Richmond.

A good meeting was held at Waterville, Sunday, March 22d, and much interest manifested. Bro. W. S. McGeoch was elected system correspondent. The brothers on each division should send their notes to their local chairman, who will eliminate duplicates and forward same to the system correspondent, who should have them not later than the 22d of each month.

There was a meeting of the general committee at the close of the regular session. Div. Cor.

Eastern Division—

Bro. Leighton of Columbia, spent his two weeks' vacation in Boston, and while there visited the all-day session of the Boston Elevated Division 156. He says it was a warm one.

Mr. Neal Frost is ticket clerk and operator at Eastport. Trust he will soon be with us.

Green Lake agency is the only position on this division entitled to vacation with pay, but we hope for more such positions or a shorter day before long; twelve hours is a long working day.

W. J. McAllian, of Deadwater, bid in Ayers Jct. station. Some of the boys at or near that place should see him at once. Eastern Division is in good standing in membership and we must keep it up to the mark.

E. M. Peirce, of Dixfield, bid in Enfield agency, vice Bro. Hodgkins, who bid in Oldtown agency.

Bro. Crabtree, relief agent, who bid in Franklin Road agency, was very prompt in taking out his card when he went to his new position.

Bro. McGregor, a new man, bid in operator Tomah.

Supt. Dunn wired your local correspondent February 1st that an investigation would be held in his office February 2nd on account of an operator leaving his train order board displayed, delaying a C. P. R. passenger train. The operator not being a member of the O. R. T., it was necessary for your local chairman to wire the superintendent that on this account he was not entitled to be represented, although he had been intending to join for some weeks. He now has an up to date.

Give your TELEGRAPHER to some non-member, as it might help them to see what we are trying to do. CERT. 160.

Main Line—

Bro. Durgin, first Brunswick, off on account of sickness, was relieved by Bro. Lavallee, second Richmond, relieved by Bro. Beane.

Mr. Otis, from Carmel, is assistant at Unity. F. M. McLeod, agent at Silvers Mill, landed agency there, relieved at Silvers Mill by L. E. Blodgett, pending bulletin.

Bro. Redmun, third No. Maine Jct., bid off first there, relieved by Bro. Barrett.

My apology is tendered Bro. Redmun, agent Yarmouth Jct., for referring to him as "Mr." instead of "Bro." in the last write-up. Bro. Redmun has been a good member for many years.

Bro. Merrifield, third New Gloucester, landed third Freeport, relieved by A. E. Burdick.

Bro. J. E. Fardy, off a few days on account of his uncle's death, was relieved by Mr. Ames.

C. F. Files, from Unity agency, landed agency Clinton.

Bro. Priest, third Waterville, landed second "WR."

Mr. Oakes, second Gardiner, bid in third Waterville.

It is now Bro. Earles at Clinton.

After this Bro. McGeoch will take care of the write-up. Hope I have not made any hard feelings amongst the boys with my write-ups, and that you will all send in items, so we can keep the Maine Central on the map. CERT. 400.

**San Antonio & Aransas Pass Ry.,
Div. No. 141.**

Bro. Tompkins is now on second "YD," Yoakum, vice Bro. Simmons, who bid in Sinton days, and is now relieving at Taft agency.

Bro. Pinchin, Mulldoon, bid in the relief agency.

Bro. Thomas is agent Skidmore now.

Bro. Sooy bid in first Flatonia Jct., relieved on second by Bro. Sedlmeyer, relieved on third by Bro. John Phelan pending bulletin, relieved by Bro. Alford at gravel pit Winchester.

Bro. W. A. Alford, Rosebud days, recently married, carried green signals for Bro. B. B. Hale at Eagle Lake. Congratulations to both.

We were sorry to lose Bro. Hood, now with the H. & T. C. Best wishes to him.

Bro. R. E. Stratford has resigned and gone with the E. P. & S. W. Good luck, Strat.

The track from Flatonia to Giddings is undergoing a general overhauling, roadbed being raised and ballasted and new steel laid. The whole line from Yoakum to Ward will be improved this year, as the old steel is too light for the new heavy equipment.

How about the improvements in our line? How many nons have you in your limits? Are you doing anything to get them with us? If not, you should. Mail their names to our secretary, all of you, and also ask them to come over. Would be pleased to have a new roster from one of the officers, this being a mighty good way for the boys to get after the nons. Look at the good work the Order is doing. Never in the history has there been such headway made, and the nons know it. Let's show them the right path. We are certainly glad to see M. K. & T. Division 22 in full force again. Mighty nice work, boys, and we assure you that our routing via "Waco and M. K. & T." looks and writes well with all of us now. We extend our best wishes to all the brothers along the line. TROUTSOMEYER.

Three new brothers this month: H. E. Ayers, the efficient agent at Falfurrias; H. M. Meisell, the good-looking operator at Hallettsville, and J. C. Thorp, the speedy man in "Q," Yoakum, and they all feel better since they received their credentials.

Get acquainted with your neighbor and see if he carries the proper colors or not. Some of them talk it all right, but make them show you, and remember "No card, no favors."

Bro. B. B. Hale, of Eagle Lake, was recently married to a young lady from Hallettsville.

Bro. E. H. Ford got Clodine agency after being on the seniority list a day and half; R. M. Pinchim going to Blolgett to throw levers on third.

Bro. Anderson is now general agent at Yorktown, and Bro. B. L. Hale is day telegrapher there.

Bro. S. S. Sooy bid in Flatonia tower first, Bro. Simmons going to Sinton days.

Bro. S. W. Moore bid in Chilton agency, vice Bro. Hildebrandt, going to Waring to fill the vacancy caused by the sad death of Bro. Hender-shot, who died in San Antonio, February 13th. A more faithful or loyal brother was not to be found.

Bro. C. J. Jordan got Fredericksburg Jct. agency, and Bro. J. E. Ham left the prickly pears and horned toads at Premont for the quietude of Ottine. Moore, the handsome young agent, goes to Sweet Home. Congratulations; always like to see a fellow get in the same town where his girl is. Bro. C. H. Batchelor, the popular and accommodating Sweet Home agent, is now at Portland, billing vegetables and handling parcel post to and from. Bro. J. G. Thomas, the energetic and efficient relief agent, has landed Skidmore agency, where a good man is needed.

Bro. A. Pierce, from Sasnamco, bid in Premont agency.

Watch this place, fellows, I am going to give you my opinion of a twentieth century railroad man before long, and I want you to be prepared to argue the case with me. MUTT.

**Fort Worth & Denver City Ry., Div.
No. 145.**

Night office closed at Rohome, leaving it all to Mr. Wilson. Bro. Allen is spending a few weeks at Hot Springs.

Mr. Newell, first Decatur, on his wedding trip to St. Louis and Chicago, relieved by Bro. Potts, first Quanah; latter relieved by Bro. Webb, Bro. Wales going to third and Bro. Novey taking second trick Quanah.

Solid at "FR," Ft. Worth now. Bro. Robinson first, Bro. Atkins second and Bro. Conley third.

Chief Dispatcher Shaffer, W. Falls, is taking his yearly vacation, relieved by First Dispatcher Maines. Bro. Dickinson is now on first "WF," Bro. Durrett second and Wilson third.

Bro. Mize is relieving McDowell, second "X," Childress.

Bro. J. A. Ruple, from the Rock Island, is on second Texline.

Bro. G. W. Wheeler, former local chairman Third and Fourth Divisions, has resigned his position with the company and is now cashier State Bank at Channing.

Bro. J. C. Sides, back from his wedding trip is on third Channing.

Dispatcher Darling is laid up with the grippe. Bro. Mentzer, down with pneumonia for nearly

a month, is again in the harness at "X," Childress. Harry Hathaway, day caller, was promoted to night yard clerk, vice John Cunningham, resigned.

Mr. Herring is now on "CD," Childress second.

Bro. Abbingtion, acting agent Decatur for a month, is back again as cashier at "CD," Childress.

Dispatcher Clark has purchased him a motorcycle, and a thirty-five-mile gait is slow for him.

Chief Dispatcher Bodeen has made extensive improvements to his properties on Wayside Ave., adding much to the comfort of Dispatcher Clark.

Luther Sparkman, of the superintendent's office, was a recent Wichita Falls visitor.

Bro. Everett, of Hedley, is now on third Tascosa.

Dispatcher Clugh is getting his fishing paraphernalia ready for the big bass catch.

It is reported on good authority that we are to soon have a new division superintendent.

Div. Coa.

Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic R. R., Div. No. 146.

Birmingham Division—

Only one brother sent in any dots this month. Manchester agency was bid in by Bro. Cofield, Standing Rock, relieved by Mr. Johnson pending bid.

Malone agency bid in by Mr. Hardy, vice Bro. McKennon, resigned.

We are all glad Bro. Awbrey decided to remain with us instead of going to the Western Union.

The clerk-telegrapher's position at Wadley is on bid again.

Mr. Moore, at Gay, is now a brother.

Mr. Bridges bid in third LaGrange, relieved by his brother from Wadley.

Boys, hand me a few dots, and I will try to get a write-up each month.

W. W. McCrARY.

Delaware & Hudson Ry., Div. No. 151.

Saratoga Division—

Our regular monthly meetings are held at Mechanicsville, N. Y., in the K. of C. Hall every third Wednesday. Meetings are called to order promptly at 6:15 p. m., so as to allow the brothers from points north of McVile to catch No. 41.

Brothers, the general committee had hard work to get what is in our schedule, and the best way to show your appreciation for what has been accomplished is to try and secure at least one applicant for membership. By doing this you not only make it easier to secure larger increases, but you lower the cost per capita for maintaining our organization, which in itself should induce you to be more active in getting new members. A good, common-sense talk, with facts and figures produced from our schedule, will catch the nons easier than you think. Try it.

The general committee is now in Albany to close negotiations with the company, which no doubt will bring our salaries up a notch further.

Saratoga depot first, "XO" tower third, Green Island and Lake George freight are up for bids.

Bro. J. J. Fagan bid in Dresden third and Bro. D. L. Herlihy bid in Smith's Basin.

Bro. F. J. Denio, the first man to have the two days off on that job, has just returned to second "Z."

Bro. Corey, of the Prison City, has gone into the poultry business. We wish him success.

Bros. H. N. Brown and E. McGarr made their initial attendance at our March meeting. We hope Balston will be represented at all future meetings. Bro. McGarr is reported off sick; Bro. J. Whalen covering third "GY," and Bro. F. Cassidy covering second at "CH."

Bro. E. Southwell is on second "XO," vice H. M. Hanrahan's place, and the towers in McVile, "XO" and "WY," are solid for the first time. Bro. Calahan spent his two days off at "XO," posting up.

Bro. C. Andrews is relieving General Chairman G. A. Johnson on second "RX," off on committee

work, and Bro. G. Sullivan is covering second "OW."

Bro. T. E. Welch is going to run a boarding house. In case you know of any one locating in "MI," steer him over to our good brother.

Our dance in Mechanicsville, January 29th, was the largest ever held in that burg. The decorations of the hall were great. Thanks to Bros. T. F. Cassidy, T. Coyne, T. E. Welch and J. Walsh. Among the 130 couples present there were not over twenty-five or thirty telegraphers. Where were you all that night?

Any member who has money or tickets to return, is earnestly requested to remit as soon as possible to T. F. Cassidy, secretary, Mechanicsville, so the dance committee can make its report.

It would be a good idea, brothers, to mark every third Wednesday of the month on your calendar in the office, as a reminder that this is meeting night in Mechanicsville, 6:15 p. m. sharp.

Div. Cor.

Pennsylvania Division—

Bro. J. J. O'Malley, second Carben St. tower, who was ill for some time with erysipelas, is now at work again.

Bro. Leo Speicher, second Hudson, ill of rheumatism, is improving.

It is with sincere sorrow that we note the death of the father of Bro. E. J. Hastings, of Wilkes-Barre yard office, also the death of the father of Bro. Geo. Werts, agent at Pittston. They both have the sympathy of their many friends on this division.

Bro. Jenkins and wife, agent at Peckville, have returned from an extended trip to the Pacific coast, taking in all the large cities through the West. The trip was primarily for Mrs. Jenkin's health, and we are pleased to note that she was greatly benefited by the trip. "Jenk" says there is nothing as good to take on a trip in that country as an up-to-date card. It opens doors to you that would be locked tight if you did not have one with you.

Miss Isabelle Moot, clerk at Moosic station, had the misfortune to slip on the ice and sprain her ankle very badly.

Mrs. Geo. Gibb, wife of Bro. Gibb, of Yatesville, made a flying trip to Binghamton.

Bro. Loftus, the boss at Scranton station, off a few days recently on account of falling on the ice near his home and dislocating his shoulder, was relieved by Bro. J. W. Parry, and he by D. Murray.

Three new men for this month, keep the good work up, boys, and we will soon reach the 100 per cent mark.

The committee met the general superintendent on March 17th and on the 21st had agreed on all points in the new schedule that went in effect April 1st. If the members will read the rules carefully and compare them with the rules of other roads, either east or west, they will find we have about the best set of rules printed. All grievances are to be settled directly by the grievance committee of the Order of Railroad Tele-

raphers, therefore, it behooves anyone who ever expects to have a grievance (and we all are liable to have one when we least expect it) to get in under cover of the people that can represent them, if not, who will help you when you get in a little trouble, or a big one, for that matter.

Some of the boys not satisfied with the way the money was placed should think it over and remember that a committee does not represent a man but the job, and if we have a few men in certain jobs that have not seen their way clear to join and help the good work along, it certainly is not the fault of our local chairman, who has worn more than one pair of shoes out getting after them and another pair out getting after some of you members to get your dues, and keep you in good standing. So just because you are one of the fellows who has paid your dues under almost compulsion, don't get sour and forget that it was through you that a committee went up before the management at all and it should be through you that these very few fellows who do not belong, should join us or get out to the farm and give a good, up-to-date man a chance on their job.

We can all be knockers. Try and be a booster for awhile and see how much better you will feel.

The writer of this has been a member of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers for fourteen years, long before a schedule was thought of on this road, and he has the first time to knock a committee for not getting him something, and there has been many times that he got nothing at that.

"Isch ca bibble," as everyone says, what do we care if some fellow who can not see his way clear to come in and be a man with men got \$2.50 or \$5.00 or even \$10.00 per month added to his payroll, maybe he has a wife to keep that we know nothing about, and if some of you boys do know about it and know her address, kindly send her a copy of this and she will see that he comes around with his dues.

If Mike O'Malley or Frank Stephenson should read this they can tell you what they done at "J" office for \$42.50 per month, 12 hours per day. Paddy Corcoran can tell you what was done at Olyphant for \$35.00 per month, 12 hours per night. Harry Croop and Paddy could tell what was done at Old Bridge St. tower for \$35.00 per month, 12 hours per day.

When you can get a railroad to come along with over \$14,000 a year, with an expense of only \$150 to committeemen you can know that you belong to the best organization in the world, and there is something certainly wrong with those fellows that won't come in before it is too late, and there is something more than wrong with the fellow that talks of dropping out.

You fellows that read this all know me and know that I have been in the game from all angles, and know what I am talking about.

J. H. Kilker, who resigned about one year ago to accept a position with the Lackawanna, as train dispatcher, has returned to our road to

accept the position he gave up. The boys are all glad to hear old "KO" back on the job.

M. J. Clune, one of our trick dispatchers, has been appointed chief train dispatcher of the A. & S. Division. We wish him the very best of success.
Div. Con.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our heavenly Father to call to her reward, the beloved mother of our esteemed brother, H. L. Weaver; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the members of Division 151, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to Bro. Weaver our heartfelt sympathy in his sad bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this division, a copy sent to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication and a copy forwarded to the sorrowing brother.

G. A. JOHNSON,
General Chairman.

Virginian Ry., Div. No. 154.

First and Second Divisions—

Business is picking up gradually on this end.

Bro. Wooten, off a few days on account of illness, was relieved by Mr. Peck.

Bro. Herring bid in second "BO," vice Mr. Allsbrook.

We hope the correspondent from the third and Deepwater Divisions will give us a good write-up next month, also our general chairman.
"RED."

Rutland R. R., Div. No. 157.

ALL MEMBERS—The general committee last spring performed its service with good intention, but the organization on this road was in its infancy and of course not in perfect working order. Therefore, the committee desires to have the co-operation of the membership in future negotiations. We must all do our share of the work, and get together now, as the season for improvement is near at hand. Anyone who has suggestions to make will be doing the general committee a favor by offering them from time to time, so that we will know just what the men have to contend with at their respective locations. It is our earnest wish that the next step we are soon to take will be an advance that all will appreciate, and I sincerely hope the needed enthusiasm for this will prevail.

E. J. LA POINTE, G. C.

The largest gathering of railroad telegraphers ever held in Rutland occurred March 7, 1914, when representative agents and operators of System Division 157 met and discussed the schedule now in force on the Rutland R. R. Many of the boys enjoyed the various theaters before the meeting, while others were entertained by members of the O. R. C. & B. of F. L. E. All enjoyed the banquet after the meeting. Many

members remaining over Sunday to view the wonderful marble quarries in the vicinity of Rutland. All are loud in their praise of the hospitality of the Marble City, and are anxious to come again.

Bro. Colton has recovered from his recent illness, and is back at Proctorsville again.

Bro. Spafford, agent Gassetts, has also recovered from his sick spell.

Bro. Barnum has returned to Proctor from a visit to friends in Manchester.

Bro. W. S. Ames, of Brainard, has been visiting relatives in Schenectady.

Bro. L. F. Hewitt, Berlin days, has been expelled from the Bachelors' Club there, but all extend their best wishes, owing to his recent marriage.

A new dispatcher's position is to be created in "RI" this spring.

R. R. Dunham, second North Bennington, has our sympathy, owing to the death of his sister, Miss Laura. A great many beautiful floral tributes were received, among them a very pretty piece from the members of this division.

Bro. James F. Judge, of the O. R. C., was recently married to Miss Mary Hogan, and while on their honeymoon in Washington, D. C., called on Secretary Bryan, a distant relative of the bride.

CERT. 1.

Chicago, Indiana & Southern R. R., Div. No. 159.

A joint meeting of the Danville and Kankakee Divisions was held at Schneider on March 12th, which was well attended by the brothers of the Danville Division, and many subjects of vital interest were discussed. We should all exert our best efforts to attend meetings. That's the proper place to find out what the Order is doing for you and see that all matters of interest to yourself and the membership are brought to the attention of your local officers, discuss them at the meetings and co-operate with the rest of the brothers in abolishing bad practices; promote the interests of the company along with your own and thereby convince your officials that the Order stands for what is best to them as well as ourselves, and ask for only what is just and honorable. We would like to see more of the Kankakee Division brothers attend the joint meetings at Schneider, at the first one there were three members present, and at the last one only one besides General Chairman Shimanek. No doubt it is very inconvenient for you brothers to get there and return home, but surely some of you could sacrifice a night's sleep or part of it to attend some of these meetings. They are held at Schneider particularly to give you brothers an opportunity to attend and you should avail yourself of it. I understand your officials will allow you to return home on freight trains that will stop to let you off at your respective stations.

The brothers of the Danville Division extend our officials at Gibson many thanks for the favors

shown them in the past, by stopping No. 45 to let them off on returning from the meetings.

Those present at the meeting were: Bros. J. P. Allison, J. B. Humphrey, R. Handley, of Campbell; Will Jacobs, T. A. Gott, C. C. Brown, F. G. Handley, Stewart; E. D. McIntyre, Dunn; W. J. Albert, Sheff; J. F. Withrow, L. B. Osborn, Kentland; C. E. Harrison, Morocco; H. F. Richter, W. H. Thiel, J. F. Harvey, Bro. Marshall, C. C. Smith, of Schneider, C. M. McVey, North Hayden; A. J. Shimanek and Bro. Modehack, of North Judson.

Danville Division—

Bro. C. D. Johnson, of Tab, and Bro. P. T. Cunningham, of Handy, on three days' leave, were relieved by Elmer Jackson and G. D. Bassett. Understand Bros. Johnson and Cunningham spent their time in Chicago, purchasing clothing suitable for nuptial celebrations and picking out furniture to furnish a five-room flat.

Bro. Hardesty has resigned, rented a farm and will begin work on it at once. Sorry to lose him as a brother; many will envy him, but we all extend him our best wishes for success. Bro. R. C. Born relieved him at Cook agency on bulletin, relieved by L. V. Lewis at Conrad agency on bid, who was relieved by P. T. Cain on second Morocco tower.

Bros. Blaney, Cunningham and Johnson were recent Danville visitors. Understand Bro. Blaney is taking tango lessons. No telegraphing for Harry when he is able to teach the art to the fair sex.

Bro. Albert was in Chicago on business several days the first of the month. Bro. Shimanek was down from Chicago several times during the month, practicing with the O. R. T. orchestra recently organized at Kentland, Ind., which will furnish the music at the O. R. T. ball to be given at Schneider during the latter part of April or the forepart of May.

Bro. Richter, of Schneider, has finally purchased that house he has been thinking about for so long.

C. C. B.

Kankakee Division—

F. Patton is the only agent, and first at Knox the only operator still out on this division except Driscoll, whom we have passed up as he has a weak heart.

Have you paid your dues for this term. If not, why not? We are nearer the 100 per cent mark than we have ever been on this road, and let us stay that way.

Our general chairman is now in Chicago, working on the new schedule. Bro. "Shim" can not be given too much praise for his faithful service to this division.

Bros. Popejoy, Momence, and Bro. White, Wheatfield, have had their stations broken into twice recently by robbers, but nothing of value taken.

No. 102 has been installed in several offices, and you should all answer your telegraph call promptly, showing you appreciate having this wire in your office.

J. E. HARVEY, Div. Cor.

Florida East Coast Ry., Div. No. 160.

Bro. R. S. Robertson, agent Jupiter, is our correspondent. Send him some items so we can have a write-up every month.

Our new System Division 160 is now organized, the books have been straightened out and audited, and we have things in good shape, so that we know where we stand, and have more money in the treasury than ever before.

We now want the support of every member, and would like to see the brothers take a little more interest in our affairs. The outlook is very bright, if we would put into effect the old and true saying, "where there is unity there is strength." See how the brothers on the M. K. & T. have struggled for the last ten years, but now they have been well paid for their work and have a very good schedule to their credit. Quite a few of the brothers here have been very loyal indeed and have tried to make the old nons see their position, but a great many times only in vain.

We are one of the very few remaining roads in the United States without a schedule, our conditions are just the same as the S. A. L. and A. C. L. except that our brothers over there have good schedules and a nine and ten-hour day, while we have a fourteen-hour day with no overtime. The express commissions average as much and in many cases more on those roads.

When a man is too selfish to advance his own interests by staying away from an organization of his class in this day of advancement, it indicates that more education along organization lines is needed in order to convert him. This is what we must do whenever the opportunity presents itself, and I feel confident that the membership roll will increase rapidly by so doing.

Don't be a delinquent, pay up your back dues if not too late to do so, and if the time limit has run out, send to me for a set of application blanks and get lined up, the division needs your support, and our treasurer your money, it is necessary for you to reciprocate and I am sure no better investment could be made. The cost for new members to join during the month of May is \$7.66, this includes the \$1 application fee for the Mutual Benefit Department.

After reading your journal, send it along to the non nearest to you, perhaps it might enlighten him along lines that he heretofore may have been in the dark on.

E. C. W.,

Local Chairman, So. Div.

Bro. R. B. Turner, agent East Palatka, is down with typhoid fever, relieved by Bro. W. F. Brannan. We hope to soon see him out again.

Bro. C. H. Land, Jr., was off a few nights at Sebastian, relieved by Bro. W. E. Johnson, of the C. R. I. & P., Division 126, accompanied by his wife, who also is a member of the Order.

It is reported that an agency will soon be opened at Vero, with Bro. A. B. Whilden as agent.

Boys, let's get after the nons and have an organizer come down this way soon. "CH."

Providence, R. I., Div. No. 35.

A card, gratefully acknowledged, with deepest appreciation, the kind remembrance and sympathy extended to Mrs. D. F. McCarthy and family in their recent bereavement, has been received by your chief telegrapher, on behalf of Division 35.

The Grand Secretary and Treasurer is again urging upon all officers co-operation in getting applications to the Mutual Benefit Department properly filled out at time of filing. Many applicants fail to answer the last half of questions 13 and 14, while many others make errors in answering questions 32, 33 and 34.

In answering question 15 in the affirmative, an explanation should be made in space provided for that purpose, and the same applies to questions 23 or 24 in case either are answered affirmatively.

Complaint is justly made, that too many applications must be sent back for corrections, and members securing applications, by using care, can reduce this condition to a minimum. Please give it immediate attention.

Bro. McKenna, agent Wood River Jct., goes to Broadford as agent, and Agent Balcom, Broadford to Borrowsville, on bid.

Bro. Monihan, operator Uxbridge, Mass., lost his mother March 10th, being relieved by spare man. Our sympathies go out to our bereaved brother.

To Bro. G. D. Hebert, second trick Elmwood tower, and wife, on March 8th, a seven-pound boy. The Elmwood section of our city is growing rapidly, and we congratulate our brother that the O. R. T. has a part in it. Here's to the health of the mother and son, may they live long, be a joy to each other and prosper.

Bro. W. J. Brenner at Auburn tower first trick, vice Bro. and Local Chairman Joslin, away for a couple of months for the purpose of taking to himself a bride, and make his annual visit to St. Louis.

As a result of the pruning knife, which is in operation all over the system, many men are being laid off, including Bros. Weeks and Payne, relief towermen.

We have been lead to believe that a policy of "safety first" was in force upon the New Haven system, hence it is not clear why many are being laid off and the service crippled, since there are not enough men now in many departments to carry on the work properly.

To cut out dead timber is not a bad idea, but to cut "live wires," such as many of the men are, does not argue well as a "safety first" principle.

Sister M. W. Grant and Bro. W. J. Smith, both of Kingston, R. I., are to take part in a local theatrical performance to be given at Kingston early in April. Bro. Smith will take the part of Dr. Dibbs. The part to be filled by Sister Grant has not been divulged.

We are accustomed to report large and enthusiastic meetings held by this division but, if the statement so freely made by the old-timers is reliable (and your correspondent does not question them), it was the largest, most enthusiastic and

successful meeting ever held by any division of our organization in New England.

There was ample cause for all this from the fact that it was not only our regular annual installation night, but the division was honored by a visit from the general committee, whose three-day session in Providence closed on this day.

Ordinarily these two features when added to our routine work would have kept us busy, but to these must be added two more.

With the advent of Vice-President and Bro. T. M. Pierson upon the scene, things began to warm up considerably, and it is to be regretted, sincerely, that more time could not have been given our distinguished brother before this representative gathering. However, our latch-string is always open, as he is well aware, and we hope to hear him again at more length at no remote day.

By invitation of the chief telegrapher, Bro. Pierson installed the officers-elect, selecting Assistant Local Chairman J. F. Brady to assist him as marshal, with the result that this feature was disposed of in a dignified and pleasing manner.

The last, and perhaps the most delightful feature, and one in which all had a part and participated most heartily, including our honored guests, the general committee, was the presentations made to our popular and beloved local chairman, Bro. George E. Joslin, in anticipation of his coming marriage to Miss Ethel May Potter, of Dorchester, Mass., on Wednesday evening, March 25th, 1914.

The first gift of a leather traveling bag from his associate members on the general committee by General Chairman Ross, took considerable wind out of the recipient's sail, but when this delightful feature was followed immediately by a gift from his division members, consisting of a suitably inscribed silver jewel case containing \$150 in gold, it looked for a moment as if a stimulant might be needed to revive Bro. Joslin from the sudden surprise.

This beautiful token was presented by Bro. J. F. Brady, in choice, appropriate words.

After the cessation of prolonged applause, Bro. Joslin, though laboring under great effort, finally planted his feet firmly on the floor and made an effort to respond. It was at once apparent that he was up against an exceptionally difficult task, but like the able and resourceful man that he is, he succeeded admirably and deserves to be congratulated upon the success of his effort.

Other tokens of less monetary value, but in perfect harmony with the occasion, caused much merriment.

Many assumed to offer Bro. Joslin advice as to how to inaugurate the new life upon which he is embarking, but be it remembered that our brother is a faithful employee of the New Haven railroad and whose slogan now is "safety first," and with this motto firmly impressed upon his mind, it is presumed the thought will be uppermost in his mind under all contingencies that may arise.

No member of Division 35 ever received a more royal send-off, nor carried away with him a greater load of good wishes, than did Bro. Joslin upon this ever-to-be-remembered event in his life.

Following the presentation of gifts a recess was taken of sufficient length to permit all present to enjoy the delightful and bountiful buffet lunch spread upon the dining hall tables.

Re-assembling in the lodge room, the members and visitors were entertained by brief addresses by Vice-President Pierson, General Chairman Ross and individual members of the general committee, also by Bro. Enos, chief telegrapher of Division 89, an honored guest.

The committee having in charge the arrangements for the reception and entertainment of the honorable general committee, and presentation of gifts to Bro. Joslin, consisted of Bros. J. F. Brady, W. J. Smith, A. H. Haddock, R. S. Eaton and W. J. Brenner. The fact that there were no hitches in the carrying out of the program and the splendid success of the whole affair, reflects the ability of the committee to do things well, and no words of praise can be too strongly bestowed upon them.

No officer or member can be more pleased with results and the smoothness with which our program was carried to such unmistakable success, than your chief telegrapher; in fact, he states he was never in doubt from the moment the committee was appointed.

We have aimed to make, have made, and shall continue to maintain, Division 35 as the banner division of New England, at least. We are determined to be progressive and shall succeed. Every officer and member has a part and is expected to do it.

Brothers, stand by and support your officers and attend your division meetings; the good that will result will agreeably surprise you. Don't let the good effects of this great meeting be lost.

The following officers were installed: Chief telegrapher, J. D. Vanderbeek; secretary-treasurer, W. J. Smith; first vice-chief telegrapher, A. L. Conant; second vice-chief telegrapher, J. M. Gaynor, assemblyman from the fifth representative district. The Providence Division includes Rhode Island and the southeastern part of Massachusetts.

The installation of Bro. Vanderbeek is for the third term. During his administration the division has grown to 371 members, and is said to be one of the best disciplined bodies in the whole Order. He has been a telegrapher for more than forty years and is an expert at the key.

Many happy returns of this eventful night to Division 35.

There was a smile on the general chairman's face that will be a long time wearing off, if ever.

Ask Bro. Pierson about his namesake, born March 21, 1914, in the lodge room of Division 35, Thomas Pierson Joslin.

If ever the members of the general committee returned home happy—well, this was once anyway. I could say a lot of nice things about each one, but if you will think no ill of them, that will cover it.

Did anybody see Bill Brenner there? Well, rather.

Bro. Harry Young, third Park St., Appleboro to third Franklin St., Worcester, on bid, vice Bro. Fred Barden, who bid in second Slo-cums, succeeding Bro. Lovelace, resigned.

Bro. Harry Payne, from relief towerman to third Park St., on bid.

Bro. "Jimmie" Dykeman, second Olive St., Appleboro, and Bro. Leo Trouve, second Wood-lawn, celebrated the 17th in "Gotham." They report having done much sight-seeing, including the Bowery, the queen of Chinatown, McFadden's flats, Hogan's alley and the great White Way. Yet no one would accuse them of being "sports."

It is with deep regret that the death of Bro. A. G. Wite, late agent at Dighton, Mass., is announced, having occurred on March 18th, and our sincere sympathy goes out to his bereaved family.

The wife of our assistant local chairman, Bro. J. F. Brady, has been sick for two weeks, but now reported improving. She was greatly missed on our Boston wedding trip.

The new "safety first" stick-pin was worn by several of the members of this party.

Div. Cor.

N. C. & St. L. R. R.

Chattanooga Division—

We were glad to see in the write-up last month from the boys on the Nashville Division, that the spirit of organization is among them again. That is right, boys, get an up-to-date, give us a write-up every month and keep pushing, you can always depend on the Chattanooga Division, as well as the W. & A. We are busy over here, increasing our fold one by one. Let every one get busy and line up, don't wait until next month, now is the time; delay is dangerous; our trouble has always been that we are too slow and depending on the other fellow. Get an up-to-date yourself, and then go after those next to you. Other departments of the service here under contract are receiving better pay and working conditions with less responsibility; remember, you will never have better pay or working conditions until you organize. Think how long it has been since you received an increase, while those under contract have received an annual increase in wages with better working conditions, our cost of living continues the same as theirs. Every other road in the country but ours is under contract; they constantly receive better pay and working conditions, which enable them to feed and cloth their families and educate the children. It is your duty to better your own condition—you can only do it by organizing—so line up. That is what we are doing on the Chattanooga and W. & A. Divisions, as well as branches.

Let us have a write-up each month from each division. Get your news items to your division correspondent in time for him to get them in for publication.

Quite a number of vacancies are not being bulletined. Some are still open for want of bids. Several offices have been abolished, and force and pay reduced.

J. L. McNabb is relieving J. D. Miller, first at Cowan.

Extra Wiggs relieving second trick man at Mboro.

Extra Thaxton is on second Normandy.

Extra Heard is posting at Rockledge.

Mr. Thornton has been with Q. & C. a few days.

E. V. Clouse bid in first at Glenn Cliff. We are glad to have him on this end of the line.

Extra Mason is relieving C. H. Vest at Cravens.

V. H. Hash is working first trick dispatcher Chattanooga.

Telegrapher Williams has returned from Florida.

Div. Cor.

CORT Club.

Over thirty brothers were present at our meeting on March 7th. Important matters were discussed and various interesting eye-openers were sprung at this meeting. We had a very enthusiastic crowd, the personnel of which is enough to make one proud to be connected with union labor and to be able to associate with such good, clean cut, honorable and sensible gentlemen as you will always find at our CORT Club meetings.

Many old familiar faces were present.

Bro. P. E. Gray is working days in Judge McKinley's court and nights in "SJ," C. & N. W. general office.

Bro. W. J. Early, on his annual vacation (with pay), is visiting relatives in Chesterton, Ind.

Bro. and Mrs. F. F. Breining spent Sunday, March 28th, with Bro. and Mrs. Hennings, of DeKalb, Ill.

Bro. Eddie Novak, C. & N. W. general office, was off ten days visiting with friends in LaSalle, Ill., and Eau Claire, Wis.

Your correspondent would appreciate a few items from the C. B. & Q., C. R. I. & P., I. C. and C. M. & St. P. brothers about the 25th of each month.

D. C. SMART, V.-P. and Club Cor.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, has deemed it wise to call to her reward, the beloved mother of our highly esteemed brother George E. Soyster; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of Chicago Order of Railroad Telegraphers, Local Division No. 91 and the members of the Chicago Order of Railroad Telegraphers Club, in joint meeting assembled, tender Bro. Soyster our deep and heartfelt sympathy in this sad hour of bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Bro. Soyster and a copy sent to The

RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication, and a copy spread upon the minutes of Chicago O. R. T., Division No. 91 and the minutes of the CORT Club.

G. DAL JONES,
C. L. CRAIG,
W. E. CARTER,
D. C. SMART,
J. J. ROSE,
Committee.

Peoria-Pekin O. R. T. Club.

The meeting held at Peoria and Pekin during the month of March abounded in interest and enthusiasm, and the boys turned out well on both occasions. It is mighty encouraging to the officers of the club to note the good work which is being done by the membership and the outlook for the success and the rapid growth of the club is very gratifying to all concerned. The Terminal and P. & P. U. are in fine shape as far as membership is concerned. While the P. & P. U. and the P. R. T. do not enjoy the protection of a schedule, but the effects of the schedules on the other roads force these companies to pay more than was paid ten years ago in order to secure good men, but we hope with thorough organization that the men engaged in the telegraph service on these two roads soon have their hopes for a schedule realized.

Our club was organized in the interest of the members of all roads entering Peoria, and each member of the O. R. T. at Peoria and Pekin should see that all members in good standing join. If you know of a non, keep after him until you secure his application. If each member will make a special effort to do this it will not be long until the Order of Railroad Telegraphers will be the largest and most influential labor organization in Peoria and Pekin.

Don't miss an opportunity to attend these club meetings whenever it is possible to do so.

We are making great strides toward a larger club, and if the present interest and enthusiasm shown by the brothers continues there will be no limit to our future success. CERT. 928.

Topeka O. R. T. Club.

Our meeting Sunday evening, March 8th, was called to order at 8:30 p. m., by President Stover.

Bro. Owens was unanimously elected third vice-president to represent the Missouri Pacific for the ensuing year.

Bro. Owens responded to the compliment, with a very eloquent address, assuring us of his support, and telling of the work on the road he represented.

Bro. Stover announced the subjects assigned the brothers, as follows: Bro. O. E. Bonecutter, "The O. R. T.; Its Benefits, etc. to an Exclusive Agent;" Bro. E. Pringle, "The Parcel Post;" Bro. R. A. Powell, "Our Order, Its Origin and Growth," and asked the three brothers to address the meeting on the above subjects.

Bro. Bonecutter read a paper, showing why the exclusive agent should belong to our organization, pointing out the benefits to be derived therefrom, even though not working a scheduled position, and brought out interesting points.

Bro. Pringle, in his address on the parcel post, made many live suggestions, predicting some very good things for the agent. His address was certainly a masterpiece of oratory.

Bro. Powell, in his address, gave a very complete history of the O. R. T., from its inception, telling of its rapid growth, and the many great things it had accomplished.

All were well pleased with the addresses, and this feature will be looked forward to at each meeting.

It was decided some time ago that the president would assign two or three subjects each month to different brothers, so they could come to the meetings prepared to deliver an address on the subject assigned them.

Bro. Brown gave us one of his characteristic "forty-five"-minute addresses, and it was certainly interesting and beneficial.

Every brother present made a short talk and the meeting was very interesting in every detail, twenty members being present.

It was decided that at our next meeting we would go over the work in the ritual and endeavor to carry on our meetings, using that work which we think will prove interesting and educational.

CLUB SECRETARY.

Omaha Railroad Telegraphers' Club.

The regular February meeting for the 23d was cancelled and in its stead a social and dance was given to the members and their friends, in Labor Temple Hall on the 24th, and was a pronounced success both financially and socially. More would have come only for the snow blizzard which raged across this section February 22d and 23d.

This affair was announced in the February TELEGRAPHER, but that issue of the journal reached most of the members on about the same day as the social was given, however, the boys notified their brothers on the line, and a few were able to come in.

The committee on arrangements is to be complimented on the smoothness the affair was carried off. Lamp's Union Orchestra furnished excellent music for the dancing. Refreshments were provided and served by the wives of the members. The whole affair was managed by the telegraphers, even to the checking of wraps, floor, etc. Bro. Fullington, of the M. P., took charge of the hat check room, and handled it successfully, as there were about 150 present. Bro. Jack Harty, of the I. C., handled the door in a most satisfactory manner. Not many got by "Jack" without contributing their mite. President Ackerman and Bros. Reynolds and Coulter had charge of the floor, assisted by Mrs. Ackerman, and everyone was well satisfied with the way the floor was handled. Our old friend, Bro.

Olson, of the Milwaukee, distributed the programs and earned his money.

A shawl for the benefit of Bro. Hunter, now in the Nevada State Penitentiary at Carson, City, Nev., was given as a prize to the one attending who held the lucky number, and the number of tickets limited to 175, which were nearly all sold out by the night of the dance. Expenses were kept to a minimum, and the receipts far exceeded the expenses, so we were able to send Bro. Hunter a fair amount, and have received his grateful thanks for the same.

Bro. Carson, of the Rock Island Lines, who secured the shawl, was greatly pleased with it. He purchased his ticket from Bro. O. S. Marshall, of the R. I. Co., Bluffs, Iowa, who sold thirty tickets to his friends and the boys on the R. I. Lines.

The dance closed at 11:55 p. m., with one of the most enjoyable evenings the club has had the pleasure of arranging.

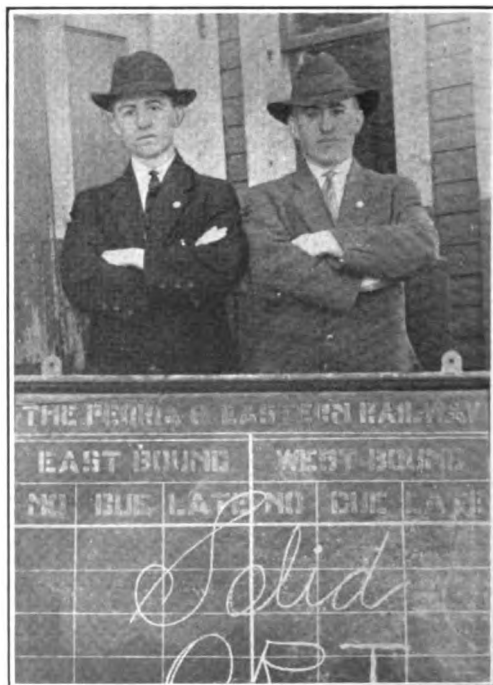
The regular meeting, held Monday, March 23d, was attended by the old "stand-bys," who listened

to the reports of the secretary, Bro. Freeder, as to the financial condition of the club, and to a review of the events of the past year, it being the anniversary of the Easter Sunday tornado which struck Omaha, the evening of March 23, 1913, destroying, among other things, the records of this club. It was necessary to start anew, with practically no funds, and we are pleased to say that the club is now in the best of shape financially, with no outstanding bills unpaid.

Bro. Freeder called the attention of the members to the date, marking the first anniversary of the tornado, in which he suffered considerable loss, and thanked the members again for their timely aid given immediately following the storm.

At the meeting on April 26th something in the line of a social will be arranged for the meeting May 25th. We urgently request that every O. R. T. member make a special effort to attend the meetings, especially the boys in the city offices, Omaha, South Omaha and Council Bluffs.

THE SCRIBE.



C. F. SKIPWORTH. B. H. GRAHAM.

O. R. T. GROUP—BIG FOUR RY.—
LIZTON, INDIANA.



Mutual Benefit Department

Assessment No. 133 is due January 1, 1914.

Time for payment expires February 28, 1914.

AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENTS.

On \$ 300 00 (Series A).....	\$2 40 per year.
On 500 00 (Series B).....	3 60 per year.
On 1,000 00 (Series C).....	7 20 per year.

BENEFITS PAID DURING MARCH, 1914.

CLAIM No.	NAME.	CAUSE.	DIV.	CERT. No.	SERIES.	AMT.
1565.	Wm. A. Otto.....	Mastoiditis.....	8.	35529	C..	\$1,000 00
1569.	Winfield R. Powers.....	Acute Pulmonary Tuberculosis..	1.	40704	A..	300 00
1573.	Arthur R. Jaynes.....	Acute Dilatation of Heart.....	8.	24468	A..	300 00
1574.	Frank E. Shea.....	Angina Pectoris.....	7.	287	C..	1,000 00
1575.	John N. Solberg.....	Chronic Bright's Disease.....	23.	6053	B..	500 00
1576.	G. Walter Scott.....	Cerebral Hemorrhage.....	41.	37900	C..	1,000 00
1577.	Carlos M. Pierce.....	Pneumonia.....	126.	36544	C..	1,000 00
1578.	Arthur M. Sundet.....	Diphtheria.....	4.	39030	A..	300 00
1580.	Robert B. Hamilton....	Diabetes.....	54.	17275	B..	500 00
1581.	G. W. McGuire.....	Suicide.....	96.	38226	A..	300 00
1582.	John R. Gillespie.....	Chronic Nephritis.....	59.	21065	B..	500 00
1584.	Herbert N. Bartlett....	Bright's Disease.....	53.	15153	A..	300 00
1585.	Graves S. Brendel.....	Arteriosclerosis.....	33.	19342	A..	300 00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—MORTUARY FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Received on Assessment to February 28, 1914.....	\$1,410,900 69
Received on Assessment Account March, 1914.....	7,024 57
	<u>\$1,417,925 26</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Death Claims paid to February 28, 1914.....	\$ 964,981 47
Death Claims paid in March.....	7,300 00
Assessments Refunded, account rejected applications.....	1,802 45
Assessments Transferred to Dues.....	269 68
Cash on hand to credit Mortuary Fund, March 31, 1914.....	443,571 66
	<u>\$1,417,925 26</u>

L. W. QUICK,

Grand Secretary and Treasurer.

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2405 Maxwell st., Cheyenne, Wyo.; Z. R. Hook, Local Chairman Kansas Division, 125 Colorado st., Manhattan, Kan.

No. 7—Division covers the Canadian Pacific Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. G. D. Robertson, Gen'l Chairman, Box 205, Welland, Ont., Can.; R. C. Wilton, Gen'l S. & T., Kenora, Ont.; J. C. Rooney, Chairman Eastern Lines, 244 Bronson ave., Ottawa, Ont.; J. M. Mein, Chairman Western Lines, 41 Noble ave., Elmwood, Winnipeg, Man.

No. 8—Division covers New York Central Ry. H. B. Morey, Gen'l Chairman, 904 Jefferson ave., Utica, N. Y.; A. E. Blim, Gen'l S. & T., Chili Station, N. Y. Hudson Division—Meets 3d Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p. m., G. A. R. Hall, 27 Garden st., Poughkeepsie, N. Y. F. P. Fraleigh, Local Chairman, 67 Washington st., Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Western and Rochester Division—Meets 3d Saturday in February, April, June, August, October and December, at 10 o'clock a. m., and 8 o'clock p. m., at Rochester, N. Y., 3d Thursday of January, March, May, July, September and November; 3d Thursday in February, April, June, August, October and December, at 10 o'clock a. m., and 8 o'clock p. m., Clinton Hall, cor. North Clinton and West Genesee, Syracuse, N. Y., in conjunction with Mohawk Division. W. R. Miller, Local Chairman Rochester Division, Victor, N. Y. W. P. Mansell, Local Chairman Signalmen, Western Division, Corfu, N. Y. A. E. Blim, Local Chairman Station Dept., Western Division, Chili Station, N. Y. Mohawk Division—Meets 3d Tuesday each month at 8 p. m., at 510 State st., over

Fagan's real estate office, Schenectady, N. Y., and on the first Tuesday in the month at Utica, N. Y., in Arcanum Temple Hall, on Devereaux st., at 8 p. m. M. B. Lynch, Local Chairman Signalmen, 962 State st., Schenectady, N. Y. H. B. Morey, Local Chairman Stationmen, 904 Jefferson ave., Utica, N. Y. Harlem Division—Meets subject to call of Local Chairman. H. H. Spaulding, Local Chairman, Katonah, N. Y. Fall Brook Division—Meets 3d Wednesday evening each month, at 8 o'clock, Odd Fellows Hall, East Erie ave., Corning, N. Y. R. R. McInroy, Local Chairman, Middlebury Center, Pa. Beech Creek District—Meets 2d Tuesday each month at 8 p. m. in Mechanics' Hall, South Clearfield, Pa. G. S. Stover, Local Chairman, Clearfield, Pa. Electric Division and Grand Central Terminal—Meets 2d Monday at 8 p. m., and 4th Wednesday at 9:30 a. m. each month at Twelfth Ward Bank Bldg., Lexington ave., cor. East 125th st., New York. H. D. Murty, Local Chairman of Grand Central Terminal, 115 S. High st., Mt. Vernon, N. Y. J. M. Moss, Local Chairman of Electric Division, 12 Clover st., Yonkers, N. Y. J. M. Moss, Assistant Local Chairman, 12 Clover st., Yonkers, N. Y. Buffalo Division—Regular meetings will be held at North Tonawanda, N. Y., on the first Tuesday evening in January, March, May, July, September and November, and on the first Tuesday morning in February, April, June, August, October and December. Special meetings to be held in Buffalo, subject to call of Local Chairman. J. T. Farrell, Local Chairman, 141 O'Connell ave., Buffalo, N. Y. Putnam Division—Meets subject to call of Local Chairman. F. G. Boutelle, Local Chairman, Chauncey, N. Y. St. Lawrence Division—Meets at Hotel Woodruff, Watertown, subject to call of Local Chairman. G. W. Backus, Local Chairman, Harrisville, N. Y.

No. 9—Division covers the C. I. & L. Ry. W. J. Dooley, General Chairman, 3101 McPherson ave., Indianapolis, Ind.; M. T. Parks, G. S. & T., Box 2, Bainbridge, Ind.; J. E. Hollon, Local Chairman of First Division, 2815 Cornell ave., Indianapolis, Ind.; L. D. Wood, Local Chairman of Second Division, Salem, Ind.

No. 14—Division covers the Norfolk & Western Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. C. E. Layman, Gen'l Chairman, Troutville, Va.; T. H. Lankford, Gen'l S. & T., P. O. Box 11, Cloverdale, Va.

No. 16—Division covers the Michigan Central Railroad. Meets 3d Monday of each month at 7:30 p. m., Prismatic Hall, 130 First st., Detroit, Mich. J. C. Culkins, Gen'l Chairman, Albion, Mich.; J. H. Staley, Gen'l S. & T., Box 903, Welland, Ont.

No. 17—Division covers Pennsylvania Railroad Lines east of Pittsburgh and Erie. J. F. Miller, Gen'l Chairman, 2916 Huntingdon ave., Baltimore, Md.; G. E. Nightingale, Gen'l S. & T., Newfield, N. J.; Baltimore Division, T. E. Fidler, Local Chairman, Lutherville, Md. Division meets 3d Friday each month, Huntingdon Hall,

Baltimore, Md. Maryland Division, W. M. Skinner, Local Chairman, 115 S. Potomac st., Baltimore, Md. Meets at call of Chairman. Delaware Div., T. W. Truitt, Local Chairman, Middletown, Del. Meets at call of Chairman. Philadelphia Terminal, G. H. Bogart, Local Chairman, 729 Linden st., Camden, N. J. Meets subject to call of Chairman. W. J. & S., G. E. Nightingale, Local Chairman, Newfield, N. J. Meets jointly with the Trenton Division, 4th Thursday of each month at 10 a. m. and 8 p. m., in Goff Building, Camden, N. J. Trenton Division, J. G. Simanton, Local Chairman, Frenchtown, N. J. Meets jointly with the W. J. & S. Division, 4th Thursday each month at 10 a. m. and 8 p. m. in Goff Building, Camden, N. J. Philadelphia Division, C. S. Melchor, Local Chairman, 531 Curtin ave., Harrisburg, Pa. Meets at call of Chairman. Middle Division, A. L. Rex, Local Chairman, Mapleton Depot, Pa. Meets at call of Chairman. Pittsburg Division, J. H. McGrail, Local Chairman, 2011 Eleventh ave., Altoona, Pa. Meets at call of Chairman. Conemaugh Division, F. L. Snodgrass, Local Chairman, Hoboken, Pa. Meets at call of Chairman. Monongahela Division, G. Z. Stover, Local Chairman, West Elizabeth, Pa. Meets at call of Chairman. Allegheny Division, O. T. Arendt, Local Chairman, Foxburg, Pa. Meets at call of Chairman. Buffalo Division, C. S. Simmons, Local Chairman, Keating Summit, Pa. Meets at call of Chairman. Elmira Division, C. R. Elliott, Local Chairman, 640 Water st., Elmira, N. Y. Meets at call of Chairman. Renovo Division, J. F. Mann, Local Chairman, Wilcox, Pa. Meets at call of Chairman. Williamsport and Susquehanna Division, A. C. Grieb, Nisbet, Pa., Local Chairman. Meets at call of Chairman. Sunbury Division, G. C. Vandling, Local Chairman, Mifflinville, Pa. Meets at call of Chairman. Schuylkill Division, H. F. Strunk, Local Chairman, 316 S. 17½ st., Reading, Pa. Meets at call of Chairman. Central Division, J. P. Day, Local Chairman, Frenwood, Pa. Meets at call of Local Chairman.

No. 18—Division covers the New York, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad System. Meetings 1st District at Conneaut, in G. A. R. Hall, Main st., cor. of Washington st., every third Monday of each month. Meeting 2d and 3d Districts at Bellevue, Ohio, in B. of L. E. Hall, every 3d Friday of each month; meeting 4th District in I. O. O. F. Hall, State st., Hammond, Ind., every second Saturday of each month. F. F. Cowley, Gen'l Chairman, 519 W. Lincoln st., Findlay, Ohio; C. O. Crisenberry, Gen'l S. & T., Knox, Ind.

No. 20—Division covers the New York, Ontario & Western Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. T. F. Cullinan, Gen'l Chairman, 2 Albert st., Middletown, N. Y.; H. D. Pfoor, Gen'l S. & T., P. O. Box 28, Jermyrn, Pa.; C. L. Cook, Local Chairman Southern Division, P. O. Box 183, South Fallsburg, N. Y.; H. J. DeGraw, Asst Local Chairman Southern Division, Hancock, N. Y.; G. W. Merwin,

Ass't Local Chairman P. J. & M. Branches, High Falls, N. Y.; P. J. Boland, Local Chairman Scranton Division, 160 Dundaff st., Carbondale, Pa.; F. L. Spratt, Ass't Local Chairman Scranton Division, Poyntelle, Pa.; J. R. Hadley, Local Chairman Northern Division, 24 Seneca st., Oneida, N. Y.; P. J. Loftus, Ass't Local Chairman Northern Division, Morrisville, N. Y.

No. 21—Division covers the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. E. F. Stenger, Gen'l Chairman, R. F. D. No. 3, Miamisburg, Ohio; C. B. Miller, Gen'l S. & T., Piqua, Ohio.

No. 22—Covers Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway System. Geo. H. Beck, Gen'l Chairman, 710 Adams st., St. Charles, Mo.; M. M. Moseley, Gen'l S. & T., 526 So. 5th st., Waco, Tex.

No. 23—Division covers the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry., Rochelle & Southern Ry., Idaho & Western Ry., Tacoma-Eastern R. R., and Bellingham & Northern Ry. District meetings held subject to call of the Local Chairman. G. E. Soyster, Gen'l Chairman, 403 Drexel Bank Bldg., Chicago, Ill.; C. H. Burnworth, Ass't General Chairman Puget Sound Lines, Ingomar, Mont.; Ed. R. Derrickson, Gen'l S. & T., 403 Drexel Bank Bldg., Chicago, Ill.

No. 25—Division covers the International & Great Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. T. C. Berry, Gen'l Chairman, Encinal, Tex.; R. B. Adams, Gen'l S. & T., Oakwood, Tex.; D. D. Hungate, Local Chairman Gulf Division, Jewett, Tex.; J. J. Burns, Assistant Local Chairman and Division Correspondent, Box 482, Rockdale, Tex. Chas C. Webner, Local Chairman Ft. Worth Division, Mart, Tex.

No. 26, NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.—Meets 2d Wednesday of each month, at 8 p. m., Grand Union Hotel, New York City. H. S. Baker, Chief Telegrapher, 88a Second Place, Brooklyn, N. Y., A. R. Linn, S. & T., 116 Willett st., Jamaica, N. Y.

No. 27—Division covers the St. Louis, Vandalia & Terre Haute Railroad System. Meets on the 15th of each month in the Mayor's office at Green Castle, Ind. E. E. Pierron, Gen'l Chairman, Pierron, Ill.; C. R. Shortridge, Gen'l S. & T., Coatesville, Ind.

No. 29, NEW HAVEN, CONN.—Meets 1st Friday of each month at 8 p. m. and 3d Tuesday of each month at 10 a. m., in Red Men's Hall, 48 Church st., cor. Crown, New Haven, Conn. L. H. Dowd, Chief Tel., 57 Ludlow st., Waterbury, Conn.; G. F. McCormack, S. & T., 95 Main st., West Haven, Conn.

No. 31—Division covers the Missouri Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. C. E. Maxwell, Gen'l Chairman, Room 401, Star Building, St. Louis, Mo.; N. S. Morgan, Chairman Relay Offices, 418 Geyer ave., Kirkwood, Mo.; W. L. Wilmarth, Member Gen-

eral Committee M. P. Ry., Holden, Mo.; J. E. Lewis, Member General Committee, Tallulah, La.; H. J. Mohler, Gen'l S. & T., Room 401, Star Building, St. Louis, Mo.

No. 32—Division covers the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the Chairman. C. G. Kelso, Gen'l Chairman, Box 87, Springfield, Mo.; M. T. Fullington, Gen'l S. & T., Box 87, Springfield, Mo.

No. 33—Division covers the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the Chairman. C. B. Pierce, Gen'l Chairman 2021 Longwood st. (Walbrook), Baltimore, Md.; C. B. Rawlins, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, R. F. D. No. 1, Moore's Hill, Ind.; W. Edgar Frasher, Gen'l S. & T., 814 W. 9th st., Wilmington, Del. Philadelphia Division—Meets in Red Men's Hall, 17th and Union sts., near B. & O. depot, Wilmington, Del., third Saturday evenings in January, March, May, July, September and November at 8 p. m.; meetings in February, April, June, August, October and December, subject to call of Local Chairman. F. F. Sullivan, Local Chairman, Van Bibber, Md. Western District of the Baltimore Division—Meets subject to call of Local Chairman. W. Q. Stouffer, Local Chairman, Point of Rocks, Md. Eastern District of the Baltimore Division—Meets subject to call of Local Chairman. D. J. McGrath, Local Chairman, 2811 Frisby st., Baltimore, Md. "GO" General Office, Baltimore. Meets subject to call of the Local Chairman. C. B. Pierce, Local Chairman, 2021 Longwood st. (Walbrook), Baltimore, Md. Pittsburg Division, Pike River and P. & W. Districts—Meets 4th Thursday night of each month at 8 p. m. and 10 a. m., 4th Thursday in April, etc., 1914, at 417 Wood st., third floor, Pittsburg, Pa.; J. Yeager, Jr., Local Chairman Eastern District, Pittsburg Division, 810 Bay Ridge ave., Brookline, Pittsburg, Pa.; E. J. Howell, Local Chairman Western District of the Pittsburg Division, 120 Charles st., Knoxville, Mt. Oliver Station, Pittsburg, Pa. Cleveland Division—G. H. McCoy, Local Chairman, 1716 Wooster st., Massillon, Ohio. Chicago Division—Meets 3d Wednesday night of each month in Red Men's Hall, Defiance, Ohio. T. J. Eiler, Local Chairman Eastern District; G. H. Harer, Local Chairman Western District, Milford, Ind. Newark Division, including all its subdivisions and branches, will hereafter meet in Newark on the third Monday of each month. Meetings will be held alternately in the afternoon and evening, beginning with an evening meeting in December. J. P. Welsh, Local Chairman Eastern District of the Newark Division, R. F. D. No. 3, Box 17, Barnesville, Ohio. J. F. Jden, Local Chairman of the Western District of the Newark Division, 541 Maple ave., Newark, Ohio. New Castle Division meets last Saturday evening in each month in Central Labor Hall, 3d floor, Walsh Building, South Main st., Akron, Ohio. J. R. Ault, Local Chairman, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

- No. 34—Division covers the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railway System. Meets subject to the call of Chairman. J. V. Phillips, Gen'l Chairman, Wellington, Ill.; S. M. Rittenhouse, Gen'l S. & T., Sidell, Ill.
- No. 35, PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month in Swart's Lodge, Odd Fellows' Hall, 96 Westminster st., Providence, R. I. J. D. Vanderbeek, Chief Tel., 284 Montgomery ave., Providence, R. I.; W. J. Smith, S. & T., West Kingston, R. I.
- No. 36—Division covers the Pennsylvania Lines west of Pittsburg. Meets subject to call of the Chairman. L. W. Quick, Acting Gen'l S. & T., Star Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.
- No. 37, NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y.—Meets 2d Friday evening each month, 8 o'clock, Lambden Bldg., 252 Main st., New Rochelle, N. Y. Theodore A. Reif, Chief Tel., 9 Abendroth place, Port Chester, N. Y.; B. E. S. Seaman, S. & T., 1210 Evergreen ave., New York, N. Y.; T. O. Tiger, Local Chairman, 907 Main st., Stamford, Conn.
- No. 38, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.—Meets 3d Saturday each month, 7:30 p. m., 373½ Main st., Springfield, Mass. Frank P. Sargent, Chief Tel., 24 Colton st., Merrick, Mass.; M. J. Walsh, S. & T., 19 Chapin st., Merrick, Mass.
- No. 39—Division covers the Pere Marquette Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. Chicago-Muskegon Division holds regular monthly meetings in Eagle's Hall, Benton Harbor, Mich., on the 2d Saturday of each month at 8:15 p. m. W. A. Knister, Gen'l Chairman, Coatsworth, Ont.; W. R. Adair, Gen'l S. & T., 372 Goodwin ave., Detroit, Mich.
- No. 40—Division covers the Chesapeake & Ohio and Chesapeake & Ohio Indiana Lines. L. E. Hicks, Gen'l Chairman, Craigsville, Va.; J. W. Kiser, Gen'l S. & T., Guyandotte, W. Va.; W. L. Scott, Chairman Piedmont and Peninsula Districts, R. D. 7, South Richmond, Va.; L. G. White, Chairman Rivanna District, Scottsville, Va.; H. S. Shuey, Chairman Mountain District, Craigsville, Va.; F. L. Fletcher, Chairman James River District, Eagle Rock, Va.; J. J. Holt, Chairman Allegheny and Greenbrier Districts, Covington, Va.; J. E. Wheatley, Chairman New River District, Prince, W. Va.; J. W. Kiser, Chairman Huntington Division, Guyandotte, W. Va.; H. O. Irwin, Chairman Lexington and Big Sandy Districts, 416 E. Carter ave., Ashland, Ky.; G. F. Willis, Chairman Cincinnati District, Greenup, Ky.; E. W. Johnson, Chairman Chesapeake & Ohio of Indiana, Converse, Ind. Regular meetings are held at Richmond, Va., in Fraternity Hall, 215 W. Broad st., on the 4th Thursday night of each month; at Clifton Forge, Va., in I. O. O. F. Hall, on the 4th Saturday night, and at Hinton, W. Va., in the Big Four Building, on the third Thursday night of each month.
- No. 41, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets 2d Saturday night of each month, Engineers' Hall, 164 Canal st., Boston, Mass. T. J. Fogarty, Chief Tel., 71 Clarendon ave., West Somerville, Mass.; F. C. McGrath, S. & T., 614 Main st., Winchester, Mass.
- No. 42—Division covers the Erie Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. Joint meetings of the Meadville and Mahoning Divisions will be held at Warren, Ohio, corner Park ave. and Market st., every 3d Saturday of each month. New York Division, Branches and Side Lines—Regular meetings 3d Monday of each month, 8:30 p. m., Union Hall, Grave and 4th sts., Jersey City, N. J. W. H. Husted, Gen'l Chairman, Richwood, Ohio; C. L. Bridge, Gen'l S. & T., Deposit, N. Y.
- No. 43—Division covers Canadian Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. Frank Munsey, Gen'l Chairman, Beaudette, Minn.; G. H. Palmer, Gen'l S. & T., Dauphin, Man.
- No. 44, NEW YORK, N. Y.—Meets 2d Saturday each month at 8 p. m. in Fraternity Hall, 22-24 Harriman ave., Jamaica, N. Y. A. D. Light, Chief Tel., Woodside, N. Y.; A. A. Leonard, Gen'l Chairman, 71 Puntine st., Jamaica, N. Y.; E. H. Decker, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, No. 17 Sheridan ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.; L. Meringer, S. & T., 13 Cooper st., Brooklyn, N. Y.; L. Meringer, Chairman Towermen, 13 Cooper st., Brooklyn, N. Y.; A. Filby, Chairman Agents, 1055 East 34th st., Brooklyn, N. Y.; W. S. Leahy, Chairman Telegraphers, 4 Randall ave., Corona, N. Y.
- No. 45, WOODSVILLE, N. H.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., K. of P. Hall, Woodsville, N. H. Geo. A. Hamilton, Chief Tel., Wells River, Vermont; Geo. A. Wheeler, S. & T., Wells River, Vermont.
- No. 46—Division covers the Central of Georgia Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. C. H. Livsey, Gen'l Chairman, East Point, Ga.; O. S. Travis, Gen'l S. & T., 490 Lee st., Route 127, Atlanta, Ga. System meetings held at O. R. T. Hall, Macon, Ga., subject to call of Gen'l Chairman. Macon Division—Meets with Dixie Club, Federation Hall, Atlanta, Ga., every second Saturday night. O. S. Travis, Local Chairman, 490 Lee st., Route 127, Atlanta, Ga. Savannah Division meets at Macon, Ga., subject to call of Local Chairman. D. M. Rogers, Local Chairman, Register, Ga. Chattanooga Division meets at Lafayette, Ga., every second Sunday; Local Chairman, O. W. Bledsoe, Lafayette, Ga. Southwestern Division meets subject to call of Local Chairman. J. H. Randall, Jr., Box 25, Smithville, Ga. Columbus Division meets at Opelika, Ala., subject to call of Local Chairman. M. J. Newberry, Hollins, Ala.; F. S. Baskerville, Local Chairman Macon Terminals, Macon, Ga.
- No. 47—CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.—Meets 3d Thursday of each month at 8 p. m. at B. I. S. Hall, Charlottetown, P. E. I. J. A. Kelly, Chief Tel., Charlottetown, P. E. I.; E. R. McEwen, S. & T., Charlottetown, P. E. I.

- No. 48—Division covers the Detroit, Toledo & Ironton and Ann Arbor Railways. Meets subject to call of Chairman. G. H. Simmermon, Gen'l Chairman, Flat Rock, Mich.; J. S. Kneisley, Gen'l S. & T., Quincy, Ohio.
- No. 49—Division covers the Denver & Rio Grande Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. H. J. Fulton, Gen'l Chairman, 112 E. 11th st., Leadville, Colo.; F. W. Moore, Local Chairman First Division, Room 6, Union Depot, Pueblo, Colo.; H. J. Fulton, Local Chairman Second Division, 112 E. 11th st., Leadville, Colo.; J. A. Ray, Local Chairman Third Division, Hotchkiss, Colo.; M. D. Wright, Local Chairman Fourth Division, La Veta Pass, Colo.; W. E. Hopkins, Local Chairman Utah Lines, 421 First ave., East Waterloo, Salt Lake City, Utah; A. E. Roberts, Gen'l S. & T., Fountain, Colo.
- No. 51—Division covers Bessemer & Lake Erie Railway System. Meets the fourth Thursday of each month in Eagle's Hall, Greenville, Pa. F. N. Williams, Gen'l Chairman, Oakmont, Pa.; W. B. Risley, Gen'l S. & T., 96 Marshall st., Conneaut, Ohio.
- No. 52, PITTSBURG, PA.—Meets 2d and 4th Saturday evening of each month at 7:45 p. m., 417 Wood st., 3d floor, Pittsburgh, Pa. E. E. Shafer, Chief Tel., 9 Gaskell st., Pittsburg, Pa. R. W. Bees, S. & T., 511 Waldo st., New Castle, Pa.
- No. 53—Division covers Southern Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to call of the Chairman. John E. Cowgill, Gen'l Chairman, Room 601, Argonaut Hotel, San Francisco, Cal.; D. C. Wells, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, 2500 Marengo st., New Orleans, La.; D. W. Koppikus, Gen'l S. & T., Oakville, Cal.
- No. 54—Division covers the Northern Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. Sam Johnson, Gen'l Chairman, North Branch, Minn.; I. N. Holmes, Gen'l S. & T., 1009 E. 3d st., Olympia, Wash.
- No. 55—Division covers the Wheeling & Lake Erie and Wabash, Pittsburg Terminal and West Side Belt Railways. Meets third Saturday evening of each month at Harmon, Ohio; J. O. Peoples, Gen'l Chairman, Bolivar, Ohio; C. E. Baltzer, Gen'l S. & T., P. O. Box 246, Navarre, Ohio; B. E. Miller, Local Chairman, W. & L. E. Telegraph Office, Navarre, Ohio; H. K. Bell, Local Chairman, Bolivar, Ohio; W. A. Albaugh, Local Chairman W. P. Ry. & W. S. B. R. R., Mingo Junction, Ohio.
- No. 56—Division covers Georgia Southern & Florida Railway System. J. M. Wooten, Gen'l Chairman, Unadilla, Ga.; E. H. Baker, Gen'l S. & T., White Springs, Fla.
- No. 59—Division covers the Southern, Northern Alabama and Virginia & Southwestern Railroads. Meets subject to call of Chairman. H. G. Alexander, Gen'l Chairman, 122 Tate st., Greensboro, N. C.; J. W. Burgess, G. S. & T., 223 Ninth st., S. W., Charlottesville, Va. Local Chairmen: J. W. Burgess, Washington Division, Charlottesville, Va.; R. W. Duncan, Danville Division, Pelham, N. C.; meets J. O. U. A. M. Hall, Greensboro, N. C.; 4th Saturday night; S. A. Davis, Richmond Division, South Boston, Va.; W. N. Thornton, Norfolk Division, Courtland, Va.; W. R. Little, Asheville Division, Barber, N. C.; W. E. Jones, Winston-Salem Division, Cooleenec, N. C.; R. B. Gibson, Murphy Division, Murphy, N. C.; W. H. Holmes, Charlotte Division (North), Lowell, N. C.; O. R. Doyle, Charlotte Division (South), Calhoun, S. C.; M. D. Denny, Acting Local Chairman Columbia Division, Lexington, S. C.; J. W. Sheely, Acting Local Chairman Spartanburg Division, Hodges, S. C. Columbia and Spartanburg Divisions meet first Sunday each month at 1632 Main st., Columbia, S. C. E. E. Cauthen, Charleston Division, Summerville, S. C.; H. L. Allen, Atlanta Division, Route No. 3, Atlanta, Ga.; J. C. Brown, Columbus Division, Yatesville, Ga.; R. A. Kipp, Northern Alabama Railway and Birmingham Division, 2500 31st st., Birmingham, Ala.; T. W. Cox, Mobile Division, Marvel, Ala.; R. F. Atchley, Memphis Division, Barton, Ala.; W. H. Cord, Knoxville Division, Charleston, Tenn.; meets third Saturday night, 8 p. m., K. P. Hall, Knoxville, Tenn.; C. B. Gray, Coster Division, 211 Walnut st., Knoxville, Tenn.; meets with Knoxville Division; C. F. Smith, Virginia & Southwestern Ry., Mendota, Va.; C. L. Watson, Louisville Division, Veechdale, Ky.; L. E. Crandall, St. Louis Division, Chrisney, Ind.
- No. 60, WASHINGTON, D. C.—Meets first Wednesday of each month at 8 p. m., in Building Trades Hall, 610 G st., N. W., Washington, D. C. E. E. Bailey, Chief Tel., Rockville, Md.; W. J. Southworth, Sec'y-Treas., 48 H st., N. E., Washington, D. C.
- No. 61, CAMPBELLTON, N. B.—Meets 4th Tuesday evening each month in Engineer's Hall, Campbellton, N. B. A. Rauthier, Chief Tel., Assametafoghan, P. Q.; G. F. Ward, S. & T., Chatham, N. B.
- No. 62—Division covers the Queen & Crescent Route (North). S. H. McCartt, Gen'l Chairman, Lancing, Tenn.; J. W. Anderson, Gen'l S. & T., Oakdale, Tenn.; E. H. Boutwell, Local Chairman Cincinnati Division, Walton, Ky. J. W. Anderson, Local Chairman Chattanooga Division, Oakdale, Tenn.; J. J. Carter, Local Chairman A. G. S. Division, York, Ala. Meetings subject to call of Chairman.
- No. 63, MONCTON, N. B.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month, alternating at Moncton, N. B. St. John's, N. B., and Sussex, N. B. R. M. Gross, Chief Tel., Anagance, N. B.; R. M. Scribner, S. & T., Shediac Road, N. B.

- No. 64, LEVIS, QUE.—Meets 3d Tuesday of each month. Place of each following meeting to be chosen by a majority vote of members present at each regular meeting. A. Dion, Chief Tel., 17 d'Yourville st., Quebec, Que.; Wm. Parsons, S. & T., St. Germain, Grantham, Que.
- No. 65, ROCHESTER, N. H.—Meets at 7:30 p. m., 2d Saturday each month in G. A. R. Hall, Rochester, N. H. H. A. Beacham, Chief Tel., Union, N. H.; C. P. Lord, S. & T., 7 Lincoln st., Summerworth, N. H.
- No. 66, TRURO, N. S.—Meets 3d Wednesday each month, McKay's Hall (B. R. T. room). Inglis st., Truro, N. S. G. L. Roulston, Chief Tel., Westchester Station, N. S.; J. E. McDonald, S. & T., Belmont, N. S.
- No. 69—Division covers the Queen & Crescent Route (South). Meets subject to call of Chairman. M. V. Hickman, Gen'l Chairman, Heidelberg, Miss.; E. M. Bilbo, Gen'l S. & T., Q. & C. Yard Office, Meridian, Miss.; P. W. Burdeaux, Local Chairman V. S. & P. R. R., Monroe, La.; H. O. Peavey, Local Chairman A. & V. Ry., Meehan, Miss.; E. M. Bilbo, Local Chairman N. O. & N. E. R. R., Meridian, Miss.
- No. 70—Division covers Great Northern Railway System.
- No. 71—Division covers the Minneapolis & St. Louis Ry. A. L. Gardner, Gen'l Chairman, Abbott, Iowa; J. C. Sandmier, Gen'l S. & T., Waukec, Iowa.
- No. 76—Division covers the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. Jas. Troy, Gen'l Chairman, Jewell, Iowa; Ira R. Kempkes, Gen'l S. & T., Nevada, Iowa.
- No. 77, DENVER, COLO.—Meets 1st Monday evening in each month at Markham Hotel, Denver, Colo.; F. Epplesheimer, Chief Tel., 2341 King st., Denver, Colo.; C. L. Cheney, S. & T., 935 Seventeenth st., Denver, Colo.
- No. 80—Division covers the N. O. M. & C. Ry. System. C. H. Thompson, Gen'l Chairman, Leaf, Miss.; H. C. Hughes, Acting G. S. & T., Mahned, Miss.
- No. 81—Division covers the Colorado Midland Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. A. C. Ellis, Gen'l Chairman, 209½ E. 7th st., Leadville, Colo.; H. M. Loveland, Gen'l S. & T., Howbert, Colo.
- No. 82—Division covers Western Maryland Ry. System. Meets subject to call of Gen'l Chairman and Local Chairman. R. E. Smith, Gen'l Chairman, Smithsburg, Md.; E. C. Kohlbaugh, Gen'l S. & T., 24 Eichelberger st., Hanover, Pa. Local Chairmen Maryland Division: C. E. Stouffer, Edgemont, Md., First District, including Middle Division and Fifth and Sixth Districts of Eastern Division; R. E. Smith, Smithsburg, Md., Second District, covering territory on Eastern Division from Security east to Hillen Station; E. C. Kohlbaugh, Hanover, Pa., Third District, covering territory from Fairfield, Pa., to Hampstead, Md., and the Fourth District, inclusive. West Virginia Division: C. G. Blair, Oniophyle, Pa., Eastern District, covering territory from Connellsville, Pa., to W. Va., C. Junction and the G. C. & C. Ry.; N. T. Downs, Mill Creek, W. Va., Western District, covering territory east of W. Va., C. Junction to and including Durbin, W. Va.
- No. 83—Division covers the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the Chairman. C. S. Newcomb, Gen'l Chairman, Frankfort, Me.; J. L. Robbins, Gen'l S. & T., Grindstone, Me.
- No. 88—Division covers the Texas & Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to call of the Chairman. W. K. Gremillion, Gen'l Chairman, Donaldsonville, La.; B. T. Hambright, Gen'l S. & T., Roanoke, Tex.
- No. 89, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets 1st Saturday each month at 8 p. m., in Harmony Hall, also 3d Saturday each month at 10 a. m. (daylight meeting), in Harmony Hall, 694 Washington st., Boston, Mass. J. E. Kerns, Chief Tel., No. 2 Josephine ave., Medford, Mass.; J. H. McDermott, S. & T., 46 Crocker st., Mansfield, Mass.
- No. 91, CHICAGO, ILL.—Meets first Saturday of each month at 8:15 p. m., in Hall 912, Masonic Temple, cor. Randolph and State sts., Chicago, Ill. G. Dal Jones, Chief Tel., 2530 North Kedzie blvd., Chicago, Ill.; W. E. Carter, S. & T., 5443 Broadway, Chicago, Ill.
- No. 92—Division covers the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg Railway System. Meets subject to the call of Chairman. F. L. McGraw Gen'l Chairman, Backus, McKean Co., Pa.; J. T. Simmons, Gen'l S. & T., 901 W. Long ave., Du Bois, Pa.
- No. 93—Division covers the Illinois Central Railroad and the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley Railroad. Meets subject to call of Chairman. C. A. Mulhall, Gen'l Chairman, Clarkson, Ky.; G. E. Chance, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, Mounds, Ill.; R. R. Green, Gen'l Chairman Y. & M. V. Lines, Doddsville, Miss.; R. L. Shannon, Gen'l S. & T., Anna, Ill.
- No. 94, MERIDIAN, MISS.—Meets 2d Saturday night of each month in Pythian Hall at Artesia, Miss.; W. W. Wilkins, Chief Tel., Brooksville, Miss.; C. E. Hendley, S. & T., Artesia, Miss.
- No. 95, PORTLAND, ME.—Meets 3d Thursday of each month at 546½ Congress st., Portland, Me. C. E. Adams, Chief Tel., Springvale, Me.; F. S. Fwombley, S. & T., Buxton, Me.
- No. 96—Division covers Chicago Great Western Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. A. L. Coleman, 402 Troup ave., Kansas City, Kan., Gen'l Chairman; C. E. Norris, Gen'l S. & T., Inver Grove, Minn.

- No. 97—Division covers the Seaboard Air Line Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. D. May, Gen'l Chairman, Carlton, Ga.; F. O. Cumming, Gen'l S. & T., 15 Dinwiddie st., Portsmouth, Va.; J. T. Benn, Local Chairman Virginia Division, Thelma, N. C.; E. H. Moore, Local Chairman North Carolina Division, Marshville, N. C.; Frank Taylor, Local Chairman Georgia Division, Lawrenceville, Ga.; W. L. Tidwell, Local Chairman Alabama Division, Helena, Ga.; J. L. Vining, Local Chairman South Carolina Division, Macclenny, Fla.; F. W. Brown, Local Chairman Florida Division, Cedar Keys, Fla.
- No. 99, COBALT, ONT.—Covers Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Ry. Meets at Englehart, 2d Sunday in May, July, September, November and January, or on call of Gen'l Chairman. F. J. Murray, Chief Tel., Englehart, Ont.; J. B. Flagler, Gen'l Chairman, Englehart, Ont.; M. R. Doherty, S. & T., Unó Park, Ont.
- No. 102, PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Meeting place subject to notice from Secretary and Treasurer. J. J. McLaughlin, S. & T., 15 North Dover st., Philadelphia, Pa.
- No. 103, STELLARTON, N. S.—A. L. Trites, Chief Tel., Westville, N. S.; J. R. Ross, S. & T., Box 187, Stellarton, N. S.
- No. 104, AYER, MASS.—Meets 3d Sunday of each month at 9:30 a. m., in Room 5, Oxford House, Clinton, Mass. C. A. Wheeler, Chief Tel., Berlin, Mass.; James P. Rutledge, S. & T., Box 174, Clinton, Mass.
- No. 105, CONCORD, N. H.—Meets third Saturday each month at 7:30 p. m., in Concord Hall, Concord, N. H. J. T. Turcotte, Chief Tel., Pembroke, N. H.; H. M. Clay, S. & T., Gerrish, N. H.
- No. 106, HAGERSTOWN, MD.—Meets 3d Thursday of each month at 8 p. m., 8 Court Place, Hagerstown, Md. John H. Goshorn, Chief Tel., Greencastle, Pa.; J. K. Snyder, S. & T., Box 46, Hagerstown, Md.
- No. 108, ADDISON, N. Y.—Meets 2d Monday each month at 8 p. m., Edgcomb Hotel, Galeton, Pa. E. C. Cole, Chief Tel., Cowanesque, Pa.; C. E. Belcher, S. & T., Osceola, Pa.
- No. 111—Division covers San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. W. D. McGee, Gen'l S. & T., 320 Concord st., Los Angeles, Cal.
- No. 113—Division covers the Ulster & Delaware System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. M. L. Klein, Gen'l Chairman, 74 Abeel st., Kingston, N. Y. H. J. Halstead, Gen'l S. & T., Oneonta, N. Y. R. H. Henson, Local Chairman S. C. & K. Branch, Phenicia, N. Y.; C. W. Pough, Local Chairman Main Line, 81 Hone st., Kingston, N. Y.
- No. 114, ANNAPOLIS ROYAL, N. S.—H. A. Jacques, Chief Tel., Middletown, N. S.; Stanley Tavener, S. & T., Tupperville, Anna Co., N. S.
- No. 115, QUEBEC, QUE.—Meets 1st Monday of each month in I. O. O. F. Hall, Ste. Anne de Beaupre, Que. J. J. White, Chief Tel., No. 4 St. Angele st., Quebec, Que.; J. E. Potvin, S. & T., Cote de Peres, Beauport, Que., Can.
- No. 116—Division covers the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Railway System. Meets 2d Sunday of February, April, June, August, October and December, in places designated by Gen'l Chairman. P. M. Stillman, Gen'l Chairman, Seney, Mich.; C. W. Danielson, Gen'l S. & T., Chassell, Mich.
- No. 117, SHAMOKIN, PA.—Meets at Milton, Pa., in S. of V. Hall, 4th Saturday of following months at 7:15 p. m.: January, February, April, May, July, August, October and November, and at Catawissa, Pa., in S. of V. Hall, 4th Saturday of the following months at 7:30 p. m.: March, June, September and December. H. M. Michael, S. & T., Quakake, Pa.
- No. 118—Division covers Toledo & Ohio Central, Kanawha & Michigan, Hocking Valley and Zanesville & Western Railway System. A. P. Hines, Gen'l Chairman, Burr Oak, Ohio; R. M. Henderson, Gen'l S. & T., 512 Knower st., Toledo, Ohio.
- No. 119—Division covers the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Railway System. G. W. Lewis, Gen'l Chairman, 2921 Chicago ave., Minneapolis, Minn.; F. C. Paine, Gen'l S. & T., Erskine, Minn.
- No. 120—Division covers Lake Erie & Western Railway System. C. I. Turner, Gen'l Chairman, Ambia, Ind.; M. A. Steckel, Gen'l S. & T., Atlanta, Ind.
- No. 124—Division covers Lehigh Valley Ry. System. L. W. Quick, Acting Gen'l S. & T., 711 Star Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.
- No. 125—Division covers Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Railway System. Meets at 8 p. m., the 2d Friday of each month, at Fredericksburg. E. A. Foster, Gen'l Chairman, Potomac, Va.; J. C. Farmer, Gen'l S. & T., Fredericksburg, Va.
- No. 126—Division covers Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway System. W. T. Brown, Gen'l Chairman, Room 314, New England Building, Topeka, Kan.; C. H. Meador, Gen'l S. & T., Room 314, New England Building, Topeka, Kan.
- No. 127, VIRGINIA, MINN.—W. W. Woodward, Chief Tel., Hibbing, Minn.; C. J. Keenan, S. & T., Kelsey, Minn.
- No. 128—Division covers the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. L. A. Tanquary, Gen'l Chairman, Board of Trade Bldg., Pueblo, Colo.; L. W. Quick, Acting Gen'l S. & T., St. Louis, Mo.
- No. 129—Division covers Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway System. G. E. Kipp, Gen'l Chairman and Local Chairman Eastern Division, Bladell, N. Y.; G. R. Smith, Assistant Gen'l

Chairman and Local Chairman Detroit Division, Rockwood, Mich.; E. D. Graham, Gen'l S. & T., and Local Chairman Western Div., Mishawaka, Ind.; E. E. Smith, Local Chairman Franklin Division, Stoneboro, Pa.; J. T. Bearss, Local Chairman Toledo Division, 412 Prospect st., Sandusky, Ohio; L. O. DeWolfe, Local Chairman Old Road & Branches Michigan Division, Quincy, Mich.; D. E. Royce, Ray, Ind., Local Chairman Lansing Division; R. B. Stevenson, Local Chairman Air Line District, Michigan Division, 217 E. Chestnut st., Wauseon, Ohio. The Michigan, Toledo and Detroit Divisions hold joint meetings the third Tuesday of each month in the Crowe Hall, No. 852 Broadway, Toledo, Ohio, at 7:30 p. m. Other divisions meet subject to call of Local Chairman.

No. 130—Division covers Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. J. F. Carder, Gen'l Chairman, 1822 Orchard st., Burlington, Iowa; J. H. Rogers, Jr., Gen'l S. & T., 717 N. 10th st., La Crosse, Wis.

No. 131, TRING JUNCTION, QUE.—E. Lafontaine, Chief Tel., St. Henedine, Que.; A. Lagueux, S. & T., Tring Junction, Que.

No. 132—Division covers the Atlantic Coast Line R. R. B. F. Wheeler, Gen'l Chairman, Oviedo, Fla.; J. H. Williams, Gen'l S. & T., Wilson, N. C.; J. K. McCotter, Local Chairman Richmond District, 1025 McDonough st., South Richmond, Va.; D. H. Parker, Local Chairman Norfolk District, Speed, N. C.; J. L. Bridgers, Local Chairman Fayetteville District, Dillon, S. C.; E. R. Jones, Local Chairman Wilmington District, Castle Hayne, N. C.; F. T. Murray, Local Chairman Cameron District; R. F. D., Cameron, S. C.; H. E. Bolick, Local Chairman Charleston District, care A. C. L. Dispatcher's Office, Charleston, S. C.; W. A. Hollahan, Local Chairman Savannah District, R. F. D. 1, Jacksonville, Fla.; A. L. Pixley, Local Chairman Waycross District, Waycross, Ga.; W. F. Thames, Local Chairman Montgomery District, Climax, Ga.; W. W. Tedder, Local Chairman Jacksonville District, Seville, Fla.; M. H. Martin, Local Chairman Gainesville District and Jacksonville Terminals, Palatka, Fla.; W. R. Lott, Local Chairman Lakeland District, Trilby, Fla.

No. 133, SYDNEY, N. S.—Geo. O. Forbes, Chief Tel., Sydney, N. S.; A. F. Macdougall, S. & T., West Bay Road, N. S.

No. 136, READING, PA.—Meets 3d Friday of each month. Lloyd A. Miller, Chief Tel., Calcium, Pa.; C. F. Petree, S. & T., 932 Pear st., Reading, Pa.

No. 137—Division covers El Paso & Southwestern Railway System. F. A. Thomas, Acting Gen'l S. & T., 4112 Arsenal st., St. Louis.

No. 138—Division covers C. C. C. & St. L. Railway System. Edw. Whalen, Gen'l Chairman, 1601 1st ave., Terre Haute, Ind.; Geo. Laven-

good, G. S. & T., 109 E. Jackson st., Alexandria, Ind. System meetings held at Spencer Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind., subject to call of the Gen'l Chairman. Cleveland Division meets 2d Wednesday of each month at 1501 Columbus road, Cleveland, Ohio; Hugh T. Sloan, Galion, Ohio, Local Chairman. Cincinnati-Sandusky Division meets 3d Tuesday each month in Johnson Bldg., Springfield, Ohio; L. F. Armstrong, 116 N. Greenmount ave., Local Chairman. St. Louis Division, Edw. Whalen, Local Chairman St. Louis Division, and Cairo Division, B. T. McConchie, Marshall, Ill., Local Chairman Cairo Division, hold joint meetings 1st Wednesday night of each month in Knights of Pythias Hall, Paris, Ill. Indianapolis Division meets 3d Monday of each month in Room 11, 2d floor, Anthony Bldg., Muncie, Ind.; E. P. Jenkins, 1603 East Jackson st., Muncie, Ind., Local Chairman. Chicago Division meets subject to call of Local Chairman, A. J. Hornung, Greensburg, Ind. Michigan Division meets subject to call of Local Chairman, Geo. Lavengood, Alexandria, Ind. P. & E. Division meets subject to call of Local Chairman. I. E. Schlosser, Waynetown, Ind.

No. 139, NORTH ADAMS, MASS.—Meets on the 2d Saturday of each month in Odd Fellows' Hall, North Adams, Mass. O. A. Pitcher, Chief Tel., Charlemont, Mass.; J. W. Banker, S. & T., Schaghticoke, N. Y.

No. 140—Division covers Maine Central Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. V. W. Hobbs, Gen'l Chairman, Mattawamkeag, Me.; H. N. Bates, Gen'l S. & T., Gardiner, Me.

No. 141—Division covers San Antonio & Aransas Pass Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. A. H. Barnett, Gen'l Chairman, Gregory, Tex.; E. B. Hill, Gen'l S. & T., 1027 Yale st., Houston, Tex.

No. 142—Division covers the Green Bay & Western Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. D. Benrud, Gen'l Chairman, Black Creek, Wis.; L. P. Curran, Gen'l S. & T., Winona, Minn.; A. Wood, Local Chairman Western Division, Blair, Wis.; A. Reisinger, Local Chairman Eastern Division, Sawyer, Wis.

No. 143—Division covers the Grand Rapids and Indiana Railway System. L. W. Quick, Acting G. S. & T., St. Louis, Mo.

No. 144—Division covers the Trinity & Brazos Valley Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. D. W. Ramsay, Gen'l Chairman, Bardwell, Tex.; N. W. Smith, Gen'l S. & T., Box 493, Teague, Texas. H. Kemble, Local Chairman Teague and Lines North, Teague, Texas; R. E. Evans, Local Chairman Lines South of Teague, R. F. D. 1, Jewett, Texas.

No. 145—Division covers the Ft. W. & D. C. Ry. System. L. S. Mentzer, Gen'l Chairman Ft. W. & D. C. & W. V. Lines, Childress, Tex.; S. L. Greenwood, Local Chairman 1st and 2d Divi-

- sions, Ft. W. & D. C. Lines, Bowie, Tex.; G. H. Wheeler, Local Chairman 3d and 4th Divisions, Ft. W. & D. C. Lines, Channing, Tex.; A. H. Plentl, Local Chairman W. V. Lines, Goree, Tex.; C. E. Weaver, Acting G. S. & T., Box 405, Quanah, Tex.
- No. 146—Division covers the Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic Ry. System. Meets subject to call of Gen'l Chairman. Owen D. Gorman, Gen'l Chairman, Mauk, Ga. C. A. Pye, Gen'l S. & T., Oglethorpe, Ga.
- No. 147—Division covers the Norfolk & Southern Ry. System. Meets subject to call of Gen'l Chairman. Miss S. D. Taylor, Gen'l S. & T., Sims, N. C.
- No. 151—Division covers the Delaware & Hudson Ry. System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. G. A. Johnson, Gen'l Chairman, Eagle Bridge, N. Y.; O. C. Benjamin, Gen'l S. & T., Dresden Station, N. Y.; G. E. Danks, Avoca, Pa., Local Chairman Pennsylvania Division; V. S. Wands, Hawes Cave, N. Y., and E. F. Lawrence, 7 High st., Oneonta, N. Y., Local Chairmen Susquehanna Division; C. C. Corey, Comstock, N. Y., and G. A. Johnson, Eagle Bridge, N. Y., Local Chairmen Saratoga Division. Regular meeting Saratoga and Susquehanna Divisions on the 3d Wednesday of each month, 6:15 p. m. K. of C. Hall, Mechanicsville, N. Y. D. E. Sleight, Dresden, Sta., N. Y., and O. C. Benjamin, Dresden Sta., N. Y., Local Chairmen Champlain Division.
- No. 152, NASHUA, N. H.—Meets every 3d Sunday of each month at 10:30 a. m., in Elks' Hall, Beasom Block, cor. Main and Factory sts., Nashua, N. H.; H. E. Heath, Chief Tel., Pone-mah, N. H.; J. Wilfrid, Vaillancourt, S. & T., 111 Alldis st., Nashua, N. H.
- No. 153—Division covers the Western Pacific Ry. L. W. Quick, Acting Gen'l S. & T., St. Louis, Mo.
- No. 154—Division covers Virginian Ry. H. W. Hix, Gen'l Chairman, Box 19, Salem, Va.; Geo. Giles, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, Victoria, Va.; J. E. Goodwin, Gen'l S. & T., Box 24, Eggleston, Va.; J. K. Wooten, Local Chairman First and Second Divisions, South Norfolk, Va.; S. H. Davis, Local Chairman Third and Deep-water Divisions, Maben, W. Va.
- No. 155, HAMILTON, ONT.—Covers Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo Ry. Meets 2d Sunday of each month at 3:30 p. m., in Sons of England Hall, cor. Main and John South, Hamilton, Ont. L. Harrington, Chief Tel., 4 Stinson st., Hamilton, Ont.; E. D. Armstrong, S. & T., Box 98, Smithville, Ont.
- No. 156, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets in Rathbone Hall, 694 Washington st., Boston, Mass. Day-light meeting 1st Tuesday of each month at 10 a. m. Night meetings 3d Saturday of each month at 7 p. m. Robert H. Buxton, Chief Tel., 8 Dresden st., Jamaica Plain, Boston, Mass.; James Melville, S. & T., 2 Kearsarge ave., Roxbury, Boston, Mass.
- No. 157—Division covers the Rutland Ry. E. J. La Pointe, Gen'l Chairman, Chatham, N. Y.; John F. Maher, G. S. & T., Brandon, Vt.
- No. 158—Division covers the Panama Ry. Frank Kinsman, Gen'l Chairman, Pedro Miguel, C. Z. Pan.; John F. Stahl, Gen'l S. & T., Box 325, Cristobal, C. Z. Pan.
- No. 159—Division covers C. I. & S. Ry. A. J. Shimanek, Gen'l Chairman, 1005 East Wilson st., Streator, Ill.; Chas. C. Barnes, Gen'l S. & T., 724 East Sample st., South Bend, Ind.
- No. 160—Division covers the Florida East Coast Ry. J. H. Meyers, G. C. & T., Hallandale, Fla.
- TWIN CITY TELEGRAPHERS' CLUB**—Regular meeting 2d Wednesday night of each month, Columbia Hall, Prior and University aves. Take interurban car from either city. Union telegraphers welcomed on presentation of union card, either O. R. T. or C. T. U. of A. Special meetings subject to call of President. G. W. Lewis, Pres., 2921 Chicago ave., Minneapolis, Minn.; S. H. Lester, S. & T., Flat 7, 912 South Sixth ave., Minneapolis, Minn.
- CREAM CITY TELEGRAPHERS' CLUB**—Meets the 1st Wednesday after 3d Tuesday evening of each month at Fraternal Order of Eagles' Club Rooms, 137-139 Second st., Milwaukee, Wis. C. E. Flaherty, Pres., 882 Mineral st., Milwaukee, Wis.; B. A. Gothompson, S. & T., 959 Thirty-seventh st., Milwaukee, Wis.
- RAILROAD TELEGRAPHERS' SOCIAL CLUB OF RICHMOND, VA.**—Meets at Picket Camp Hall, 307 N. 7th st., 2d Saturday night of each month. All O. R. T. men are cordially invited. There will be short talks on various subjects of interest to telegraphers at each meeting.
- PRETZEL CITY TELEGRAPHERS' CLUB OF FREEPORT, ILL.**—Meets 3d Wednesday of each month at Ladies and Knights' of Security Hall (formerly known as I. O. O. F. Hall), 107 Stephenson st., Freeport, Ill. All O. R. T. members are cordially invited. The club is organized more particularly in the interests of the telegraphers of the C. M. & St. P., C. G. W. and I. C. Railways, all of whom should make a special effort to attend. P. H. Murphy, Pres., 145 Delaware st., Freeport, Ill.; H. E. Kiester, S. & T., 60 Second st., Freeport, Ill.
- CORT CLUB (Chicago O. R. T. Club)**—Meets 1st Saturday of each month in Room 912, Masonic Temple. All O. R. T. members are cordially invited to attend. Matters of interest to all are discussed. C. L. Craig, Pres., 817 W. 64th st., Chicago, Ill.; J. J. Rose, S. & T., 2153 Ridge ave., Evanston, Ill.
- D. O. R. T. CLUB (Denver O. R. T. Club)**—Meets 8 p. m. 3d Thursday of each month at The Albany Hotel. All O. R. T. members are cordially invited to attend. This club is organized more particularly in the interests of tele-

raphers employed by roads entering Denver, all of whom should make a special effort to attend. C. L. Cheney, Pres., 935 Seventeenth st., Denver, Colo.; D. O. Shoults, S. & T., Room 39, Union Depot, Denver, Colo.

THE O. R. T. CLUB (Omaha Railroad Telegrapher's Club)—Meets 8 p. m. Monday following the 3d Tuesday of each month, in Assembly Room, Paxton Hotel, Omaha, Neb. Joseph Ackerman, Pres., 3023 S. 21st st., Omaha, Neb.; Jas. Freeder, S. & T., 2617 Cass st., Omaha, Neb. All O. R. T. members are cordially invited to attend. This club is organized more particularly in the interest of telegraphers employed on all roads entering Omaha, who should make special effort to attend our meetings.

THE QUEEN CITY TELEGRAPHERS' CLUB OF CINCINNATI—Meets at 8:30 p. m., the 4th Tuesday of each month, at the Grand Hotel, Cincinnati, Ohio. All O. R. T. members are cordially invited to attend. This club is organized in the interest of telegraphers employed on all organized roads entering Cincinnati. All O. R. T. men should make every effort to attend these meetings, as something of interest is always being discussed. V. B. Turner, Pres., Ewing, Ind.; O. E. Marsh, S. & T., Box 3, Roxabel, Ohio.

DES MOINES O. R. T. CLUB—Meets in Assembly Room, Kirkwood Hotel, Des Moines, Iowa, subject to call of President. M. R. Davis, Pres., care C. R. I. & P. Ry., Des Moines, Iowa; S. S. Price, S. & T., 1429 West 12th st., Des Moines, Iowa; B. N. Bongers, Club Correspondent, 1526 West 5th st., Des Moines, Iowa.

CEDAR RAPIDS O. R. T. CLUB—Meets 8 p. m. the 3d Friday of each month at Room 12, 2d floor, Dows Block, 2d ave. and 2d st., Cedar Rapids, Iowa. C. E. Schertz, President, Stanwood, Iowa; J. L. Halpin, S. & T., 512 South 14th st., Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

ST. JOSEPH O. R. T. CLUB—Meets the 3d Saturday evening of each month at Robidoux Hotel, St. Joseph, Mo. L. B. Ockerman, Pres., 402 N. 19th st., St. Joseph, Mo.; D. W. Smith, S. & T., 609 Hamburg ave., St. Joseph, Mo.

LITTLE ROCK O. R. T. CLUB—Meets on 2d Thursday after the 3d Tuesday of each month 8 p. m., at 514 Gaines st., Little Rock, Ark. C. C. Jacklin, Pres., Room 224, Union Station, Little Rock, Ark.; H. W. Gibbs, S. & T., Room 23, Y. M. C. A., Little Rock, Ark.

OTTUMWA O. R. T. CLUB—Meets first Saturday after 3d Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p. m., at Ballingall Hotel, Ottumwa, Iowa. Employees in our department, especially those connected with the C. M. & St. P., Wabash, Rock Island and C. B. & Q. Railways are urged to attend these meetings. W. C. Critchfield, President,

938 West Second st., Ottumwa, Iowa; C. F. Ream, S. & T., Graham Flats, corner Second and Jefferson sts., Ottumwa, Iowa.

THE TOPEKA O. R. T. CLUB—Meets 8 p. m., 2d Sunday of each month at the Throop Hotel, Fourth and Kansas ave., Topeka, Kan. All O. R. T. members are cordially invited to attend. This club is organized in the interest of telegraphers employed on the Rock Island, Union Pacific and Missouri Pacific lines entering Topeka. All telegraphers should make a special effort to attend. Matters pertaining to the interest of all are discussed. R. D. Stover, Pres., 305 Western ave., Topeka, Kan.; R. A. Powell, S. & T., 812 West Third st., Topeka, Kan.

THE PANHOMA TELEGRAPHERS' CLUB—Meets Saturday evening following the 21st of each month in Southern Hotel, El Reno, Okla. Special meetings subject to call of President, J. E. Melbourne, El Reno, Okla.; G. A. Barnard, Vice-Pres., El Reno, Okla.; H. T. Snodgrass, S. & T., 1008 W. London st., El Reno, Okla.

CHEMUNG TELEGRAPHERS' CLUB OF ELMIRA, N. Y.—Meets subject to call of President. M. G. Beach, Pres., R. D. No. 2, Elmira, N. Y.; W. U. Phillips, S. & T., Horse Heads, N. Y.; B. H. Youmans, First Vice-Pres., Gillett, Pa.; G. C. Lacy, Second Vice-Pres., 1116½ Hospital pl., Sayre, Pa.; C. H. Nable, Third Vice-Pres., Elmira, N. Y.

PEORIA-PEKIN O. R. T. CLUB—Meets 1:30 p. m., 2d Sunday each month, in the Jefferson Hotel, Peoria, and 8 p. m., 4th Thursday each month, Pekin. All O. R. T. members are cordially invited to attend. A. C. McNeff, Pres.; Thomas Phippens, S. & T.

EVANSVILLE O. R. T. CLUB—Meets 2d Sunday each month. A. L. Marshall, Jr., Pres., Cynthiana, Ind.; L. E. Crandall, 1st Vice-Pres., Chrisney, Ind.; C. J. Walker, 2d Vice-Pres., Newton, Ill.; R. M. Kite, 3d Vice-Pres., 1219 N. Ninth st., Vincennes, Ind.; Edw. Whalen, 4th Vice-Pres., 1601 Third ave., Terre Haute, Ind.; John P. Manion, S. & T., 5 Edgar st., Evansville, Ind.

ONTARIO O. R. T. CLUB—Meets subject to call of President and Secretary at Port Hope, Ontario. Comprises the Grand Trunk, C. P. R. and C. N. R. R. A. Snyder, President, Newtonville, Ontario; W. P. Stone, 1st Vice-Pres., Whitby, Ontario; Chas. Baker, 2d Vice-Pres., Belleville, Ontario; Fred Greenfield, S. & T., Port Hope, Ontario.

THE HOOSIER O. R. T. CLUB—Meets 4th Thursday each month, Hotel Meridian, Indianapolis, Ind.; W. G. Brenneman, Pres., 2327 Prospect st., Indianapolis, Ind.; W. H. Gipe, S. & T., 824 Oakland ave., Indianapolis, Ind.

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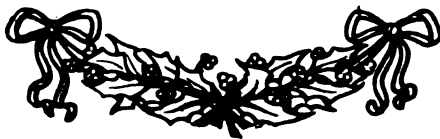
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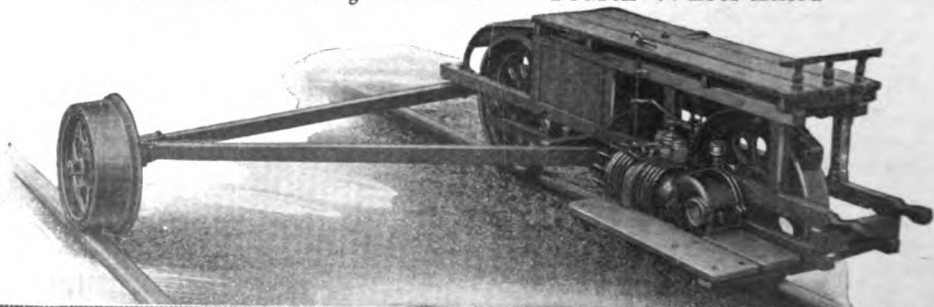
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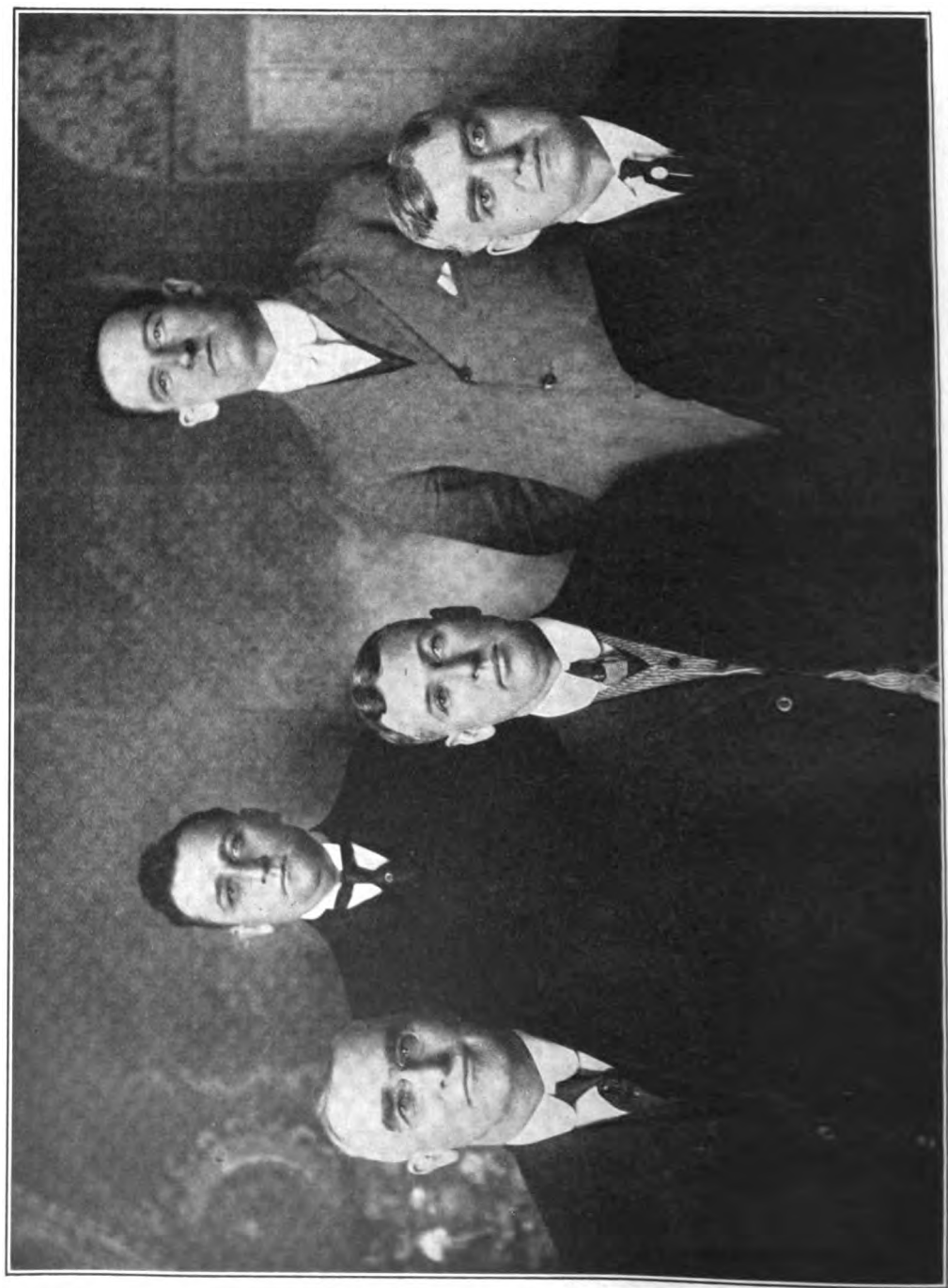
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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

*To the Officers and Members of the Order
of Railroad Telegraphers, Greetings:*

In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution, your Board of Directors convened at the headquarters of the Order in St. Louis, Mo., on April 1, 1914. All members were present except Bro. A. O. Sinks, who was unavoidably detained at home.

With the assistance of M. D. Kennedy, expert accountant, we made a careful and systematic check of the books and accounts of L. W. Quick, Grand Secretary and Treasurer, and found them correct, with all money and property of the organization satisfactorily accounted for.

We have pleasure in testifying to the very efficient manner in which the affairs of the Grand Secretary's office have been conducted.

Our check of the accounts shows that on March 31, 1914, there was a cash balance on hand of \$1,039,662.49.

We desire to call attention to the continued prosperity of the Order. Numerically and financially we are stronger than at any previous time in our history, and the President with his staff of organizers, vice-presidents, general committees and all whose efforts have brought about this desirable condition of things, are to be congratulated.

Yours fraternally,

GEO. O. FORBES,
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St. Louis, Mo., April 25, 1914.

LABOR'S RIGHTS GUARANTEED.

AS THE result of the effort of the organized labor movement and long years of agitation, the Bartlett-Bacon bills were introduced in the Sixty-second Congress and reintroduced in the Sixty-third Congress. These bills were indorsed by the American Federation of Labor at several conventions.

On April 14th, Hon. Henry D. Clayton, of Alabama, chairman of the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives, introduced a bill "to supplement existing laws against unlawful restraints and monopolies, and for other purposes." Among the features of interest to labor are those aimed to relieve labor, fraternal and other voluntary associations from the provisions of the Sherman anti-trust law, to limit the issuance of injunctions, and to regulate contempt proceedings. The full text of the bill is herewith given. The labor provisions are printed in bold-faced type.

A BILL

To supplement existing laws against unlawful restraints and monopolies, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That "anti-trust laws," as used herein, includes the act entitled "An Act to protect trade and commerce against unlawful restraints and monopolies," approved July second, eighteen hundred and ninety; sections seventy-three to seventy-seven, inclusive, of an Act entitled "An Act to reduce taxation, to provide revenue for the government, and for other purposes," of August twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and ninety-four; an Act entitled "An Act to amend sections seventy-three and seventy-six" of the Act of August twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, entitled "An Act to reduce taxation to provide revenue for the government, and for other purposes," approved February twelfth, nineteen hundred and thirteen; and also this Act.

"Commerce," as used herein, means trade or commerce among the several States, and with foreign nations, or between the Dis-

trict of Columbia or any territory of the United States and any State, Territory or foreign nation, or within the District of Columbia or any territory of the United States.

Sec. 2. That any person engaged in commerce who shall discriminate in price between different purchasers of commodities in the same or different sections or communities, with the purpose or intent to thereby injure or destroy the business of a competitor, either of such purchaser or the seller, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$5,000, or imprisonment not exceeding one year, or both, in the discretion of the court. Corporations shall be deemed persons within the meaning of this section, and when any corporation shall be guilty of a violation of this section, the offense shall be deemed to be also that of the individual directors or other officers or employes of such corporation ordering or doing the prohibited act, and upon conviction they shall be punished as provided in this section: Provided, That nothing herein contained shall prevent discrimination in price between purchasers of commodities on account of differences in the grade, quality, or quantity of the commodity sold, or that makes only due allowance for difference in the cost of transportation: And provided further, That nothing herein contained shall prevent persons engaged in selling goods, wares, or merchandise in commerce from selecting their own customers. It shall be unlawful for the owner or operator of any mine engaged in selling its product in commerce to refuse arbitrarily to sell the same to a responsible person, firm or corporation who applies to purchase.

Sec. 3. That any person engaged in commerce, who shall lease or make a sale of goods, wares, merchandise, machinery, supplies, or other commodities, or fix a price charged therefor, or discount from, or rebate upon such price, on the condition or understanding that the lessee or purchaser thereof shall not use or deal in the goods, wares, merchandise, machinery, supplies or other commodities, of a competitor or competitors of the lessor or seller, shall be

deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$5,000, or by imprisonment not exceeding one year, or both, in the discretion of the court. Corporations shall be deemed persons within the meaning of this section, and when any corporation shall be guilty of a violation of this section, the offense shall be deemed to be also that of the individual directors or other officers or employes of such corporation ordering or doing the prohibited acts, and upon conviction they shall be punished as provided in this section.

Sec. 4. That any person, copartnership, association, or corporation, which shall be injured in his or its business or partnership by any person, copartnership, association, or corporation, by reason of anything forbidden by section two or section three of this Act, may sue therefor in any district court of the United States in the district in which the defendant resides or is found, without respect to the amount in controversy, and shall recover threefold the damages by him or it sustained, and the cost of suit, including a reasonable attorney's fee.

Sec. 5. That whenever in any suit or proceeding in equity, brought by or on behalf of the United States under any of the anti-trust laws, there shall have been rendered a final judgment or decree to the effect that a defendant has or has not entered into a contract, combination in the form of trust or otherwise, or conspiracy, in restraint of trade or commerce, or has or has not monopolized, or attempted to monopolize, or combined with any person or persons to monopolize, any part of commerce, in violation of any of the anti-trust laws, said judgment or decree shall to the full extent to which such judgment or decree would constitute in any other proceeding an estoppel as between the government and such defendant, constitute in favor of or against such defendant, conclusive evidence of the same facts, and be conclusive as to the same issues of law in favor of or against any other party in any action or proceeding brought under or involving the provisions of any of the anti-trust laws. Whenever any suit or proceeding in equity

is brought by or on behalf of the United States, under any of the anti-trust laws, the statute of limitations in respect of each and every private right of action, arising under such anti-trust laws, and based, in whole or in part, on any matter complained of in said suit, or proceeding in equity, shall be suspended during the pendency of such suit or proceeding in equity.

Sec. 6. That nothing contained in the anti-trust laws shall be construed to forbid the existence and operation of fraternal, labor, consumers, agricultural or horticultural organizations, orders, or associations operating under the lodge system, instituted for the purposes of mutual help, and not having capital stock or conducted for profit, or to forbid or restrain individual members of such orders or associations from carrying out the legitimate objects of such associations.

Sec. 7. That no corporation engaged in commerce shall acquire, directly or indirectly, the whole, or any part, of the stock or other share capital of another corporation engaged also in commerce, where the effect of such acquisition is to eliminate or lessen competition between the corporation whose stock is so acquired and the corporation making the acquisition, or to create a monopoly of any line of trade in any section or community.

No corporation shall acquire, directly or indirectly, the whole or any part of the stock or other share capital of two or more corporations engaged in commerce where the effect of such acquisition, or the use of such stock by the voting or granting of proxies or otherwise, is to eliminate or lessen competition between such corporations, or any of them, whose stock or other share capital is so acquired, or to create a monopoly of any line of trade in any section or community.

This section shall not apply to corporations purchasing such stock solely for investment, and not using the same by voting or otherwise to bring about, or in attempting to bring about, the lessening of competition. Nor shall anything contained in this section prevent a corporation engaged in commerce from causing the formation

of subsidiary corporations for the actual carrying on of their immediate lawful business, or the natural and legitimate branches thereof, or from owning and holding all, or a part of, the stock of such subsidiary corporations, when the effect of such formation is not to eliminate or lessen competition.

Nothing contained in this section shall be held to affect or impair any right heretofore legally acquired: Provided, That nothing in this paragraph shall make legal stockholding relations between corporations when, and under such circumstances that, such relations constitute violations of the anti-trust laws.

Nor shall anything herein contained be construed to prohibit any railroad corporation from aiding in the construction of branch or short line railroads so located as to become feeders to the main line of the company so aiding in such construction or from acquiring or owning all or any part of the stock of such branch line, nor to prevent any railroad corporation from acquiring and owning all or any part of the stock of a branch or short line railroad constructed by an independent company where there is no substantial competition between the company owning the branch line so constructed and the company owning the main line acquiring the property or an interest therein, nor to prevent any railroad company from extending any of its lines.

A violation of this section shall be deemed a misdemeanor, and shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding \$5,000, or by imprisonment, not exceeding one year, or both, in the discretion of the court, and any violation by a corporation shall be deemed to be also the offense of its individual officers or directors, ordering, doing or participating in, the prohibited act, and upon conviction, they shall be punished as herein provided.

Sec. 8. That from and after two years from the date of the approval of this Act, no person who is engaged as an individual, or who is a member of a partnership, or is a director or other officer of a corporation that is engaged in the business, in whole or in part, of producing or selling equipment, materials, or supplies to, or in the construc-

tion or maintenance of, railroads, or other common carriers engaged in commerce, shall act as a director or other officer or employe of any common carrier engaged in commerce, to which he, or such partnership or corporation, sells or leases, directly or indirectly, equipment, materials, or supplies, or for which he or such partnership or corporation, directly or indirectly, engages in the work of construction or maintenance; and, after the expiration of said period, no person who is engaged as an individual, or who is a member of a partnership, or is a director or other officer of a corporation which is engaged in the conduct of a bank or trust company, shall act as a director, or other officer or employe, of any such common carrier, for which he, or such partnership, or bank, or trust company, acts, either separately or in connection with others, as agent in the disposal of, or is interested in the underwriting of, or from which he or such partnership, or bank, or trust company, purchases, either separately, or in connection with others, issues or parts of issues of securities of such common carrier.

That from and after two years from the date of the approval of this Act no person shall at the same time be a director or other officer or employe of more than one bank, banking association, or trust company organized and operated under the laws of the United States, either of which has deposits, capital, surplus, and undivided profits aggregating more than \$2,500,000; and no private banker, or person who is a director in any bank or trust company, organized and operating under the laws of a State, having deposits, capital, surplus, and undivided profits aggregating more than \$2,500,000, shall be eligible to be a director in any bank or banking association organized and operating under the laws of the United States.

No bank, banking association, or trust company organized and doing business under the laws of the United States in any city or town of more than one hundred thousand inhabitants shall have as a director or other officer or employe any private banker or any director or other officer or employe of any other bank, banking asso-

ation, or trust company located in the same place.

That from and after two years from the date of the approval of this Act no person at the same time shall be a director in any two or more corporations engaged in whole or in part in commerce, other than common carriers, subject to the Act to regulate commerce, approved February fourth, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, if such corporations are, or shall have been theretofore, by virtue of their business and location of operation, competitors, so that an elimination of competition by agreement between them would constitute a violation of any of the provisions of any of the anti-trust laws.

That any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished by a fine of \$100 a day for each day of the continuance of such violation, or by imprisonment for such period as the court may designate, not exceeding one year, or by both, in the discretion of the court.

Sec. 9. That any suit, action, or proceeding under the anti-trust laws, against a corporation, may be brought not only in the judicial district whereof it is an inhabitant, but also in any district wherein it may be found.

Sec. 10. That subpoenas for witnesses who are required to attend a court of the United States in any judicial district in any case, civil or criminal, arising under the Federal anti-trust laws, may run into any other district.

Sec. 11. That whenever a corporation shall be guilty of the violation of any of the provisions of the anti-trust laws, the offense shall be deemed to be also that of the individual directors, officers, and agents of such corporation authorizing, ordering, or doing any of such prohibited acts, and upon conviction thereof they shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and punished by a fine not exceeding \$5,000, or imprisonment not exceeding one year, or by both said punishments in the discretion of the court.

Sec. 12. That the several district courts of the United States are hereby invested

with jurisdiction to prevent and restrain violations of this Act; and it shall be the duty of the several district attorneys of the United States, in their respective districts, under the direction of the Attorney-General, to institute proceedings in equity to prevent and restrain such violations. Such proceedings may be by way of petition, setting forth the case and praying that such violation shall be enjoined or otherwise prohibited. When the parties complained of shall have been duly notified of such petition, the court shall proceed, as soon as may be, to the hearing and determination of the case; and pending such petition, and before final decree, the court may at any time make such temporary restraining order or prohibition as shall be deemed just in the premises. Whenever it shall appear to the court before which any such proceeding may be pending that the ends of justice require that other parties should be brought before the court, the court may cause them to be summoned, whether they reside in the district in which the court is held or not, and subpoenas to that end may be served in any district by the marshal thereof.

Sec. 13. That any person, firm, corporation, or association shall be entitled to sue for and have injunctive relief, in any court of the United States having jurisdiction over the parties, against threatened loss or damage by a violation of the anti-trust laws, when and under the same conditions and principles as injunctive relief against threatened conduct that will cause loss or damage is granted by courts of equity, under the rules governing such proceedings, and upon the execution of proper bond against damages for an injunction improvidently granted and a showing that the danger of irreparable loss or damage is immediate, a preliminary injunction may issue: Provided, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to entitle any person, firm, corporation, or association, except the United States, to bring suit in equity for injunctive relief against any common carrier, subject to the provisions of the Act to regulate commerce, approved February fourth, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, in respect of any matter sub-

ject to the regulation, supervision, or other jurisdiction of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Sec. 14. That no injunction, whether interlocutory or permanent, in cases other than those described in section two hundred and sixty-six of an Act entitled "An Act to codify, revise, and amend the laws relating to the judiciary," approved March third, nineteen hundred and eleven, shall be issued without previous notice and an opportunity to be heard on behalf of the parties to be enjoined, which notice, together with a copy of the bill of complaint or other pleading upon which the application for such injunction will be based, shall be served upon the parties sought to be enjoined a reasonable time in advance of such application. But if it shall appear to the satisfaction of the court or judge that immediate and irreparable injury is likely to ensue to property or a property right of the complainant, and that the giving of notice of the application or the delay incident thereto would probably permit the doing of the act sought to be restrained before notice could be served or hearing had thereon, the court or judge may, in his discretion, issue a temporary restraining order without notice. Every such order shall be endorsed with the date and hour of issuance, shall be forthwith entered of record, shall define the injury and state why it is irreparable and why the order was granted without notice, and shall by its terms expire within such time after entry, not to exceed ten days, as the court or judge may fix, unless within the time so fixed the order is extended or renewed for a like period, after notice to those previously served, if any, and for good cause shown, and the reasons for such extension shall be entered of record, and section two hundred and sixty-three of the Act entitled "An Act to codify, revise, and amend the laws relating to the judiciary," approved March third, nineteen hundred and eleven, is hereby repealed.

Sec. 15. That no restraining order or interlocutory order of injunction shall issue, except upon the giving of security

by the applicant in such sum as the court or judge may deem proper, conditioned upon the payment of such costs and damages as may be incurred or suffered by any party who may be found to have been wrongfully enjoined or restrained thereby.

Sec. 16. That every order of injunction or restraining order shall set forth the reasons for the issuance of the same, shall be specific in terms, and shall describe in reasonable detail, and not by reference to the bill of complaint or other document, the act or acts sought to be restrained; and shall be binding only upon the parties to the suit, their agents, servants, employes, and attorneys, or those in active concert with them, and who shall, by personal service or otherwise, have received actual notice of the same.

Sec. 17. That no restraining order or injunction shall be granted by any court of the United States, or a judge or the judges thereof, in any case between an employer and employes, or between employers and employes, or between employes, or between persons employed and persons seeking employment, involving, or growing out of, a dispute concerning terms or conditions of employment, unless necessary to prevent irreparable injury to property, or to a property right, of the party making the application, for which injury there is no adequate remedy at law, and such property or property right must be described with particularity in the application, which must be in writing and sworn to by the applicant or by his agent or attorney.

And no such restraining order or injunction shall prohibit any person or persons from terminating any relation of employment, or from ceasing to perform any work or labor, or from recommending, advising, or persuading others by peaceful means so to do; or from attending at or near a house or place where any person resides or works, or carries on business, or happens to be for the purpose of peacefully obtaining or communicating information, or of peacefully persuading any person to work

or to abstain from working; or from ceasing to patronize or to employ any party to such dispute; or from recommending, advising, or persuading others by peaceful means so to do; or from paying or giving to, or withholding from, any person engaged in such dispute, any strike benefits or other moneys or things of value; or from peaceably assembling at any place in a lawful manner, and for lawful purposes; or from doing any act or thing which might lawfully be done in the absence of such dispute by any party thereto.

Sec. 18. That any person who shall willfully disobey any lawful writ, process, order, rule, decree, or command of any district court of the United States by doing any act or thing therein, or thereby forbidden to be done by him, if the act or thing so done by him be of such character as to constitute also a criminal offense under any statute of the United States, or at common law, shall be proceeded against for his said contempt as hereinafter provided.

Sec. 19. That whenever it shall be made to appear to any district court or judge thereof, or to any judge therein sitting, by the return of a proper officer on lawful process, or upon the affidavit of some credible person, or by information filed by any district attorney, that there is reasonable ground to believe that any person has been guilty of such contempt, the court or judge thereof, or any judge therein sitting, may issue a rule requiring the said person so charged to show cause upon a day certain why he should not be punished therefor, which rule, together with a copy of the affidavit or information, shall be served upon the person charged with sufficient promptness to enable him to prepare for and make return to the order at the time fixed therein. If upon or by return, in the judgment of the court, the alleged contempt be not sufficiently purged, a trial shall be directed at a time and place fixed by the court: Provided, however, That if the accused, being a natural person, fail or refuse to make return to the rule to show cause, an at-

tachment may issue against his person to compel an answer, and in case of his continued failure or refusal, or if, for any reason, it be impracticable to dispose of the matter on the return day, he may be required to give reasonable bail for his attendance at the trial and his submission to the final judgment of the court. Where the accused person is a body corporate, an attachment for the sequestration of its property may be issued upon like refusal or failure to answer.

In all cases within the purview of this Act such trial may be by the court, or upon demand of the accused, by a jury; in which latter event the court may impanel a jury from the jurors then in attendance, or the court or the judge thereof in chambers may cause a sufficient number of jurors to be selected and summoned, as provided by law, to attend at the time and place of trial, at which time a jury shall be selected and impaneled as upon a trial for misdemeanor; and such trial shall conform, as near as may be, to the practice in criminal cases prosecuted by indictment or upon information.

If the accused be found guilty, judgment shall be entered accordingly, prescribing the punishment, either by fine or imprisonment, or both, in the discretion of the court. Such fine shall be paid to the United States or to the complainant or other party injured by the act constituting the contempt, or may, where more than one is so damaged, be divided or apportioned among them as the court may direct; but in no case shall the fine to be paid to the United States exceed, in case the accused is a natural person, the sum of \$1,000, nor shall such imprisonment exceed the term of six months.

Sec. 20. That the evidence taken upon the trial of any person so accused may be preserved by bill of exceptions, and any judgment of conviction may be reviewed upon writ of error in all respects as now provided by law in criminal cases, and may be affirmed, reversed, or modified as justice may require. Upon the granting of such writ of error, ex-

cution of judgment shall be stayed, and the accused, if thereby sentenced to imprisonment, shall be admitted to bail in such reasonable sum as may be required by the court, or by any justice, or any judge, of any district court of the United States.

Sec. 21. That nothing herein contained shall be construed to relate to contempts committed in the presence of the court, or so near thereto as to obstruct the administration of justice, nor to contempts committed in disobedience of any lawful writ, process, order, rule, decree, or command entered in any suit or action brought or prosecuted in the name of, or on behalf of, the United States, but the same, and all other cases of contempt not specifically embraced within section eighteen of this Act, may be punished in conformity to the usages at law and in equity now prevailing.

Sec. 22. That no proceeding for contempt shall be instituted against any person unless begun within one year from the date of the act complained of; nor shall any such proceeding be a bar to any criminal prosecution for the same act or acts; but nothing herein contained shall affect any proceedings in contempt pending at the time of the passage of this Act.

THE MECOGRAPH INJUNCTION.

THE injunction granted by Judge K. M. Landis, of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division, on March 17th, in the cause of the Mecograph Company, against the Atoz Electric Novelty Company, has caused considerable confusion in telegraph circles. Quite a number of railroads have issued instructions that all telegraphers employed by those companies must remove all sending machines in use other than the Mecograph or Martin Vibroplex, the latter company having been absorbed by the former, and many of those interested have appealed to the Order to advise them as to their rights in the matter. In order to definitely settle this question, the matter was taken up with the General Counselor of the Order and his written opinion secured.

The following is a copy of the order of court, together with the request for the opinion and the opinion itself:

In the District Court of the United States,
Northern District of Illinois,
Eastern Division.

Monday, Dec. 22, 1913.

Present: HONORABLE KENESAW M. LANDIS,
District Judge.

Nellie E. Bellows, doing business as Mecograph Company, vs. Max Levey, doing business as Atoz Electric Novelty Company.—30,947.

This cause coming on to be heard upon the pleadings; upon the evidence taken in the cause in open court, and after the hearing of the arguments of Walter H. Chamberlin, solicitor for complainant and Harvey L. Hanson, of counsel for defendant, and after due proceeding had it is upon consideration.

Ordered, adjudged and decreed as follows:

1. That Letters Patent of the United States issued to William O. Coffe, assignor by direct and mesne assignments to Benjamin F. Bellows, on February 13, 1906, for Improvements in Telegraph Keys No. 812,183, are good and valid in law as to Claim 11 thereof.

2. That said William O. Coffe was the first, true and original inventor of the invention and improvement described and claimed in said Letters Patent, and particularly recited in said Claim 11 thereof.

3. That by an instrument in writing duly recorded in the United States Patent Office, Nellie E. Bellows, the complainant herein, acquired from Benjamin F. Bellows and now owns the entire right, title and interest in and to the said Letters Patent, No. 812,183, subject to an equitable interest held by one James E. Albright, of New York City.

4. That the defendant, Max Levey, doing business as Atoz Electric Novelty Company, has infringed upon said Letters Patent, and particularly upon said Claim 11 thereof, and upon the exclusive right of the complainant under the same.

5. That a perpetual injunction issued out of and under the seal of this court, directed

to said defendant, Max Levey, his agents, associates, confederates, servants, attorneys, employes and workmen, enjoining them and each and every one of them from directly or indirectly making, constructing, causing to be made, using, causing to be used, selling, causing to be sold, advertising for sale, working, putting into practice, operation or use, telegraph keys like or similar to those heretofore made, used, sold and advertised for sale, or controlled by the said defendant or in any way counterfeiting the said patent invention or any part thereof or from making, using or selling telegraph keys made in accordance with said patented invention, or like or similar to those which said defendant has heretofore made, used or sold or in any manner infringing upon said Letters Patent No. 812,183, and particularly upon the eleventh claim thereof, or in any way trespassing upon the complainant's rights therein, and also enjoining said Levey pending the entry of a final decree herein from selling or in any way parting with any parts of machines particularly adapted for use in the manufacture of telegraph keys like those heretofore manufactured and sold by said Levey, or from the sale or otherwise disposing of any parts by said Levey with the knowledge and intent that they shall be used in the construction of telegraph keys like those heretofore made and sold by said Levey or which are an infringement on said Patent No. 812,183.

6. That this cause is hereby referred to Charles B Morrison, as a Master in Chancery of this court, to ascertain and report to the court the profits derived by the defendant, Levey, from his infringement on said patent and the damages done to the complainant by virtue of said infringement.

7. That the complainant do recover of the defendant her costs and disbursements of this suit to be taxed.

KENESAW M. LANDIS.

Approved and we consent to the entry of the foregoing decree.

BROWN, WILLIAMS, BELL,
HANSON & BOETTCHER,
For Defendant.

In the District Court of the United States of America, for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division.

I, T. C. MacMillan, clerk of the District Court of the United States of America, for the Northern District of Illinois, do hereby certify the above and foregoing to be a true and correct copy of an order made and entered in said court on the 22d day of December, A. D. 1913, as fully as the same appears of record in my office.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said court at my office in Chicago, in said district, this 17th day of March, A. D. 1914.

T. C. MACMILLAN,
Clerk.

By JOHN H. R. JAMAR,
Deputy Clerk.

St. Louis, Mo., March 30, 1914.

Mr. W. S. Campbell, General Counsel O. R. T.,
Laclede Building, City.

DEAR SIR—I enclose herein copy of temporary injunction granted by Judge Landis, in Chicago, against a party by the name of Levey, which is self-explanatory.

Suppose that I purchased one of the sending machines from Levey a year ago. Is there anything in that injunction which would prevent me from continuing to use the machine at this time? Kindly give me an opinion on this matter.

Yours truly,
L. W. QUICK,
Grand Secretary and Treasurer.

St. Louis, Mo., April 8, 1914.

Mr. Leon W. Quick, Grand Secretary and Treasurer O. R. T.

DEAR SIR—In compliance with your request, I am herewith furnishing opinion on the matter requested.

The finding of the District Court of the United States, that the defendant in that case, Max Levey, doing business as Atoz Electric Novelty Company has infringed upon letters patent for improvements in telegraph keys, No. 812,183, and particularly as to Claim 11 thereof, is conclusive upon the defendant in that case, and establishes the right of the patentee to the exclusive

use of the patent. All persons using the telegraph keys become infringers, but only such persons are affected by the decision as are made parties defendant in that case or in some other proceeding. The injunction granted in that case, or in any other case, against the use of said telegraph keys, does not affect the individual owners of telegraph keys, and will not prevent them from using the telegraph keys, which they have purchased, unless they are made parties by name, and served with a regular summons in a suit for infringement.

In the case in the United States District Court, against Max Levey, according to the copy of decree furnished, an accounting is to be had to ascertain the profits derived, and also the damages done by reason of the infringement. It is most likely that the patentee will endeavor to secure his damages and profits in suits against the agents, distributors and makers of these keys as he is doing in the case against Max Levey, and it is not likely that an attempt will be made to enjoin the use of these keys by the individual owners who have purchased them from the distributors or manufacturers. The persons owning the telegraph keys, who purchased them from the infringers, are, of course, subject to a suit enjoining them from further use of the instrument, but in this instance, it is not likely that such action will be taken.

As the matter now stands there is nothing to prevent the owners of such telegraph keys continuing the use of them, as the injunction granted by the District Court of the United States for the Northern District of Illinois does not apply to anyone who is not made a party to that suit, and that is true as regards any other suit that has been brought by the owner of this patent against other infringers. The suit only affects such persons as are made parties to the suit.

The notice published in *THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER* with reference to infringements is not such a notice as would, in any way, affect the present owners of these telegraph keys. The statement in that notice, that all who are now using sending machines "purchased from these parties or

from the agents of either, are daily liable to prosecution for contempt, if they continue such use," is misleading, as the persons now using the machines, who were not made parties to those suits, are not affected by them. It is true, they may, at any time, be proceeded against in a separate proceeding, but not for contempt of the courts, having heretofore issued the injunction. The purpose of that notice is to get the persons who are now using these machines to write, and they will likely arrange with them in some way to give them the right to continue the use of the machines, upon paying some stipulated amount, no doubt.

As I stated above, it is not likely that action will be taken against the individual owners of these telegraph keys, to prevent their continued use of them.

I think this covers the question which you desired information upon, and if not, will furnish you any further information that is desired. Respectfully yours,

W. S. CAMPBELL

GOMPERS, MITCHELL, MORRISON FREED.

AFTER a seven years' battle in various courts of the District of Columbia and the United States Supreme Court, the latter tribunal has made final disposition of the Gompers-Mitchell-Morrison contempt case by setting aside the penalties inflicted by the lower court on the ground that the statute of limitations barred further proceedings.

The highest court in the land thus declined to decide the questions of free speech and free press, which unionists insisted were involved. This ending of the famous suit, however, marks a development of public opinion against injunction practices that never would have been possible but for organized labor, who stood as a solid phalanx behind those officers who were attacked, and who stood staunch in the great struggle for the guarantees that some courts would deny. This preserving attitude of the workers is now reflexed in the changing attitude of legislators and the judiciary toward writs and orders that would deny

workers rights accorded, without question, to others.

The cause of the contempt case was the efforts of the American Federation of Labor to assist the International Union of Metal Polishers, an allied organization, in its contest with the Bucks Stove and Range Company, whose president, Mr. Van Cleave, was also president of the National Association of Manufacturers. On December 18, 1907, Justice Gould, of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, issued a sweeping and general injunction against the American Federation of Labor, its officers, and all others within the jurisdiction of the court, from making any reference whatsoever to the company's relations with organized labor. No injunction ever issued equaled this drastic writ, which ordered that no reference could be made, either by written or printed word, or orally, of the fact that the company was engaged in a dispute, or that it had been unfair to labor. The order not only applied to the officers of the A. F. of L., but to "each of their agents, servants, attorneys, confederates, and any and all persons acting in aid of or in conjunction with them."

President Gompers and his colleagues showed that this injunction even denied them the right to discuss Justice Gould's order and the principles involved, as the company's name would necessarily be mentioned, thereby violating the order and making them liable to punishment for contempt of court. This, the unionists pointed out, was the "high-water mark," as it were, of government by injunction rule, as the constitutional guarantees of free speech and free press were attempted to be set aside by an order of a court.

On these grounds the unionists declared it their duty to contest this unheard of injunction, and the case was appealed to the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia. With this began a campaign for remedial legislation that included an amendment to the Sherman anti-trust law, the elimination of injunctions in purely industrial disputes, and reform of contempt proceedings.

Later, President Gompers, Vice-President Mitchell and Secretary Morrison were ordered to appear before Justice Wright to

show cause why they should not be punished for contempt. They were found guilty, and in a speech replete with bitter invective and abuse, the court sentenced President Gompers to one year in jail, Vice-President Mitchell to nine months, and Secretary Morrison to six months. The action of the court, together with his intemperate language, electrified the American workers, who rallied to the support of their officers, and the incident drove home, more effectually than ever the principles for which the three unionists made battle. Pending the appeal to the United States Supreme Court, an agreement was reached between organized labor and the company, settling all disputive questions. As a consequence, when the appeal reached the Supreme Court, the case was decided to be "moot," and therefore the principles involved in the contention were not passed upon by the court.

After a series of motions and hearings in lower courts, the United States Supreme Court, on May 15, 1911, set these verdicts aside and ordered the case remanded for trial "without prejudice." On re-trial the sentences were reduced to thirty days' imprisonment for President Gompers and fines of \$500 each for Vice-President Mitchell and Secretary Morrison.

For "sidelight" purposes, and to illustrate the "fairness" and judicial temperament of Justice Wright, it may be recalled that when the Supreme Court ordered the case remanded for trial, Justice Wright appointed a commission of lawyers who were instructed to investigate and report to him whether there was "reasonable ground to believe" that the defendants violated the injunction. Judge Wright appointed as the committee the lawyers who prosecuted Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison in the first case.

The "committee," intending to place the defendants in a false position and to humiliate them, offered them the opportunity to "apologize" to the court and to promise obedience to the issuance of its orders, the implication being that they would thereby acknowledge that they had been guilty of wrong doing. This Messrs. Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison refused to do; their

contention was for the rights of the freedom of speech and the press, and the exercise of the normal activities of the working people. Several conventions of the American Federation of Labor encouraged and sustained this contention, and the rank and file of the working people of the country as well as all others who love liberty and justice, rallied to the support of the men who were taking whatever risk might ensue for their contention of the principles involved.

Last Monday the United States Supreme Court dismissed the case on the ground that it was barred by the statute of limitations.

From an educational standpoint, incalculable benefit has been the net result of the agitation that has followed the uncompromising attitude of the American Federation of Labor, whose position in this matter has finally attracted the attention of every right-thinking person to the iniquities of the injunction as a weapon against labor and to the ends some judges will go in their use of this writ to even set aside the American Magna Charta. These encroachments, if not checked, it is now agreed, would eventually be used against other elements of our citizenship. These gains can not be computed from the standpoint of dollars and cents, for they are interwoven with every economic and legislative advance now being made by the men of toil in even the smallest community of our land, and are factors in the sum total that will eventually place in our statutes enactments that will sweep from injunction judges their assumed right to act as lawmaker, jury and judge.

TO IMPEACH JUSTICE WRIGHT.

STANDING on the floor of the National House of Representatives Congressman Park, of Georgia, started impeachment proceedings against Justice Wright and presented resolutions instructing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire and report whether action by the House is necessary "concerning the alleged official misconduct of Daniel Thew Wright; whether he has accepted favors from lawyers appearing before him; whether he has permitted counsel for a street railway to indorse his notes while said counsel was

retained in business and causes before his court; whether he has collected and wrongfully appropriated other people's money; whether he has purposely changed the record in order to prevent the reversal of causes wherein he presided; whether he is guilty of judicial misconduct in the trial of a writ of habeas corpus to an extent which provoked a reviewing court of the District of Columbia to justly characterize the trial as a 'travesty of justice;' whether he has arbitrarily revoked, without legal right, an order of a judge of concurrent jurisdiction, appointing three receivers, so as to favor his friend by appointing him sole receiver; whether he is morally and temperamentally unfit to hold judicial office, and whether he has been guilty of various other acts of personal and judicial misconduct for which he should be impeached."

The above charges are similar to the ones by Wade H. Cooper, which were handed to the Attorney-General, who, in turn, forwarded them to the House Committee on the Judiciary, which decided, in effect, it had no power to act on the impeachment of a judge unless ordered to do so by the House. The committee now stands so instructed, and is given full power to send for witnesses and administer oaths in its investigation.

It will be remembered that Justice Wright is the jurist who held Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell and Frank Morrison to be in contempt of his court, and sentenced them all to jail, which sentence, however, has never been served, on account of appeals.

ANOTHER IMPEACHMENT PROCEEDING.

CONGRESSMAN NEELY, of West Virginia, has introduced a resolution in Congress, asking the Judiciary Committee to consider charges against Federal Judge Dayton, who has been jailing West Virginia workers on contempt proceedings because of a miners' strike in that section. The specific charges against Judge Dayton are:

"That he has issued injunctions against labor unions, which place them beyond the pale of the law, and which make their de-

liberative actions conspiracy and their members miscreants and felons:

"That he has had men and women arrested on the sole charge of asking other men to join the union.

"That by the use of injunction he has prevented the exercise of the constitutional right of the people to assemble peaceably to petition for redress of wrongs.

"That under prosecution by contempt proceedings he recently found Mayor Schwartz guilty of contempt of court and sentenced him to serve sixty days in jail for the sole reason that said Schwartz rented his property to a labor man.

"That he has publicly declared his antagonism to persons not yet on trial, whom he expected to be tried before him.

"That in the hearing of contempt proceedings he ignores the West Virginia laws and the Federal constitution, and refuses to follow the decisions of the Supreme Court.

"That his decisions have been such as to result in their reversal by a higher court, but that such appeals are so costly as to be prohibitive to some, and that this puts a price upon justice which keeps it out of the reach of poor people."

Two impeachment cases are already pending before the House Judiciary Committee, involving Judge Emory Speer, of the Georgia Federal District Court, and Daniel Thew Wright, of the District of Columbia Supreme Court.

INJUNCTION DENIED.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE HOUGH, sitting in New York, recently refused a request of the Gill Engraving Company for an injunction against the Photo Engravers' Union, declaring that since law has recognized strikes, it is impossible to secure injunctions as a remedy for the injuries incident to such struggles.

The court's views are out of the ordinary, and the position of organized labor that injunctions should not apply where statutory law covers alleged violations, is sustained by Judge Hough, who objects to the position of the Gill Company, which holds that if the penal law has been violated, an

injunction should be issued. The court further said that the unionists had not combined with any intention of injuring the Gill Company, although that injury had occurred and might have been foreseen. The object of the "conspiracy" had been merely to increase the power of the union, so as to get more, easier, and better-paid work, and that, the judge remarked, was now considered laudable.

"As to the means employed," he went on, "everything lately done and alleged as ground for present action consists in threatening strikes. This is the exercise of a legal right. If the defendants have sought to attain a legal right by legal means, that a motive or part of a motive was hate of the Gill Company is immaterial."

The company charged that the Allied Printing Trades Council was involved in alleged conspiracy, but the court held there was no proof that printers, bookbinders and others had taken part. Judge Hough said it was important to study the motive of the union. "What motive," he asked, "incited defendants to injure the Gill Company? None, except that it hinders the expansion and aggrandizement of the union."

The decision is an important victory for the Photo Engravers, who have opposed the Gill Company as part of the war against the nonunion publishing house of Doubleday, Page & Co. The conduct of the interested unions was the subject for Federal grand jury investigation recently.

MINERS' OFFICERS ARE SUED.

BECAUSE of inflammatory and intimidating speeches, made by President White, Vice-President Frank Hayes, and a score of other United Mine Workers' officials, the strike in the Colorado coal fields resulted, is the allegation of coal operators, who have filed a suit for \$1,000,000 damages against these unionists. The mine owners state that only about one-half of the miners went on strike voluntarily, but the speeches referred to above "contained intimations and insinuations and statements that personal injury and abuse would come to those who failed to respond to said call of strike." The

coal operators complain of the manner in which the strikers' tent colonies were conducted. These places were maintained by the union to keep their striking members and families from starvation, but the court is assured that men were "restrained" in the tents—that they wanted to return to work, but by intimidating methods were fearful to exercise their right to work when, where and for whom they pleased. The suit is filed in the District Court of Las Animas County, Colorado, by the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company, and the complaint drawn up by their attorney is truly a lurid document when one recalls the methods employed by this concern and its allies during the past several months to destroy the United Mine Workers' union, and who now resort to legal entanglements. Attorney Hawkins, Denver counsel for the unionists, is quoted as saying that

the suit will give an opportunity to "show in court that Mr. Rockefeller's company and other companies who are allied with the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company constitute a gigantic trust, operating in violation of law, and engaged in oppressing the people in prices charged for coal." Unionists agree that the suit is an admission that the coal companies have failed to break the long-contested miners' strike and are now using other tactics. The suit was started under a State law passed several years ago for the purpose of "regulating monopoly," and which was never intended to apply to organizations of workers. Unionists say that the continued interpretations by Federal courts of the Sherman anti-trust law to include trade unions has made possible the belief by attorneys for the mine operators that the Colorado law can also be so construed.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Eight hundred and twenty-six new members were initiated into the Order during the month of April, 1914.

The Senate of the New Jersey Legislature has defeated the bill to create a commission to inquire into the industrial condition of the United States, which bill was defeated by a majority of one.

County Judge Addington, of Albany, N. Y., sustained the decision of the lower court in finding the New York Central Railroad guilty of violating the two-days'-rest-per-month law in that State. The railroad is contesting the case on the ground that the law is unconstitutional. The case now goes to the Court of Appeals.

The report of the Industrial Accident Commission of California shows that during the first three months of the present year 10,000 workmen in that State were injured or killed. Of these,

300 have been permanently disabled and more than 120 were killed, and approximately one-half of the latter have left one or more persons dependent upon them.

The Ohio State Supreme Court has upheld that part of the Workmen's Compensation Act which prohibits an employer from pleading the common-law defenses of "Fellow Servant" responsibility, "Contributory Negligence," or "Assumption of Risk," if he neglects to contribute to the compensation fund for injured employees. Under the Ohio law, a failure of employers to contribute to the fund debars them from using these defenses in a suit for damages.

Governor Glynn, of New York, has signed a bill creating an additional bureau in the Department of Labor, designed to secure employment for the unemployed in that State. Under the new law, the Commissioner of Labor is

given power to solicit employment for the unemployed by advertising in newspapers or in any other ways he may deem necessary. No fees or charges, direct or indirect, are to be made for the service.

One of the largest, if not the largest, verdicts ever given a workman in the United States was awarded by a jury in White Plains, N. Y., a few days ago to Oscar Fried, who had both arms burned off while in the employ of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railway, the verdict being for \$75,000. Fried, who is thirty years old, touched an electric wire last year and 11,000 volts of electricity passed through his body. He was comatose for eight days, and then both arms, which has been burned to a crisp, were amputated.

The report of the officials of Wisconsin on the Compensation Act of that State shows that payments of compensation to workers injured through industrial accidents in April was at the rate of over \$1,000,000 a year. The amount of compensation paid to employes was \$67,175.61. The expense for medical, hospital and surgical services, which is also paid by the employers, amounted to approximately \$33,587.80, making the total relief furnished to injured men \$100,762.41, or at the rate of \$1,209,148.92 per annum. The expense of the commission for administering the law during April was less than \$900.

The statement issued by the Bureau of Immigration for the month of March, 1914, shows that there were 131,643 aliens landed at the various ports of entry during the month; that there were 3,015 debarred from entrance, classified as follows: Idiots, 109; insane and epileptic, 52; loathsome or dangerous contagious diseases, 268; professional beggars, 3; paupers, 1; likely to become public charges, 1,384; mentally or physically defective, 639; contract laborers, 235;

accompanying aliens, 44; under sixteen years of age and unaccompanied by parent, 50; assisted aliens, 44; criminals, 97; anarchists, 1; prostitutes and procurers, 43; without passport, 7; under provisions of Chinese-exclusion act, 38. The report also shows that there were 387 aliens returned after landing.

The strike of the copper miners in Michigan has been declared off. In commenting on this action, the *Bulletin*, the official organ of the striking miners, says: "At the meetings held prior to taking a referendum of the proposition, the question was thoroughly discussed, and the men, realizing that all concessions asked at the time of calling the strike had been granted by the mining companies, with the exception of recognition of the union, felt as if this demand might be waived and that they could return to work with the feeling that the strike had been practically won. The companies' only demand is that all union men returning to work must surrender their union card, but whether the fires of unionism which finds a home in their breasts can be quenched by forcing them to renounce their organization remains to be seen."

Supreme Court Justice Tompkins, of New York, has decided that it is illegal to make a man work on Sunday. This law was passed last year and requires employers to give their employes one day of rest in seven. Justice Tompkins in his decision says: "The apparent purpose and effect of the statute is to require employers of labor in factory or mercantile establishments that are in operation on Sunday to give their employes some other full day in every seven for a rest. The penal law of the State prohibits all unnecessary work in trades, manufactures and mechanical employment upon the first day of the week. Hence, the statute must have been designed to apply only to men employed in enterprises that have a lawful right to carry on their operations on the first day of the week."

PERSONAL MENTION

The following births have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

To Bro. and Mrs. A. N. Best, a boy.
 To Bro. and Mrs. E. F. Bryan, a boy.
 To Bro. and Mrs. J. E. Lasaell, a boy.
 To Bro. and Mrs. J. W. Langley, a girl.
 To Bro. and Mrs. H. G. McDonald, a boy.
 To Bro. and Mrs. Alexander Waddell, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. F. B. Schlaf, of Avery, Iowa, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. O. Shreve, of Donovan, Ill., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. J. Pellow, of Ingersoll, Ont., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. J. Stinson, of Palm-dale, Cal., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. F. S. Liles, of Wood-bine, Ga., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. T. Fean, of Cam-den, N. J., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. T. B. Ipock, of Old Fort, N. C., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. E. H. Heintze, of Lents, Ore., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. D. D. Roberts, of High Springs, Fla., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. E. Hawley, of Ard-more, S. D., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. L. J. Agnew, of Bur-leigh, N. D., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. P. M. Coan, of Sheffield, Ill., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. F. A. Parent, of Cas-selman, Ont., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. W. Golden, of Franklin, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. B. E. Donley, of Temvik, N. D., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. Carl W. Golden, of Big Rock, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. A. MacDonald, of Gleichen, Alta., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. John J. Kuhn, of Tacoma, Wash., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. L. T. Stewart, of Knoxville, Iowa, a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. L. R. Winn, of Dewar, Okla., twins, girl and boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. B. M. Reece, of Dia-mond Springs, Cal., a boy.

To Bro. and Sister Frank A. L. Dawley, of Weston, Wash., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. J. Prohaska, of West Branch, Mich., a girl.

The following marriages have been re-ported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

Bro. J. B. Reed, of Div. 69, to Miss Ina Bell.

Bro. J. G. Godwin, of Div. 132, to Miss Pope.

Bro. H. D. Vance, of Div. 33, to Miss Shirley Hoop.

Bro. H. R. Thomas, of Div. 17, to Miss Mable Snyder.

Bro. A. L. Fitzgerald, of Div. 88, to Miss Lina Strickland.

Bro. H. L. Mattson, of Div. 54, to Miss Emma Shepard.

Bro. W. L. Norton, of Div. 54, to Miss Mary E. Roberts.

Bro. Edgar Mathers, of Div. 59, to Miss Marie Barry Both.

Bro. E. S. Leavitt, of Div. 53, to Miss Vivian P. Honeylake.

At LaVeta, Colo., Bro. A. Tucker, of Div. 49, to Miss Zella Springer.

At Pickayune, Miss., Bro. G. M. Donald, of Div. 69, to Miss Livings.

At Cassville, Mo., Bro. O. E. Hays, of Div. 32, to Miss Ina Thomas.

At Mer Rouge, La., Bro. R. Richards, of Div. 31, to Miss Nonie Daniel.

At Morristown, S. D., Bro. T. J. Kelly, of Div. 23, to Miss Rella Wagner.

At Lemars, Iowa, Bro. C. A. Culler, of Div. 54, to Miss Eleanor Laux.

At Bonita, La., Bro. E. J. Stutesman, of Div. 93, to Miss Louise Briley.

Bro. H. M. Edwards, of Div. 31, to Sister Dollie B. Richardson, of Div. 126.

At Manilla, Iowa, Bro. Earl L. Nunn, of Div. 23, to Miss Florence P. Doyle.

At Washington, D. C., Bro. D. A. Hopkins, of Div. 132, to Miss Carolyn A. Smith.

THE TELEGRAPHER extends congratulations to the happy couples.

The following deaths have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

Bro. J. M. Gravel, of Div. 7.

Bro. G. A. White, of Div. 35.

Bro. G. A. Young, of Div. 132.

Bro. Wm. F. Glaspy, of Div. 55.

Bro. E. A. Longfellow, of Div. 140.

Wife of Bro. Fred Pierce, of Div. 7.

Father of Bro. L. E. Mott, of Div. 8.

Bro. Fred T. McAninch, of Div. 138.

Father of Bro. A. J. Ralph, of Div. 7.



HARLEY A. WHIPPS,
Deceased Member Div. 33.



J. M. PECK,
Deceased Member Div. 33.

Mother of Bro. Ed. Chester, of Div. 1.

Mother of Bro. G. N. Shoup, of Div. 17.

Father of Bro. I. C. York, of Div. 130.

Father of Bro. Geo. P. Bennett, of Div. 9.

Father of Bro. C. V. Williams, of Div. 22.

Brother of Bro. Chas. B. Diehl, of Div. 23.

Mother of Bro. G. C. Sprague, of Div. 44.

Daughter of Bro. W. J. Early, of Div. 76.

Brother of Bro. E. E. Wooten, of Div. 59.

Mother of Bro. R. R. Hargitt, of Div. 130.

Brother of Bro. L. R. Martin, of Div. 138.

Sister of Bro. P. L. Wright, of Div. 159.

Father of Sister Irene M. Webb, of Div.

44.

Mother of Bro. John A. Devore, of Div. 118.

Brother of Bro. S. M. Richardson, of Div. 2.

At Omaha, Neb., Bro. L. G. Ging, of Div. 6.

At Jewett, Ohio, Bro. T. M. Kinnell, of Div. 36.

Wife and son of Bro. A. B. Wilson, of Div. 61.



F. T. McANINCH,
Deceased Member Div. 138.

Brother of Bro. A. C. Hendricks, of Div. 126.

At Salida, Colo., Bro. Chas. Wheelbarger, of Div. 49.

At Port Gibson, Miss., Bro. C. E. McNair, of Div. 93.

Bro. H. W. Bell, Past Chief Telegrapher of Div. 94.

At Reynoldsville, Pa., Bro. J. L. Crawley, of Div. 17.

Bro. A. D. Clink, of Div. 39, accidentally killed by train.

At White Cloud, Mich., wife of Bro. Wm. Ross, of Div. 39.

Wife and youngest child of Bro. S. F. Reed, of Div. 40.

At Paris, Ill., father of Bro. O. F. Murphy, of Div. 138.

Mother of Bros. E. E. and R. S. Doughty, both of Div. 118.

At Sherman, Ill., mother of Bro. J. A. Cooper, of Div. 2.

At St. Paul, Minn., sister of Bro. D. J. Galvin, of Div. 4.

At Aurora, Mo., wife of Bro. M. H. Jacobs, of Div. 32.

At Chelsea, Iowa, mother of Bro. F. L. Lapachek, of Div. 4.

At Bellefontaine, Ohio, father of Bro. W. A. Stover, of Div. 18.

Mother of Bro. A. E. Roberts, General Secretary and Treasurer Div. 49.

The bereaved relatives have the sympathy of all.

WANTED.

Present address of J. E. Humphrey. Write me care T. & N. O., Echo, Tex., via Orange. **E. D. STAKEMILLER**

Present address of F. B. Thompson. Last heard of at Bloomington, Ill., in 1909. Left C. & A. to join navy.

W. S. ROSE,
Sharonville, Ohio, care Big Four.

Present address of Operator C. C. Petery. Last heard of working on Y. & M. V. at Elizabeth, Miss. Caleb, if you see this, write me at once at 219 Mill st., Lockland, Ohio. **W. R. CALAWAY.**



W. J. SCRIMGER,
Deceased Member Div. 76.

Present address of Jerry J. Caddigan. Please communicate at once with Mrs. Fred T. McAninch, Amo, Ind. Important.

Present address of W. G. Rochester, operator. Last heard from in Deming, N. M.

T. T. ROCHESTER,
Norcross, Ga.

Present address of Webster Stephens. Write me at 427 King st., Alexandria, Va., or Box 179, Sabina, Ohio, and it will be forwarded.

C. W. CHANCE.

Present address of Robt. L. Mays. His father is dead and they want to settle estate. Write J. M. Armstrong, Duncan, Okla.

Present address of Wm. Dickinson. Last heard from working for the Western Union at Baltimore, Md., in 1908. If you see this, write your old friend, Peter Watson, North Franklin st., Holbrook, Mass.

Present addresses of Mrs. M. Shields and Miss Maggie Robinson. Last heard of working for the N. P. Ry., at Martin, Wash.

MR. A. ROBINSON,
Durban, Man., Can.

Present address of Eugene J. Schroff, telegrapher, about 50 years of age, heavy set, dark complexion, smooth face. Last heard of on A., T. & S. F. at Las Carrillos, N. M., August 12, 1911, leaving for some point in California. Wife very anxious to locate him. Notify Wayne S. Barner, Kane, Pa.

Will appreciate any information or address of Roy P. Conner. Last heard of working for Frisco Lines in Oklahoma as telegraph operator. Description: Twenty-one years of age, black hair, brown eyes, upper front tooth gold crowned. Will pay liberal reward for above information. Address P. L. Conner, Kennesaw, Ga.

Present address of Robt. E. Purcell; worked as operator at Cliffs, Wash., and as dispatcher at Portland, Ore., on Hill Lines in 1908. Went to Mexico, returned later with Western Pacific in California. Important news.

D. M. HAMILTON,
Care W. P. Ry., Terminal Office,
Oroville, Cal.

Present address of W. B. Benson, lineman. When last heard from in spring of 1913 was in Company Hospital at Temply, Tex. His signature needed to close deal for good sum of money in oil land.

G. B. HEARD,
Benson, La.

Present address of V. G. Burns, telegraph operator. Last heard of working at Y. & M. V. yard office, Memphis, Tenn., about May, 1907. "BO," if you see this, please write me.

J. W. BEGBIE,
Opr. C. & E. I. Ry., St. Anne, Ill.



G. H. GOODFELLOW,

Who has been missing from his home for some time. Send any communication regarding him to his father, S. H. Goodfellow, Brookings, S. D.

Present address of H. C. Robinson. Last worked at Dallas, Tex. Have important news for him. Any information in regard to his whereabouts will be appreciated.

R. L. HODGE,
1007 Taylor st., Ft. Worth, Tex.

Information concerning Operator Jas. A. Bates. Last worked at Mitchell, Minn., in September, 1913. Was around Duluth and St. Paul in October and November. Any information concerning his stay in Duluth

and St. Paul will be greatly appreciated by his brother, M. U. Bates, Metagama, Ont., C. P. Ry.

Any person knowing the whereabouts of Walter E. Henderson, formerly telegrapher on District No. 4, Eastern Division, C. P. R. R., will confer a favor by advising J. C. Rooney, Chairman of Eastern Lines, 244 Bronson ave., Ottawa, Ont.

Present address of E. M. Tucker, operator, who came from Salt Lake, Utah, to Kansas City with me about a year ago; also worked at Thistle Jct., Utah, with me. "EMT," please write me if you see this.

A. C. CONOVER,
Dawson, N. D.

Any information leading to the whereabouts of Geo. M. Heard will be appreciated by the undersigned. Description, about 40 years old, 5 feet 7 inches tall, sandy-colored hair, blue eyes, high forehead, prominent cheek bones, straight nose, complexion at normal is blonde, tending to be freckled. Last heard of as electrician in Co. 15, U. S. Coast Artillery at Warrington, Fla. Present occupation unknown, but is probably following the electrical trade. Last heard from in May, 1906. Address all information to either W. C. Heard or Z. T. Heard, at De Ridder, La.

LOST OR STOLEN.

Card No. 21091, Cert. 1984, Grand Div., for term ending June 30, 1914.

Card No. 18565, Cert. 1126, Div. 93, for term ending June 30, 1914.

Card No. 31741, Cert. 126, Div. 80, for term ending June 30, 1914.

Card No. 25894, Cert. 2271, Div. 93, for term ending June 30, 1914.

Card No. 28154, Cert. 402, Div. 132, for term ending June 30, 1914.

Card No. 33613, Cert. 3122, Div. 53, for term ending June 30, 1914.

Card No. 31610, Cert. 43, Div. 76, for term ending June 30, 1914.

Card No. 21106, Cert. 2321, Div. 130, for term ending June 30, 1914.

Card No. 1211, Cert. 1408, Div. 138, for term ending June 30, 1914.

Card No. 14619, Cert. 1414, Div. 93, for term ending June 30, 1914.

Card No. 14407, Cert. 1092, Div. 93, for term ending June 30, 1914.

Card No. 12690, Cert. 160, Div. 140, for term ending June 30, 1914.

Card No. 12911, Cert. 509, Div. 140, for term ending June 30, 1914.

Card No. 4696, Cert. 4526, Grand Div., for term ending June 30, 1914.

Card No. 37849, Cert. 1959, Div. 97, for term ending June 30, 1914.

Card No. 21453, Cert. 675, Div. 49, for term ending June 30, 1914.

Card No. 12170, Cert. 51, Div. 29, for term ending June 30, 1914.

Card No. 11678, Cert. 2991, Div. 33, for term ending June 30, 1914.

Card No. 15064, Cert. 1107, Div. 7, for term ending June 30, 1914.

Card No. 24676, Cert. 663, Div. 17, for term ending June 30, 1914.

Card No. 12122, Cert. 2382, Div. 7, for term ending June 30, 1914.

Card No. 11304, Cert. 1658, Div. 8, for term ending June 30, 1914.

Card No. 21285, Cert. 2896, Div. 31, for term ending June 30, 1914.

Card No. 15991, Cert. 1324, Div. 76, for term ending June 30, 1914.

Card No. 39016, Cert. 3734, Grand Div., for term ending June 30, 1914.

Card No. 33441, Cert. 2742, Div. 2, for term ending June 30, 1914.

Card No. 1895, Cert. 650, Div. 132, for term ending June 30, 1914.

Card No. 22974, Cert. 95, Div. 105, for term ending June 30, 1914.

Card No. 20755, Cert. 2458, Div. 126, for term ending June 30, 1914.

Card No. 24105, Cert. 4561, Grand Div., for term ending June 30, 1914.

Card No. 21386, Cert. 358, Div. 2, for term ending June 30, 1914.

Card No. 8819, Cert. 103, Div. 5, for term ending June 30, 1914.

LADIES AUXILIARY

ORGANIZATION NECESSARY.

By MRS. E. L. MATHIS, President.

ORGANIZED labor is necessary to man, it is necessary to peace and the prosperity of the country. Labor is a merchandise that will not keep. In its individual capacity it is helpless and must take what it can get. It can not go to another market, for when it leaves home the wife and children are in need. Individual labor is subject to the laws of supply and demand, because labor can not wait. In its united capacity it is strong—not strong in wrong, because labor has no desire to do wrong to capital or to conditions. It has too much brains.

There are two classes of organized labor—one who thinks the organization is under obligation to him and who measures his fealty only by what he can get out of the union in the way of benefits and who cares nothing for the organization further than this; the other is the one who knows that organized labor has done more for him than he can ever do for the union, and who realizes that by strict loyalty to the cause is the surest way to betterment. It is not the former class that make for advancement, and any organization is weak just in proportion as they go to make up the membership.

Although organized labor is necessary to man, it can not confine its advantages to its own members. Perhaps it would be much better if it could, for if this was the case the most bitter opponents outside of the organization would be the strongest members within them. It is very common to hear the non damn the union, but you never, no never, hear one

of them damn the union pay day, the union short work day or other union advantages. They accept all of them and fall back on their "independence" of union control to ease a guilty conscience. They know, and so do we all know, that whatever the union gets for its members will also be given to all others employed in the same line of work.

On account of sickness last month, I did not write anything for the journal. I have not been well for the past six weeks, and at this time am far from well, but am in hopes that I will soon be myself again. I am receiving quite a good deal of encouragement from many of the O. R. T. brothers, among many of them the following from Bro. C. A. Mulhall, general chairman Division No. 93: "Since the meeting at Jackson last week I have been talking to the members attending our meetings about the work of the Ladies' Auxiliary and urging them to help the cause along by having their wives and sisters join, and I assure you that I am anxious to see a good live membership here on the Illinois Central by our next convention, and I will do all I can to help the cause along."

ORGANIZED LABOR AND THE HOME.

Organized labor is one of the greatest single factors for good in the home of the workingman that we have. It is largely responsible for free schools and free textbooks. It has fought for child-labor and compulsory education laws that will take the children out of factories and mines and stores and other kinds of work, and send them to these schools. It has raised the wages of the

man so that they are sufficient to support the family while the children take advantage of these schools.

It has shortened the working day so that a man has time and inclination for proper recreation and reading; time and inclination to get out and rub elbows with other people. With the broadening effect of such an experience, it has thereby automatically made a better citizen of him.

Organized labor is responsible for workmen's-compensation laws that are now in effect in some States, for the minimum-wage laws, for laws regulating the hours of work for women and children, and many others directly affecting us. It is fighting for old-age pensions, for widows' pensions and other reforms of like nature. It is fighting to abolish the sweatshop, with its attendant evils; low wages, the spread of loathsome diseases, undernourished children, who, if they grow up at all, grow up in ignorance, stunted in both mind and body, and a menace to future generations. Organized labor is doing so great a work that my space and vocabulary are not sufficient to do it justice.

Many women are prone to think that, because they do not sell their labor in the market place for money, this trades-union movement is not for them to take part in—that they are not it in or of it. Nevertheless, we are a part of it, as whatever benefits the wage earner benefits those supported by that wage. As beneficiaries of it, it is our duty to pay this debt by giving our individual support to our organization, the purpose of which is to encourage and assist in this work.

DITA MAY WEST.

Local No. 16.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to call to his heavenly home the infant son of Bro. and Sister Mrs. A. Filby; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the members of Local 16, Ladies' Auxiliary to the Order of Railroad

Telegraphers, extend to Bro. and Sister Filby our heartfelt sympathy.

Mrs. J. E. SHIELDS,
Chairman,

Mrs. ADELAIDE DECKER,

Mrs. JENNIE L. MARTIN,
Committee.

Southern Pacific, Local No. 18.

Upon the resignation of Sister Mulvihill as General Chairman of Local No. 18 I was appointed to take her place.

I am unable to say just how much I am pleased to have this honor bestowed upon me. I feel that there might have been other sisters in No. 18 that have had more experience than I, but I take this means of informing you, my sisters, that I will do all in my power to bring about thorough organization in the Ladies' Auxiliary. We all know it will be a great help to the O. R. T., inasmuch as it will bring the brother and sister in closer touch with one another and thereby mean better understanding socially and mentally if not financially. Unionism means better conditions and an Auxiliary to any union can't help but mean to help better the conditions.

Let's see every brother on the great and good Southern Pacific System Division. No. 53. O. R. T., bring his wife into the Ladies' Auxiliary and let's make the Southern Pacific System not only the best O. R. T. road in the country, but also the greatest Auxiliary road. Put your shoulder to the wheel, everybody.

My husband is local chairman on the San Joaquin Division, and is boosting the Auxiliary at all the O. R. T. meetings and already quite a few have joined.

On Easter Sunday there was a big joint O. R. T. and Ladies' Auxiliary meeting held at Mojave, Calif., and Bro. J. O'Neill was master of ceremonies, and as he is of the jolly Irish and full of jokes as well as real unionism, it was one of the largest meetings ever held on the San Joaquin Division of the S. P.

Again urging thorough organization of the Ladies' Auxiliary and with best

wishes to all, I am respectfully and fraternally,

Mrs. W. E. BLUME,
General Chairman L. A. Local 18,
Cameron, Calif.

W. J. & S. Div., Local No. 21.

March meeting held at Sister Thompson's house at Camden on Wednesday, March 18, 1914. The weather being rainy the attendance was not what it would have been had we had nice weather.

We have hopes of adding several new members soon. If only every O. R. T. member would take this matter up with his wife and explain what the L. A. is and ask her to join he would help us much and we would appreciate it very much.

We were pleased to have Sister Austin, of the Trenton Division, with us at this meeting. We hope that Sister Austin will receive the help of our brother O. R. T. members on the Trenton Division to get in their wives and hold meetings and get acquainted.

The M. B. D. of the L. A. seems to be an established fact and every member should become a member of the M. B. D. \$150 costs \$1.60 per year, payable semi-annually and \$300 costs \$3.20 per year. When you join you will fill out the application and enclose with it 50 cents for initiation and 80 cents for \$150 series and if \$300 series 50 cents initiation and \$1.60, which pays for the term in which you become a member. They do not make any allowance for the month as they do in the O. R. T.

Sister Maurer has been indisposed for a few days and we are glad to hear that she is better.

We have heard some rumors that our brothers are going to invite us to an acquaintance meeting to be held some time in May. Let us all resolve to be present. Every wife of member or non will be welcomed to this meeting and we hope they will all come out and get acquainted with us.

CORRESPONDENT.

Local No. 23.

It has been said that interest is somewhat lacking in Local 23, and from the outside it might appear so, but I am inclined to think not. We have held no meetings during the past winter months due to the disagreeable weather, but we hope to be in position to get together soon again with the prospects of coming good weather. We have taken in no new members of late for the reason that there are but few eligibles left on the line, however, there are a few who hope to submit applications in the near future.

Sister Daley, at Divide, has been on the sick list for some time past, and on this account our winter meeting at Divide was postponed.

I would ask all members to co-operate with your local chairman, who will be glad to give you the names of those ladies who should be with us. Let us endeavor to secure what few eligibles we have and I will be glad to receive notes for the journal, that we may be represented each month in the future.

Mrs. EMMA L. ROSE,
Gen'l Sec. & Treas.

Northern Pacific Ry., Local No. 24.

Our membership is steadily increasing, and there is a quiet determination on the part of all members to make Local 24 one of the best, both in numbers and activity, before the close of the current year. We are receiving many words of encouragement from brothers of Division 54, and especially wish to thank the division correspondents of the Montana and Dakota Divisions for the favorable mention given our cause in their respective write-ups in the April Journal. Words of encouragement are easily given, and no one can estimate the good that results from them.

We of the Auxiliary have our part in this great movement for the emancipation of labor, and if we can but attain the numbers to make us a working force to be reckoned with, the good results will far exceed our most sanguine expectations. In the great majority of telegraphers' homes, the wife or mother or sister purchases the greater

part of the supplies, and what better or more noble work can we find to do than to educate these wives, mothers and sisters to expend none of the money secured through the efforts of the O. R. T., unless the articles purchased bear the union label, the only guarantee that they were fairly made and worthy to enter the home of a union man. Let us not forget this important matter, sisters, insist upon having goods with the union label and refuse to purchase those which do not bear it.

Sister E. P. Wilcoxon, local chairman of the Idaho Division, with her two daughters, Frances and Margaret, made us a very pleasant visit the latter part of April. Sister Wilcoxon is an earnest and energetic worker for the Auxiliary and will keep the Idaho Division in the front rank from a membership standpoint.

Sister Jaynes continues her good work on the Dakota Division.

Sister Daisy M. Sherwood has accepted the appointment of local chairman of the Tacoma Division, and will achieve good results there, as she is an earnest and enthusiastic worker for the L. A.

Sister G. F. Beseke, of Athol, and daughter Iva, visited with relatives and friends in Rathdrum and Spokane, a few days early in May.

MRS. B. E. NASON,
General Chairman.

Pere Marquette Ry., Local No. 25.

On account of Sister Morford, our general chairman, having withdrawn from the Auxiliary on account of Bro. Morford engaging in business for himself, I take this means of notifying the members of this local that Sister Florence E. Watson, 404 Columbia avenue, Holland, Mich., has been appointed general chairman of this local and I wish to further announce the appointment of Sister Ida M. Wagar, 855 Turner avenue, Grand Rapids, Mich., as local chairman of Chicago district.

All members of this local should earnestly place their shoulders to the wheel and help boost the Auxiliary by securing new applicants or speak to prospective members and drop either of above-men-

tioned sisters a few lines as to who they might communicate with.

There are some few who have as yet not remitted their dues for the current term and it is hoped that they will send their remittance to me at an early date, and not keep putting this matter off, as I feel certain it has merely been an oversight on their part.

I would also be pleased to have anyone desiring to become a member of this local to communicate with either of the above mentioned or myself, and it is hoped that the wives and mothers of telegraphers in good standing on other divisions of P. M. Ry. will do their part and will send their application to us.

I also wish to announce that a beautiful emblem pin will be awarded to all members securing ten or more applicants this year. Membership fees for the remaining months are as follows: April, 80 cents; May, 70 cents; June, 60 cents, for term expiring June 30th; July, \$1.10; August, \$1.00; September, 90 cents; October, 80 cents; November, 70 cents, and December 60 cents for term December 31, 1914.

Semi-annual dues being payable the same as dues in the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, dues being 60 cents per term.

The Mutual Benefit Department, which was established at the Baltimore convention, is rapidly growing and anyone desiring information or application blanks to this department can secure same from Sister Florence P. Pierce, whose address can be found in Auxiliary Directory of this or other issues of **THE TELEGRAPHER**.

It would be very gratifying to see more members attending our meetings, which are held at Benton Harbor, on the second Saturday of each month, as no doubt in this way we can further the interests of our local, and I urge that each member put forth special effort in this regard.

Thanking you all for your hearty cooperation.

ELLEN JACOB,
Grand Secretary and Treasurer.
977 Cherry St., Grand Rapids, Mich.



NOTICE.

There will be published in this department the names of firms in the United States and Canada who handle union label goods.

PHOTO-ENGRAVERS.

Continued.

Brown Engraving Co., 109 New Montgomery st., San Francisco, Cal.

California Engraving Co., 121 Second st., San Francisco, Cal.

Commercial Art Co., 53 Third st., San Francisco, Cal.

Commercial Photo-Engraving Co., San Francisco, Cal.

Congdon Engraving Co., San Francisco, Cal.

Franklin Engraving Co., 118 Columbus ave., San Francisco, Cal.

San Francisco Photo-Engraving Co., 215 Leidesdorff st., San Francisco, Cal.

Sierra Art and Engraving Co., 343 Front st., San Francisco, Cal.

Sunset Publishing House, 460 Fourth st., San Francisco, Cal.

Western Process Co., 76 Second st., San Francisco, Cal.

San Jose Engraving Co., 32 Lightston st., San Jose, Cal.

Art Engraving Co., Times Building, Seattle, Wash.

Bernhard Engraving Co., 1915 First ave., Seattle, Wash.

Electric Engraving Co., Room 226 Post-Intelligencer Building, Seattle, Wash.

Marring & Blake, Armour Building, Seattle, Wash.

Post-Intelligencer, Fourth ave. and Union st., Seattle, Wash.

Seattle Engraving Co., Western and Madison sts., Seattle, Wash.

Star Engraving Co., 1309 Seventh ave., Seattle, Wash.

Western Engraving Co., 915 East James st., Seattle, Wash.

Commercial Engraving Co., 101 Eighth st., Sheboygan, Wis.

Capitol Engraving Co., Springfield, Ill.

Mason Studio, 257 Main st., Springfield, Mass.

Springfield Photo-Engraving Co., 3 Post Office Square, Springfield, Mass.

McDermid Engraving Co., 722 Riverside ave., Spokane, Wash.

Spokane-American Engraving Co., 909½ Sprague ave., Spokane, Wash.

Artcraft Engraving Co., Western Union Building, St. Joseph, Mo.

Bierman Engraving Co., Third and Edmund sts., St. Joseph, Mo.

Stockton Photo-Engraving Co., 327 Weber ave., Stockton, Cal.

Barnes-Crosby Engraving Co., Eleventh and Locust sts., St. Louis, Mo.

Central Engraving Co., Fourth and Olive sts., St. Louis, Mo.

Gray-Adams Engraving Co., 1324 Washington ave., St. Louis, Mo.

Mound City Engraving Co., 102 North Third st., St. Louis, Mo.

Premier Engraving Co., 513 Walnut st., St. Louis, Mo.

Rapid Engraving Co., 1627 Washington ave., St. Louis, Mo.

Reliance Engraving Co., 716-718 Lucas ave., St. Louis, Mo.

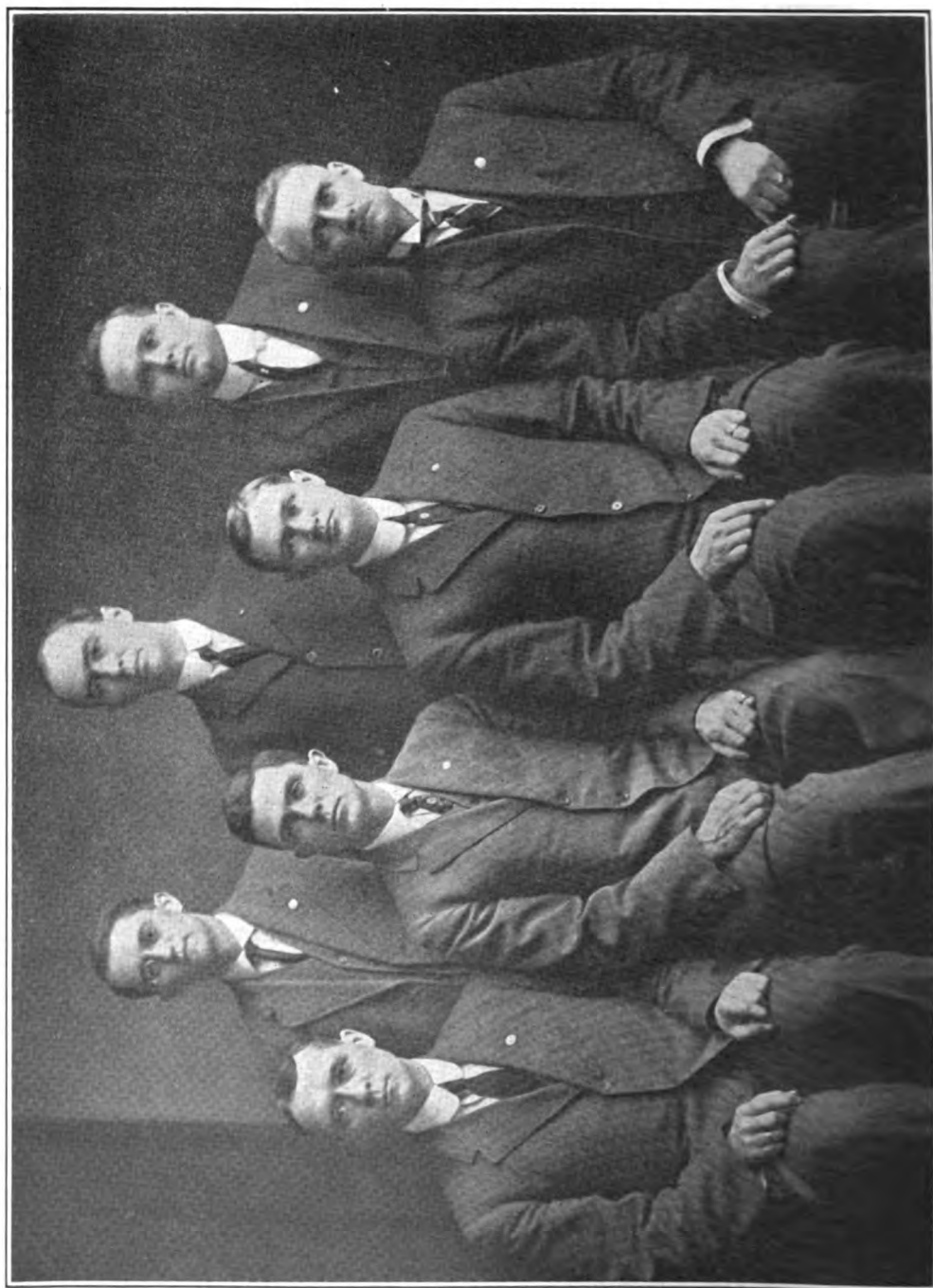
Sanders Engraving Co., 221-223 Olive st., St. Louis, Mo.

Sanders & Melsheimer, 217 North Third st., St. Louis, Mo.

St. Louis Engraving Co., 325 Locust st., St. Louis, Mo.

Woodward & Tiernan Printing Co., 309-325 North Third st., St. Louis, Mo.

Wythe Engraving Co., 325 Locust st., St. Louis, Mo.



E. E. SMITH, D. E. ROYCE, E. D. GRAHAM, Genl. Sec. and Treas., J. T. BEALES, G. E. KIPP, General Chairman.
 G. R. SMITH, J. W. WALKER.
 THE GENERAL COMMITTEE, LAKE SHORE & MICHIGAN SOUTHERN RY.

MISCELLANY

HER DECORATION DAY.

IT was Decoration Day, and Miss Elizabeth Downes found herself in London—far away from her home and the graves of her forefathers.

Now, Bessie Downes had observed Decoration Day ever since she was a little toddler in the Boston suburb which gave her birth. Little wonder was it that she should have done so; for not only had her father fought gallantly for the Federal cause in the war, but no less than four of her uncles, and whole dozens of cousins to boot, were among those whose names are enshrined as defenders of the Union.

Consequently no one need feel surprised at learning that Bessie felt a pang of homesickness when she awoke in unsympathetic London on this particular Decoration Day. Outside in the prim Bloomsbury street, where she was staying with her friends—the Malcolms—she heard none of the noise and bustle which would assuredly have greeted her in Roxbury, Mass. Her engagement tablets bore no records of coming visits to cemetery or mausoleum, where warrior-dead repose. The simpering maid who brought up her coffee had probably never even heard of Decoration Day!

"It's a shame," said Bessie, stirring the coffee viciously: "General Downes' only daughter unable to lay even a single flower on some soldier's grave—and this Decoration Day! And, surely, there must be lots of Union soldiers buried in the London cemeteries."

This last reflection inspired her. She pulled the bell-rope sturdily, recalling the simpering domestic.

"I want a cablegram sent instantly to my father—Gen. Downes," she said. The servant did not even look surprised. Already this quiet Bloomsbury household was grow-

ing used to the whims of Bessie Downes, millionaire's heiress and spoiled child of fortune. Within fifteen minutes the message was on its way to the nearest office where cablegrams are received, and in five minutes more a puzzled clerk was spelling out these words:

"Gen. John Downes, Roxbury, Mass., U. S. A.:

"Are any of my soldier cousins buried in London? Bessie."

Whatever Gen. Downes may have thought regarding this very expensive method of seeking information, he answered promptly enough. Before noon Bessie received the reply:

"Cousin Randolph Carroll, Kensal Green."

The patriotic Miss Downes was delighted. "How good of the dear old pater!" she cried, to amused Mrs. Malcolm, over their early lunch—(early, because of the trip to Kensal Green cemetery, determined on the moment the cablegram arrived). "And, oh, how delightful to find one of my own kin buried here—one, who in addition to his kinship, was a loyal soldier of the Union."

After lunch, the Malcolm's carriage took them to a florist's, where Bessie purchased wreaths and immortelles for the grave of her warrior relative. Then it was ho! for Kensal Green—that quiet Old World "God's Acre," so different from all the American burial places with which Bessie was acquainted. There was some difficulty at first in finding the grave of Randolph Carroll, but Bessie's pretty face smoothed matters wonderfully, and the location was soon determined. Mrs. Malcolm, being tired, remained in the sexton's lodge, while that dignified old person escorted Bessie and her wreaths to the tomb. Randolph Carroll's grave was surmounted by a very

plain piece of black marble, upon which was the inscription:

"Here lies the body of Capt. Randolph Lee Carroll, soldier and gentleman, a credit to his native country, the United States of America."

A great wave of enthusiasm surged through the impressionable being of this little New England maid, as one by one she took her commemorative flowers from the sexton and laid them around the tomb. Then she laid her gloveless hand caressingly upon the exiled soldier's name—looking as though she would have liked to kiss it—and silently turned away. The tactful sexton said naught; and the two passed slowly down the path. Suddenly, however, Bessie remembered that the best of all her memorials, the little "Stars and Stripes," brought all the way from New York, still remained in her hand. Bidding the sexton wait for her, she quickly retraced her steps to Capt. Carroll's grave.

But another person had reached the flower-bedecked marble before her, and now stood regarding the wealth of decorations with evident astonishment. This was a young man good enough to look upon, and possessed of that attractive liteness which told Bessie instantly that she was not looking at a Briton, but at one of her own countrymen. He, too, carried a wreath; but it was, though a charming wreath, a very simple and unpretentious one.

"Dear me!" said Bessie, regretfully, startling the young man, who had not heard her coming. "Dear me! I'm afraid that I haven't left you an inch of space for your flowers."

He looked at her curiously for a moment.

"It was you, then, that decorated the grave?" he said.

"Yes; it was I," answered Bessie, quickly. "You see I found myself so far away from America; and then it was Decoration Day."

"Decoration Day?" repeated the young man, inquiringly.

"Yes—Decoration Day. Is it possible you don't know what that is? And you're an American!"

"Yes; I am certainly an American. But I have lived for years in London, and my memory has been blunted. Now I remem-

ber that Decoration Day is a sort of memorial festival for dead Northern soldiers."

"Of course. And so, you see, I drove out here to lay a few flowers on the tomb of this gallant fellow."

A grim smile rested for a moment on the young man's face.

"I fancy that you have made a mistake," he said. "The man buried here was not a Federal soldier. Capt. Randolph Carroll fought for the South."

Bessie gasped. Had she been showering her immortelles upon the grave of a Confederate—one of those "Johnny Rebs" whom her training and associations had taught her to abhor? And this on Decoration Day—the special day devoted to honoring the North and its patriotic dead!

"Surely!" she cried, "that can not be so. * * * Why, I have my father's telegram. This man—this Capt. Carroll, is our cousin. He could not have been a rebel."

"Your cousin!" exclaimed the young man. "Well, he may have been your cousin; but I can assure you that he was my father."

Once more was Bessie staggered. Mechanically she opened her purse and found the crumpled cablegram from her father. Mechanically she compared the name there mentioned with that on the tomb. They were identical, save that the cablegram had omitted the captain's middle name.

At last she spoke.

"No; clearly there is no mistake. My father must have misunderstood me, or else he was anxious to play a trick. He was always fond of practical jokes, but I think he has gone too far in this case! The idea of my scattering flowers on the hated grave of a—of a—"

The young man held up a deprecating hand.

"Please," he said. "Please do not call him ill names. He was my father, you know."

Impulsive Bessie was conquered in a moment.

"I beg your pardon. I really do!" she exclaimed. "It was outrageous of me to speak so. Of course, I was always brought up to hate the Confederates."

"And yet," remarked Mr. Carroll, "there were many brave patriots and gallant gen-

men among those Confederates. After all, you see, to the average Southerner the Confederate cause appealed quite as strongly as did that of the Union to your friends in the North." This was all said very quietly. Indeed, Mr. Carroll appeared to be a decidedly quiet, but none the less decided individual.

"Yes," asserted Bessie, anxious to make amends, "I suppose that is true. I never looked at it in that light before. And, now allow me to clear a space, so that you can lay your wreath on the marble."

She did not offer to take away her own flowers, but deftly made room for the wreath of the captain's son. When he had reverently placed it under his father's name, he said: "I come here with a wreath whenever I happen to be in London. My name is Alan Carroll, and you, since you are our cousin, belong, probably, to my mother's people. Her name was Elizabeth Downes."

Bessie's blue eyes opened widely. "Why, that is my name," she said. "You must be quite a near relation."

Just then the worthy sexton of Kensal Green came stumping down the path, bent on discovering what had happened to delay Bessie. Behind him came the anxious chaperon, Mrs. Malcolm, who started guiltily on perceiving her charge in close conversation with a stranger of the opposite sex.

"My dear Bessie—" she began, severely; but Bessie interrupted her in her usual quick fashion.

"Oh, Mrs. Malcolm, what do you think? I've found a cousin—a real, simon-pure cousin. Let me present Mr. Alan Carroll. His father and mine were on opposite sides during the Civil War, but they were both brave soldiers, as Mr. Carroll has pointed out to me, so that I think the feud ought to be buried."

Mrs. Malcolm, I fear, looked a trifle suspicious at first over this very extraordinary meeting of cousins in a cemetery. As for the sexton of Kensal Green, when he retired to his lodge after seeing the party out (the newly-found relative had been asked to lunch), he varied the monotony of counting an unusually fat fee by winking ex-

pressively and muttering: "Cousins! Ho, yes! Hof course! cousins!"

As for Gen. Downes in far-off Roxbury, when his daughter wrote him an account of her singular adventure he replied:

"You acted quite rightly, my dear. If Alan Carroll takes after his father, he must be a sterling fine fellow, and if there is an occasion upon which the differences of North and South ought to be laid aside it is on Decoration Day."

And there are sly hints regarding "A Coming Reunion of Blue and Gray," in the Boston newspapers.—GERALD BRENAN, in *Chicago Record*.

THE WEST MONTGOMERY PAY ROLL.

"WILLIAMS," said the agent, "you'll have to take Green's run tonight, so you had better go home now and get some sleep." Fred Williams turned from the statement he was writing up, with an inquiry in his eyes. McLaughlin saw the unspoken question, and in reply said: "Green just sent over word that he is sick and can not take his run out tonight, so you will have to do it, as I haven't a man I can spare, except you, who can handle it."

"All right, sir," said Fred, rising from his desk, and putting on his coat and hat he immediately left the office.

"I hope something shows up before long so I can place that man where he belongs," said the route agent, who was standing near and had heard the conversation between the agent and his clerk.

"Well, for his sake, so do I," returned McLaughlin, "but he's a mighty good man for me, and I'll keep him as long as I can."

Little did either of the three men dream of what would happen in the next twenty-four hours.

At 6:45 p. m. Fred Williams registered out of Melrose Junction, checked over his "reds," signed for them, put them into his safe, and was loaded into the wagon waiting to take him to the station. There he climbed into his car and was ready for business at 7:45 when his train pulled out of the station on what was to be a most eventful ride.

Between Melrose Junction and West Montroy it was down grade with many a

sharp, dangerous curve. There were dense forests on the one side, while on the other the mountains would tower upward in their barren grandeur.

It was a beautiful moonlight evening in the early spring. Fred went to the door, and opening it stood looking out across the woodland valleys.

He had a strange feeling that seemed to keep whispering to him that all was not right; but as he closed the door and began looking around, he could find nothing but what was as it should be. Sitting down at his safe he opened it and began booking his reds. He checked them over again. They were O. K. There was one package of \$10,000 for the payroll at the mines near West Montgomery, and Williams had been cautioned by the money clerk to see that the agent received this and not the clerk. This money package went over every other Thursday from the Melrose Bank on the afternoon train, but today it had missed that train. A couple of telephone calls and a telegram had resulted in its being sent over on the evening train, the paymaster from the mines agreeing to meet the train and relieve the agent of the money, as he wished to get his payroll out early the next morning as usual.

At last the train drew into West Montgomery, and as Fred slid the door open he was not a little surprised to see, standing in the dim light, McLaughlin, the agent at Melrose Junction.

"Hello," called Fred, "how the deuce did you get here, and where is Brown?"

"Brown is sick, and Riggs wanted me to come over and look after things tonight till he can get a man here. Didn't Wilson tell you, when you signed up?"

"No," said Fred, as he reached his book down for the signature, and then handed McLaughlin the package and the waybill. The freight was then put on the truck. Fred yelled, "All right ahead." The baggageman pulled the cord, and away they sped again down among the hills and woods toward Whitefield.

Arriving there, the telegraph operator rushed out, waving a yellow sheet at Fred. He took it and read: "Short money pack-

age for mines. Answer. Signed McLaughlin."

Snatching up a piece of paper, Fred wrote: "Delivered to you. Hold your signature. Williams."

There was no more time to spare. He put out his freight and took what there was for him, and on they flew. They were now in the level open country, and the engineer was pulling the throttle out notch by notch.

Suddenly there was a crash, followed instantly by the screams of the passengers as the train plunged into the ditch. A broken journal on the mail car, which was next to the engine, was the cause (so the papers stated the next day).

Among the wounded was Fred Williams, with a broken arm and leg and a cut in the head which caused the doctor to shake his head doubtfully when he examined it. "He may pull through, but I doubt it," he said, as he bandaged him up and set the broken bones. Fred had not yet regained consciousness, and it was more than an hour before he did, and then the light of reason had left his eyes. He moaned about a package that was missing, which some one had signed for. He was taken back to Melrose Junction, together with all the others who could be moved, the next morning, and placed in the hospital.

Now, to go back to Melrose Junction, and see what has been transpiring there. After McLaughlin had given Williams his orders, he and Route Agent Riggs went out to attend the settlement of a heavy claim, and it was late in the afternoon when they returned. As they entered the office the telephone rang, and Wilson, the money clerk, called McLaughlin, saying at the same time, "The payroll for the mines missed No. 27, and they are after you on the 'phone."

McLaughlin answered the call. It was the bank cashier, and he wanted to know if they could not send the payroll on the evening train, as there was a messenger, and the mines paymaster would meet the train and take it off the agent's hands at West Montgomery. It was important to get the payroll out the next morning, and it could not be done unless they received the money that night. They had been having trouble with the miners and now were

afraid of more if they asked them to wait for their pay. McLaughlin hesitated, and then told the cashier he would come over and see him, which he did, and the result was that he agreed to send it on No. 49 with Williams. These arrangements had just been completed when the agent at West Montgomery called up by 'phone and said "the mines people were red hot," and asked if the package they wanted would be down on No. 49. He was told that it would, and to look out for it. Next came a telegram from the paymaster at the mines saying to send package sure on evening train.

"I guess they want that money, all right," said McLaughlin as he hurriedly answered. "O. K., going on train 49, McLaughlin." He then busied himself with other matters until supper time.

At West Montgomery something was doing all that afternoon. After the paymaster had gone to the mines and things promised to be quiet for a while, Brown was surprised to see McLaughlin and a stranger drive up in an auto. McLaughlin got out and came in, while the stranger drove away rapidly.

"Hello, Brown," said McLaughlin as he came in. "Hello, Mack," replied Brown. "What's the matter with you? If I didn't see that it was you, I'd never recognize that voice as belonging to you."

The other laughed, but said nothing.

"I've some good news for you," he said at last as he took a seat and looked around the office.

"That so, what is it?" asked Brown, also seating himself.

"Riggs sent me over to take your place until tomorrow night. He wants you to go over to Milton with him on the first train in the morning, so you'll have to go up on No. 48 this afternoon. He wants you to take that office as near as I can find out. Perhaps this will explain. He came in too late for me to get No. 27, so I came down by auto, and awful roads we found, too."

Brown opened the letter McLaughlin handed him. It was a typewritten letter, signed by Riggs, ordering him to come to Melrose Junction on train No. 48, leaving McLaughlin in his place, and stating that

Brown's clerk could take charge of things, but that McLaughlin would be there to sign up for reds and help out with advice, if needed.

This seemed a queer proceeding, and Brown looked hard at McLaughlin, who twisted a little in his chair, and then rising went over to the window and looked out. Brown was nobody's fool, and things didn't look just right. However, he got ready, and after informing Brooks, his clerk, of what had transpired, he called him to one side and wrote something on a sheet of paper, which he burned after Brooks read it, while McLaughlin stood at the other end of the room looking out through the window at the approaching train—No. 48. Brown wrote: "Watch, wait, be ready." Brooks simply nodded.

The train pulled up at the station, and Brown climbed into the express car. As the train started he walked back to the rear car, and meeting the conductor on the way told him he wanted to jump off at the crossing. This crossing was near the switch to the siding, where No. 49 was waiting for No. 48 to pass. The conductor, who was an old friend, nodded; and when the crossing was reached, Brown dropped off easily. Then, as No. 49 came over the switch, he boarded the engine and rode back to the station. Getting off on the opposite side of the engine, he ran around the head end, stood unseen watching McLaughlin, while the latter signed for the package of currency and shoved it into his pocket instead of into the safe on the truck. Brooks was busy throwing in the freight and had not noticed what McLaughlin did. The safe was banged shut, and the money and way-bills were apparently all O. K. Brown kept out of sight and saw McLaughlin go into the telegraph office and send a message after the train had started. He and Brooks then checked up and McLaughlin went over to the hotel to get supper apparently. Brooks closed up and started home. On the corner he met Mullegan, the paymaster. They turned and went back to the office. Soon, however, they came out again and hurried to the hotel. They soon returned to the office, and as they did so the operator came out with a message, which he

handed to Brooks, who read it and handed it to Mullegan.

Brown now came out from the shadows, and approaching the two asked what was up. Brooks turned quickly and seized him by the arm. "McLaughlin is trying to pinch the payroll," he said, excitedly.

They all started toward the hotel, and were nearly there when the purr of an auto came to their ears, and around the corner it came driven by the stranger, while beside him sat McLaughlin, who waved his hand and smiled as they whirled by the astonished three. Mullegan drew a revolver and sent a shot after them. This drew a crowd to the street almost instantly. In less time than it takes to tell it, Brown, Brooks and Mullegan were in another auto and speeding after the fugitives, who were nearly out of sight on the long steep road up over the mountains. Both were good cars, but the one ahead had the advantage of at least five minutes' start, and for a long time there seemed to be a question of the pursuers gaining any on the pursued. The latter made the crest of the mountain and started down the other side. They were well on their way down when the second car arrived at the top and began the chase downward.

Mullegan was at the wheel, and his hand was as steady as though he was winding his watch; his eye was glued to the flying car ahead. When the first car was about half way down something happened. There was a report like that of a rifle; the rear wheels skidded around, and the two run-aways with their machine were piled in a heap by the roadside. A minute later Mullegan stopped his machine, and he and his companions stepped to the ground by the side of the wrecked machine.

It was several minutes before they were able to drag the two mangled forms from under the wrecked car, and when they did, one had gone on a longer journey into a land from whence he would never return, while the other, McLaughlin, was so badly mangled that he would soon follow his companion.

The injured man opened his eyes and said: "I want to make what amends I can; I know there is but little time. The money

is in my grip. I am Fred Kelly. I was discharged from the Junction office last week. I disguised myself as 'Mack' and tried to get away with the payroll; I bribed Holly to take me in his car; I—" His eyes closed and a convulsive shudder shook his frame. He had gone to meet his Creator.

Brown immediately telephoned everything to his superintendent and to the route agent at Melrose Junction, and it was from the latter that he learned of Williams' injuries and the particulars of the wreck.

Mullegan signed for his money and left for the mines. There is little left to tell. Williams finally recovered and was given an office, while Brooks was given the office at West Montgomery and Brown was transferred to a larger office.—By EARL C. PRESSEY, in *Express Gazette*.

"SOLDIERS OF THE SEA."

COMPARATIVELY few persons know who those "marines" are that are so frequently reported in the newspaper headlines as having "the situation well in hand." Where do the marines go? What are their duties, their characteristics? How do they dress? It would be interesting to hear the responses to those questions made by the first one hundred persons to whom they might be put.

Considering the part he has played in the world's history of warfare, there is no fighting unit less understood, less appreciated, or even less known than the marine. Having taken his share in the making and obliterating of maps since the days of the Phœnician galleys and the biremes of the Grecian maritime states, at least five centuries before the Christian era, down to the present day, the chroniclers of the glories of arms of all civilized peoples have mentioned him in many a stirring passage. And yet today, a very large part of the population of maritime nations, and certainly of the United States, do not know what a marine really is.

They have proved their patriotism and devotion to our country for over a hundred years. Throughout this period they have been in the front rank of America's de-

fenders. They have been zealous participants in nearly every expedition and action in which the navy has been engaged. In many trying campaigns with their brethren of the army they have won distinction. The globe has been their stage.

They have fought at Tripoli, in Mexico and in the Fiji Islands. They were on the job in Paraguay, at Harper's Ferry, at Kisembo, on the west coast of Africa, and in Panama. They fought the Japanese at Shimonoseki, the savages in Formosa and the forts in Korea. They suppressed seal poaching in the Bering Sea and protected the lives and property of American citizens in Honolulu, Chile and China. These and many more things have the United States marines accomplished.

Who is this amphibious warrior?

The marines comprise the military branch of the United States navy, and serve both at sea and on land. At sea they serve on the battleships and first-class cruisers, and on shore they are stationed at the navy yards and naval stations. It is the gallant little corps that has so ably assisted in fighting America's battles in every corner of the globe for more than a century. Its members are the first men on the ground in the event of trouble with a foreign power and the first men in battle in case of hostilities.

Great mobility and facilities for quick action are required of the marines. They are kept in readiness to move at a moment's notice. In many of the actions in which they have engaged they have had to contend against great odds in the way of superior numbers.

The battle of Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, during the war with Spain is a good example of the great odds that marines are frequently forced to meet. A battalion of twenty-three officers and 623 men was landed on the shores of Guantanamo Bay on June 10, 1898, and, with only little food and no rest, engaged a very large Spanish force, which was concealed in the swamps underbrush thereabout, for three days and nights, and finally succeeded in defeating and driving the enemy entirely out of the district.

At the outbreak of the war with Spain the United States marine corps consisted

of 2,500 men. Now its approximate strength is 10,000 men.

The particular duties of marines aboard ship are as sentinels to watch over the gangways, boats alongside, approaching or passing, and to give the alarm in case of fire; to preserve order and to permit no gambling or swearing; to prevent injury to or theft of private or government property; to allow no smoking or washing of clothes except at the prescribed hours; to allow no enlisted man or boat to leave the ship without the authority of the officer of the deck; to guard prisoners and at all times maintain discipline and good order. In port they constitute the deck guard for purposes of rendering honors.

Marines are detailed as gun crews of the secondary battery, consisting of the smaller caliber, machine and rapid fire guns. Every possible opportunity for drill and target practice is taken advantage of, and the men become expert in working these guns.

In time of peace, therefore, the regular routine duties of the marine corps, in comparison with the various civil life employments, are light, and the hours of actual occupation are short.

In time of war the hardships are many. At such periods in our country's history we find the marines doing their duty by protecting the interests of the nation in their own characteristic way.

It is not an unusual thing to read of a marine in time of peace performing a deed of heroism as though impatient at the dearth of opportunities afforded by such piping season.

As an advance base force the marines of the United States navy are trained in the use of portable searchlights, the wireless telegraph, telegraphy, telephony, mines, torpedoes and range finders. They are trained to transport and mount in suitable shore positions guns of 3, 5 and 6-inch caliber.

In other words, the navy has in the marine corps a little army of its own, which, without causing international complications, without disturbing stock markets and without even attracting undue attention, it may pick up and move to some disturbed center in a foreign land for the protection of

American lives and property. These "soldiers of the sea" move speedily and unostentatiously, frequently nipping a revolution in the bud before the world at large knows that there has really been any cause for concern.

In nearly all maritime countries claiming to be war powers marines constitute a separate military body trained either to fight as infantrymen or artillerymen, and especially for participation in naval engagements. They are organized, clothed and equipped very much as soldiers of the land forces, and their preliminary instruction is usually the same.

For these reasons they have become qualified for duty either with the army or the navy, and are, therefore, of double value to the nation that employs them. Their headquarters, barracks and depots are on shore, and from them details are made when required for service on board ship. These detachments vary in size with the ship, from a dozen men under a sergeant to sixty or more under one or more officers.

The first authentic record of marines in America bears the date of 1740. Early in that year three additional regiments were raised when the royal standard was displayed at New York as a port to which any volunteer marine was to repair.

It is supposed that the native Americans were better calculated for service in this climate than Europeans, and they were clothed in a manner which was considered well adapted for their duties. The field officers were appointed by the crown, the country officers were nominated by the American provinces.

On June 8, 1775, the continental congress resolved "that the compact between the crown and Massachusetts Bay is dissolved," and on November 10th, before a single vessel of the navy was sent to sea the corps was organized by the following resolution:

"Resolved, That battalions of marines be raised, consisting of one colonel, two lieutenant colonels, two majors and other officers, as usual in other regiments; that they consist of an equal number of privates, with other battalions; that particular care be taken that no person be appointed to officers or enlisted in said battalions but

such as are good seamen, or so acquainted with maritime affairs as to be able to serve to advantage by sea when required; that they be distinguished by the name of the first and second battalions of American marines."

Later in the same month another resolution was adopted, providing against filling the corps for the army. On December 13, 1776, congress directed thirteen ships of war to be built. On December 22d congress passed a resolution declaring Essex Hopkins commander-in-chief, and appointed officers for all the vessels then in service.

This was the first step taken toward the creation of the naval establishment, which has won imperishable fame for the United States and upon which is based the claim of the marine corps to be "the oldest in the service."

Aldridge says "before a single vessel of the navy went to sea a corps was organized," and from that a detachment of it won, on the island of New Providence—one of the Bahamas—early in 1777, the first fight in the history of the regular navy. In this noteworthy engagement the attacking party, consisting of 300 marines and landsmen, under Major Nichols, captured the forts and other defenses of the enemy after a struggle of a few hours, and secured a quantity of stores and British cannon. The marines belonged to the fleet of Commodore Hopkins, who was operating against Lord Dunmore.

During the following years of the Revolution they were found at work proving their patriotism to the cause which gave them being. Conspicuous among their services is their part, under John Paul Jones, in the action between the *Ranger* and the *Drake*, in which Lieutenant Wallingford, of the marines, lost his life at the head of his men; again, in the great battle between the *Bon Homme Richard* and the *Serapis*, in which the marines numbered 137, led by Colonel Stack and two lieutenants. In this action they lost forty-nine, killed or wounded.

In 1782 Captain Barney, in command of the *Hyder Ali*, fitted out by the State of Pennsylvania, with a crew of 110 seamen and marines, captured in Delaware Bay the British ship *General Monk*, eighteen

guns, after a hotly contested combat. This action has been deemed one of the most brilliant that ever occurred under the American flag. It was fought in the presence of a vastly superior force that was not engaged, and the ship taken was in every essential respect superior to her enemy.

The navy, and consequently the corps of marines, like the army, was disbanded at the termination of the Revolutionary struggle, leaving nothing behind but the recollections of their service and sufferings. On April 30, 1798, a regular navy department was formally created, and on July 11, 1798, an act was approved for establishing and organizing the marine corps.

During the war with Tripoli, in 1803, in the fight between the frigate Philadelphia and the Tripolitans, "after most gallant exertions," Lieutenant Osborne and his guard were made prisoners.

In the fight of the Tripolitan gunboats on August 3, 1803, Lieutenant Trippe, engaged in a hand-to-hand contest with a Turk, was saved by a sergeant, who "passed a bayonet through the body of the Turk."

The marine corps also figured in the remarkable march of General Eaton from Alexandria to Derne, nearly six hundred miles through northern Africa, where a small detachment of marines, under the command of Lieutenant O'Bannon, mounted on camels and donkeys in the caravan, leavened the lump of Arabs and Greeks in the service of the United States, and in the attack on Derne stormed the principal work, took possession of the battery, planted the American flag for the first time on a fortress of the old world, and turned its guns upon the enemy. Thereafter, Tripoli was inscribed on the banners of the marine corps.

During the year of 1812 they were extremely active at sea and on shore. In the glorious victory of the Constitution over the Guerriere the first officer killed was Lieutenant Bush, who commanded the marine guard, and who, with his junior lieutenant, Contee, was assisting in repelling boarders "at a critical moment of the engagement." In the victory of the United States over the Macedonian, Lieutenants

Anderson and Edwards fought for the marines with the "utmost steadiness."

In the brilliant operations of the Essex in the Pacific Ocean, Lieutenant Gamble gained great reputation for "skill and efficiency," commanding in turn his guard, a prize ship, and a fort at Nukahiva, in the Marquesas Islands. In the bloody fight between the Shannon and the Chesapeake, Lieutenant Broom and eleven of his men were killed and twenty wounded.

The marines also took part in the battle of Lake Erie and Lake Champlain; in the action between the Constitution and the Cyane and Levant; in the fight between the President and the Endymion, and in the fight on Lake Ponchartrain.

On shore they were with the army under Scott, then colonel, in Canada; with General Winder at Bladensburg, with General Jackson at New Orleans, at North Point, Baltimore, and in sundry affairs on the coast of Maine and on the shores of Chesapeake and Delaware bays.

In the interval between 1815 and the Florida war (1836-37) they were called upon, among other things, to quell a serious revolt in the Massachusetts State prison and to act against Spanish pirates in the West Indies and Malays in Sumatra, and to guard public and private property at the time of the great fire in New York in 1835, for which they received a vote of thanks from that city.

When Indian hostilities broke out in Georgia, in 1836, the disposable force of the army being found inadequate, Colonel Commandant Henderson promptly volunteered his services and those of the corps serving on shore. In the Everglades they assisted in the arduous campaign of General Jessup against the treacherous Creeks and Seminoles. Besides, two companies, 130 men, served with the mosquito fleet on the west coast, co-operating.

The corps was engaged in the war with Mexico from 1846 to 1848, where it figured from every quarter and made a most excellent record. Several detachments were on the Pacific side, with Commodores Sloat, Shubrick and Stockton; others on the east coast with Commodores Connor and Perry, and at times with the army under Generals Scott, Taylor and Worth.

They were present at the capture of Monterey, San Francisco and Mazatlan; fought at Los Angeles, San Diego, San Jose, San Gabriel and Guaymas, with such credit that Commodore Shubrick recommended that the government double the number of marines on all vessels coming to the station, reducing, if necessary for the purpose, the complements of ordinary seamen and landmen.

On the east coast they were engaged in the capture of Matamora, Tampico, Frontera, Tabasco and Vera Cruz. They were assigned to General Quitman's division in the assault on Puebla. This was the first division to enter the Grand Plaza, City of Mexico, which completes the explanation on the inscription since found on the corps' banners: "From Tripoli to the halls of Montezumas."

The crowning honor, however, was at Chapultepec, on September 13th, where the party assigned to the storming of the castle—120 men selected from all corps—was led by Major Levi Twiggs, and the pioneers, equipped with ladders, etc., by Major Reynolds, both of the marine corps. These same Mexican heroes, in 1852 and 1853, were marching to the same music through the streets of Yeddo, the capital of Japan, as a part of the celebrated expedition of Commodore Perry.

In 1858 marines and sailors from the *Vandalia* had a fierce conflict in the islands with a body of native warriors. In the same year a detachment from the Brazil squadron landed at Montevideo, Paraguay, to protect the lives and property of foreign residents from domestic violence.

In the war of 1861 the first duty to which marines were called was as reinforcements on the *Star of the West*, being sent to the aid of Fort Sumpter. A detachment was sent to garrison Fort Washington, on the Potomac. They also reinforced Fort Pickens, Fla., and, acting under orders, destroyed the navy yard, ships, etc., at Norfolk, Va. They participated in the first battle of Bull Run, at the capture of Hatteras Inlet, in the Dupont expedition, and battle of Port Royal, and in all the expeditions and actions which followed along the coast and up the rivers of South Caro-

lina, Georgia and Florida. They participated in the battle between the *Merrimac* and the *Minnesota*, Cumberland, Roanoke and *St. Lawrence*. And so on. Always they have "more than maintained their reputation," right down to the present day.—*New York Tribune*.

HER CHECK.

ONE evening, something more than 100 years ago, a gentleman and a lady were strolling along the Battery in the city of New York. At that time the residential area bordering the park, which inherits its name from the old New Amsterdam fort located on the ground, was a very different section from what it is now. Today it is intersected by elevated railroads, and the loungers there are chiefly emigrants or persons out of employment. Then in the houses bordering upon the park lived the most aristocratic families of old New York.

The gentleman mentioned was tall, dignified, and wore the costume of the times, a beaver hat, ruffled shirt front, blue coat with brass buttons and a flaring skirt; his pantaloons, as they were then called, tight except where they covered his boots. The lady wore the bonnet of the period, skirt a la *directoire*, her shoulders covered with a lace shawl. She was a descendant of one of the original Dutch settlers and a widow.

"I am going to ask you once more, Mrs. Van Zandt, and for the last time," said the man, with that dignified courtliness which has now passed into oblivion, "to make me happy. You may remember that a year ago, on this very spot, I asked you to honor me by becoming my wife. You told me that you lived and would live only for your son. Since then you have treated me, if not as a lover, at least as a dear friend. It is this that has emboldened me to ask you to reconsider your refusal and confer upon me the greatest happiness a woman can bestow upon a man."

Having made this stilted proposal, he waited for a reply. In accordance with the custom of those times, the lady's hand rested on his arm. He felt her hand trem-

ble. After a few moments of silence she said:

"I trust, Mr. Travers, that you will not think me insensible of the honor you would confer upon me; an honor, I must admit, of which I am scarcely worthy. But if my son required my undivided attention a year ago, he needs it still more now. Since you are my very dear friend, I will confide in you that he has become involved—has involved me—in a gambling debt. This Major Tilford, who has recently come to New York, and who has secured social recognition by some of our best families, has succeeded in winning from Frank at cards some \$4,000."

"The rascal!" muttered Mr. Travers.

"I have drawn my check for the amount, and Frank will tomorrow pay the indebtedness. He has given me his solemn promise never again to play at cards for money. But I know I shall have trouble in keeping him from the temptation. Now you can understand why he needs my first consideration."

The lovers were silent for a time. They were standing on the southernmost part of the Battery, looking down the bay. A few ships were at anchor, while one was coming under full sail through the Narrows, the setting sun gilding her canvas. Presently Mr. Travers said:

"Will you permit me to hand your check to Major Tilford, madam?"

"With what object?"

"It may be better that your son should have nothing more to do with the man."

"Perhaps you are right. I shall consider myself under a deep obligation to you, my dear Mr. Travers, if you will act in the matter for me."

"On the contrary, I feel highly honored by your confidence."

They returned to Mrs. Van Zandt's home, a modest two-story brick building, in place of which a modern skyscraper now stands, and Mrs. Van Zandt took from a lady's mahogany writing desk with claw feet a check and handed it to Mr. Travers. He bent and kissed the hand from which he received it and, carefully avoiding turning his back to its owner, withdrew.

That same evening a party of gentlemen were supping at Fraunces' tavern, among

their number Major Tilford. Mr. Travers entered the dining-room and, taking a seat, called for wine.

Then he wrote on the back of one of his visiting cards a request for a few words in private with Major Tilford and sent the card to that gentleman. The latter arose and, going to the table where Mr. Travers sat, bowed and said:

"I am at your service, sir."

"I am commissioned to hand you a check for money taken from a boy in his teens, who should have been protected instead of swindled by you."

He handed Tilford Mrs. Van Zandt's check, but the latter drew back. He had no sense of honor, but could not tell to what this matter might lead. He assumed a sense of honor he did not feel.

"Are you aware, sir," he said, "that this is an insult no gentleman can brook? Were it not for the prejudice against the code engendered by the recent affair between Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Burr you should answer for it on the field of honor."

"The prejudice against dueling you speak of arises from a murder, not an affair of honor. I have no fear of losing any of my friends by a meeting with you."

"Be it so, sir. I shall send a friend to you."

"One moment, sir. The lady whose son you have swindled must not be brought into this affair, and it is to your interest, sir, that its real cause should be concealed. Return to your friends. Presently I will arise to leave the room. Place your foot in such position that I may trip on it. I will retaliate by drawing my glove across your face. You can then send your friend to me without the true cause of the difference between us being known."

"As you like, sir. Meanwhile you may keep the check. If you kill me you may return it to the lady who wrote it. If I kill you"—

"You can take such action concerning it as you see fit. If you choose now to decline it and will give me a receipt for the amount of its face this affair need go no further."

Tilford made no reply to this for awhile. He was turning the matter over in his

mind. There were reasons why he should recede from the position in which he stood, but he did not wish to give up the plunder, and he might possibly retain it without damage to his reputation. Travers was not known as a fighter, while Tilford came from the South, where dueling was quite common, and he was an expert with both sword and pistol.

"No, sir," he said at last. "You have insulted me, accused me, and my honor must be vindicated."

With that he turned and went back to his companions.

Nothing of the conversation had been heard by them, and when Travers arose and walked toward the desk to pay his reckoning no one was aware that a pantomime was to be enacted. As he was walking leisurely past the table where his adversary sat the latter put out his foot, and Travers stumbled against it.

"You did that on purpose, sir," he said.

"As you please to consider it, sir."

Travers drew a glove from a pocket and struck Tilford with it lightly on the cheek. Then he passed in the same leisurely manner out of the dining-room.

When Tilford's second returned to him with Travers' reply to his challenge, the southerner knit his brows. By assenting to his enemy's plan he had given Travers the chance of place and weapons. The conditions named by the latter were pistols, in a dark room, each party to be supplied with an unlimited number of weapons. This placed them on an equality, and Tilford lost the advantage of his skill and reputation as a duelist.

Tilford was an impostor and a swindler. He had forged letters of introduction and had played young Van Zandt with marked cards. Believing that his true character would soon come out, he desired, if possible, to get the money on Mrs. Van Zandt's check and disappear. But in playing a gentleman's game he had left the check with Travers. He sent word to his adversary that he would apologize for tripping him and take Mrs. Van Zandt's check to her and tear it to pieces in her presence if this would be agreeable to Mr. Travers.

Travers was unwilling to trust him with the check so long as it was good at the

bank, but he took sufficient time to go there and request that it should not be paid if presented. Then he sent it to Tilford, stating that his proposed terms were accepted. But before Tilford had time to try to get the check cashed Travers went to the bank and was there in concealment when Tilford hurried in and presented the check. Travers confronted him.

"You scoundrel!" he said. "Sign a receipt for the amount you claim from young Van Zandt and give it to me, with this check, or go to jail."

Tilford threw up the game and agreed to the conditions. When the receipt had been drawn and signed and the check returned he was permitted to leave the bank and the city and was never seen in New York again.

The same evening Mr. Travers was announced in the drawing-room of Mrs. Van Zandt.

"Have you paid my son's indebtedness?" she asked.

"I have, madam. There is the receipt."

He handed it to her. She cast her eyes over it and was folding it when he handed her her check. She looked at it, surprised, then at him for an explanation.

"There was no legitimate debt," he said, "due from your son to this man Tilford, who was an impostor and a swindler. He returned your check and signed a receipt for the amount he had claimed in preference to going to jail."

"How did you prove him such?"

"I gave him my opinion of one who would take money in such fashion from a minor. He still pretended to be a gentleman and agreed to surrender the check to you in person. Instead of doing so, he presented it at the bank. I had taken the precaution to stop payment on the check and was at the bank to receive the rascal when he came to draw the money. I gave him his choice between exposure and its consequences and giving me, for you, these two papers."

Mrs. Van Zandt's eyes were dimmed with tears. She yearned to throw herself into her lover's arms, but those were times of great formality.

"Mr. Travers," she said, as soon as she could control her voice, "it seems, sir, that

my son's interests are safer in your hands than in mine."

With great composure he encircled her waist and took her hand; then he drew her to him and kissed her.

"Ah, madam, you have made me the happiest of men!"—By F. A. MITCHELL, in *Exchange*.

SHE TURNED TRAITOR.

WHEN the war between the States broke out I was living on a small plantation—or, rather, a farm, as it would be called in the North—in Georgia and the only girl in a family of seven. I was so bitter a rebel that Bob, the youngest, said I'd better organize a corps of amazons to help repel the invaders.

Father said that if a Yankee soldier smiled on me I'd drop.

"Do you mean to say, pop, that I would ever love a man who had come down here to deprive us of our liberties and take away our property?"

"I wouldn't trust you, Kit, if he had sense enough to flatter you, and more especially if he should enlist your sympathies."

I was so mad at this that I went out to the barn, fearing that I might say something disrespectful.

The invaders kept coming nearer and nearer till at last we had them all about us like pestiferous animals, or, rather, like a flight of locusts or grasshoppers eating up our diminished supplies and burning our fences for their campfires. If I hated them before I now both hated and dreaded them. "I wish," I said, "they had one neck and I could chop their heads off with an ax as I would kill a chicken." Pop only laughed at this.

One morning I was on my way to Aunt Mary's when, crossing a stile, I looked right down into the face of a Yankee asleep. He was very pale, and I noticed that he was handsome. There's something defenseless in one asleep that takes away animosity. I was about to say "poor fellow" when I thought of what pop had said about woman's weakness through her sympathies, and I made up my mind I would show the family that I was of some use in the struggle even if I was only a girl.

So I ran back to the house and, taking pop's rifle that stood in a corner behind the door, without saying anything to anyone I went back and, aiming the gun at the sleeper, called out:

"Wake up!"

He opened his eyes, but he must have been very much exhausted, for, seeing a girl confronting him, he was going to sleep again.

"Wake up, you horrid Yankee!" I called. "You contemptible, bloodthirsty!"

He opened his eyes once more and moved slightly. An awfully pained expression came over his face, and he put his hand to his side. I noticed blood on his clothes and knew he was wounded. The words "Poor fellow!" came up again, but I checked them on the tip of my tongue and said fiercely—at least I tried to say it fiercely: "Get up. You are my prisoner."

He now began to realize that there was something serious for him in the situation. I was pointing the rifle straight at him. It was cocked and my finger was on the trigger. He raised himself in a sitting posture, supported by one hand on the ground—though I saw it hurt him dreadfully—and, looking me in the eye, said:

"It would be better for me to be killed than captured. I haven't a load in my revolver, and if I had I wouldn't shoot a girl. Fire!"

I heard someone behind me and saw the Yankee's expression change. I turned, and there was pop. He had seen me go out with his rifle and had followed me. He took the weapon from my hands and, seeing that our prisoner was wounded, sent me back for a couple of the neighbors to come and carry him to the house. When we got him there the men searched him and found papers on his person giving the location and strength of the Confederate forces in the neighborhood. He had been chased and shot by our men. Having distanced them, he had fainted where I had found him. Later he had sunk into a slumber.

I heard the men speaking of him as a spy and debating whether they had better hang him to a tree or notify the Confederate general commanding the forces in that region of his capture. Finally, one of

the men mounted a horse and rode away. I was told he had a long ride before him and wouldn't be back before evening or perhaps by noon the next day. The Yankee was put in a room upstairs at the rear of the house. A man was put on guard at the front door and another one in the rear, under the prisoner's window.

Of course, we weren't so inhuman as to leave the man's wound unattended to, and I rode over to a doctor, who came and dressed it. Mother gave me some corn pone to take up to the man for his dinner, and when she went out about something during the afternoon I killed a chicken and made him some broth. He was very grateful to me and said it was the only thing he could have eaten. I was mighty careful to get rid of the remains of the chicken, and washed the dishes carefully, fearing that mother would find out what I'd done and would tell father. I wouldn't have him know that I had weakened toward a hated Yankee for anything.

After I had got rid of the evidence of that sympathy father had said would unfit women for soldiers I went back to my prisoner and asked if there was anything else he needed. He said there was. He undoubtedly would be hanged, and he would like me to write a letter to his mother. I saw this would do more to break me down than a hundred guns, and I didn't wish to do it, but I couldn't refuse him, and, getting the materials, I sat down by his bed, and he began to dictate. The very beginning caused me to waiver. "Dearest mother," spoken in a tremulous voice, was like sticking a knife into my heart. He went on to tell her that she must not grieve for him; that he died for his country, and had he got through without being captured would have rendered it a great service. I was weak enough to regret that I had been the cause of his capture, and when he came to the last words, "Your loving son who is about to die," I burst into a torrent of tears and sprinkled them on the paper.

This ended the fight for me. My rout was complete. I was ready to turn traitor to my country by assisting in the escape of one of her enemies who might cause

the defeat—indeed, the slaughter—of her sons, among whom were my own brothers. To get him out of the house during the day seemed impossible, and by evening the messenger might return with soldiers to take him away. But I was now as hot for the enemy as I had been against him. I looked out of the window. There was the man on guard, sitting on a wood pile with a shotgun between his knees. A wheatfield extended from a few yards of the house to a wood an eighth of a mile away. In the interval there was not a tree or an obstruction of any kind. The wheat had been cut and was stacked on the ground in sheaves. Could anything be more hopeless for an escape?

But that power of duplicity, sympathy, unreasoning antagonism to seeing a fellow creature—especially a man who has awakened the divine spark of love—suffer, had been aroused in me, and I was as ready to do and dare in my field as a man in his. I must act in broad day; I dare not risk waiting for night. I looked at the sheaves and the guard below, and an idea—no, two ideas—came to me like the flash of a gun. Seizing a part of the bed covering, I began to tear it into strips.

"Are you strong enough," I asked the invader, "to let yourself down from the window by this?"

"I am strong enough, sweetheart," he said, his countenance lighting with hope and love, "to do anything you require."

Oh, that word "sweetheart!" It stung me with ecstasy. When I had made a rope long enough to reach nearly from the window to the ground I went downstairs and, taking an empty bucket and giving it to Sam Warder, the guard, who (a crown for my treachery) had asked me to be his wife, asked him to go to the spring across the road in front of the house and bring me some water while I guarded "the detestable Yankee" in his place, and I sealed the iniquity by giving him a Judas kiss.

His absence gave me just time enough to seize one of the sheaves and toss it up to the prisoner, whom I called to the window. He caught it and took it in. Then I returned to the room where he was and unbinding the sheaf put it about him and

tyed it up again. Then I put one end of the rope of bedclothes into his hands and tied the other end to a leg of the bedstead. This all done, I told the spy to watch by the window and if he saw me disappear, when he heard me give a little shriek, to make the descent and take position in the field as a sheaf of wheat.

Going downstairs again I began to talk to Sam Warder about our affair, putting up my lips near his to tempt him. He begged for a kiss, and after teasing him awhile I told him that if he would come around the corner of the house where there were no windows I would give him one. After a hesitating glance at the prisoner's window he consented—"only for a minute"—and attempted to take the kiss. I gave a little shriek, then allowed him to take me in his arms and give me as many kisses as he liked. When he started to go back to his post I looked at him reproachfully and asked him if he was through so soon. This detained him for a few minutes longer, when fearing that if I endeavored to keep him further he might suspect my design, I went back with him to the rear of the house. There was the wheatfield, but I could not detect the sheaf which contained the man for whom I had become a double traitor. While my heart was beating wildly I ran upstairs.

The room was empty.

I danced for joy. There would be no hanging. I had undone what I had done for my country and deserved to be hanged instead of the spy. But in a twinkling I had been changed. I would rather suffer death for the prisoner than live for my country. My demoralization was complete.

Later in the day I looked at the wheatfield and saw that one sheaf had fallen on the ground. I knew the man inside it could not stand. I was terrified, for fear some one would go and set it up. In an agony of suspense, I waited for darkness to come. It came at last and the messenger did not return until 10 o'clock at night, to find that the spy had escaped.

When the war was over the Yankee spy came back to claim the girl who had saved his life, and the story came out. But I had become shameless. The whole family,

remembering my Confederate proclivities when the war began, laughed at me. But father said:

"Kit, you made the kind of a soldier women are fitted to make, and you deserve a medal of honor."

"No," I replied, "I made a coward, a renegade, a traitor and deserve to be hanged, but I'm glad of it."—By GERTRUDE S. VARNEY, in *The Iowa Unionist*.

A "HOLY TERROR."

SKINNY SKEEVERS, him of the object lessons, ran Mike Honnihan's engine for a long time, while Mike went to visit the "ould sod," and Skinny's engine got a new firebox and a coat of varnish.

The first time Skinny oiled around, he yelled up to Patsy Killigen, the fireman, to put on the injector, and cool her off, so he could see the oil holes; she was howling so it gave him the blind staggers.

"How does she steam, Patsy?" asked Skeevers, as they started out.

"She's a 'holy terror' for wind," said Pat, proudly. "She's always crazy wid it."

Skeevers was somewhat annoyed at the constant howl of the pop, but it did little good to speak to Pat—Pat fired by the pop, and a "holy terror" was his ideal.

Skeevers thought he'd try an object lesson.

"What size nozzle has she got?" asked Skeevers.

"Oh! Lord, you ain't agoin' to go monkeying with her nozzles, are ye, Skeevers? They are 2½ or 3-inch now."

"She burns too much coal, and howls too much."

"There hain't another steamer like her on the road," moaned Patsy. "Why, you can't shut off her throttle, but up goes her white tail—steam! Why, she's the darlin' of 'em all, Skeevers."

Skeevers got a smaller scoop, but Patsy plied it industriously, and the "96" still held the first prize as a "holy terror" for steam.

Skeevers bribed the coal shovelers to put on a tank load of lumps, none to weigh less than 200, but Pat paralyzed the lumps and reported the coal shovelers beside.

Skeevers thought of putting a flat car between the engine and tender, but gave the idea up as impracticable.

Patsy would put in a fire within two minutes of a regular stop, and be happy when the black smoke rolled, and the white feather stood proudly up forty-eight feet above the howling pops of the "Holy Terror." Skeevers was in despair.

"Pat, did you ever stop to think that you are shoveling a lot of coal through that pop for nothing?" he asked.

"I don't mind the work, Skeevers," said he. "Don't mind it a bit; it makes the other lads green wid envy to see how she do steam."

"But it wastes coal."

"Bless ye, me boy, the company own their own mines, and it's proud they ort to be to have such steamers."

Skeevers couldn't get Patsy mad, and could awaken no other feeling in his heart but worshipful admiration of the prolific steam production of the "Holy Terror."

The run was a light passenger one, and after some scheming Skeevers got Pat and the "Holy Terror" on heavy freight run for a week. Skeevers managed to use all the steam that was made on the road, but Pat insisted on a pop solo at every stop.

Skeevers hated to disturb the front end adjustment of another man's engine; he finally determined to enlarge the nozzles, but concluded that this might give them trouble on the road, and besides that, Skeevers didn't believe in patching an engine to repair a man, any more than he believed in feeding a fireman soda ash to keep scale out of a boiler.

But right here the road got a new master mechanic, and the very first month he put up a bulletin of the amount of coal burned on each engine, and the "Holy Terror" was away down in the middle of the passenger engine list.

Pat was pretty mad about it, and said, if they would figure on who made the most miles or the most hours with the steam pressure at or about 140, he and the "Holy Terror" would take first money.

The next month he stole a few lumps of coal, gave the shovelers cigars for big measures, etc., but the bulletin appeared

again with the "Holy Terror" advanced but one point.

Then came a bulletin notice that firemen would be promoted on merit, especially preference given for a coal record.

Pat had a nightmare that night when he thought of the "Holy Terror" and himself at eighth place, and Jim Bean, who was hired four months after he was, leading the list for coal—and promotion.

That evening after they got to going up the hill, and the pop sat down to rest a minute, Skeevers called Pat over, and, in a friendly way, told him that the Old Man had said he should have to promote three or four men in the fall, and that he was afraid that Pat would lose his chance and see a lot of younger fellows pass him, if he didn't mind. Skeevers suggested that the main trouble was with the "Holy Terror," and not Pat, and proposed that they prove it to the Old Man by having Pat transferred for one month to the "94," that was then leading the coal burners.

Pat agreed to this if Skeevers would arrange it—he didn't know that Skeevers had arranged it.

When the next bulletin came out, the "Holy Terror" was at the head, and the "94" was fifth. Pat was improving some.

Pat was glad to get back with Skeevers and the "Holy Terror"—said Old Man Martin on the "94" kept "picking at him" about opening the door and monkeying with the dampers.

Jimmy Bean was sent to running switch engine in a week or two, and Patsy's heart was broken.

"Skeevers," said he, "I'm disgraced. What the devil is the matter with the '96,' or—or—me?"

"The '96' is, without a doubt, the best engine on the road, Patsy," said Skeevers, "and honestly I think you are the best fireman, or rather would be the best, except that you haven't figured out plainly just what you are trying to do—you don't realize what you burn the coal for."

"To make steam, of course," said Patsy.

"What do you want of the steam?"

"To pull the cars, av course."

"Where do you put it for that?"

"Into the cylinders, surely."

"Suppose you have more than you want?"

"Out of the pop she goes—can't hurt nothin'."

"But the coal pile?"

"Coal pile?"

"Yes, don't it take as much coal to make steam to blow through the pops as it does to make the same amount of steam to be used in the cylinders?"

"But there don't much go out of the pops."

"That's where your mistake has been, Patsy. Pop Martin told me this morning that if he had all the steam that the '94' made and wasted at the pops while you were on her, he could make four round trips without coal or water."

Pat put in a fire and gave a big lump a few vigorous whacks with his coal pick, and then came back.

"I've a notion to quit, Skeevers," said he.

"You fire this engine the best you know how for another month, take my advice, and if she don't head the list, I'll quit," said Skeevers.

"You want to remember that in making steam to throw away you not only waste fuel to make it, but you waste water. Water is cheap, but it takes coal to haul it around, and the '96' takes more water than the other engines do, and hauls many tons of it a month for nothing; then we have to stop for water oftener, and that takes coal—takes coal to stop and coal to start."

"Coal to stop; how d'ye make that out?"

"There you are again, Pat; you see you haven't figured on your business or followed cause and effect up very much. Don't you know that it takes just as much power to stop a train, leaving out friction, as it does to start it?"

"When you set the brake it commences to use up and lose 'stored energy' that has been put into the train by the coal, through the medium of the cylinders.

"Then your brake will use more steam to get its pressure back again, and the '96' will get rid of more coal to get the train back into motion, and use more to haul the extra water. It all counts, Pat, because we do this all day, every day in the month; if it was only once it wouldn't amount to

much. Think about your work, and figure on how little you can do in the way of coal shoveling to get this train over the road, and I will bet on the result."

Last Thursday the new bulletin was put up. The "Holy Terror" stood at the head, and Patsy Killigen hummed "Comrades" as he was polishing the hand-rail in the round house, when the Old Man came along, touched Pat's leg with his umbrella, and said:

"Come into the office after dinner—I want to talk with you."—*Illinois Central Employes' Magazine.*

A SHORT CUT TO OPAL.

STEBBINS sat in the office of the Grand Hotel at Hannibal and considered the fate of an umbrella.

It was not an ordinary umbrella. No man would have borrowed it on a rainy afternoon. No man would have dared to raise it on a crowded street unless he desired to attract the derisive attention of the multitude. It was a clumsy affair of paper and bamboo, and upon its top, delineated in brilliant red and yellow and green, was the hideously grinning face of a monster such as only the opium-twisted brain of a Chinaman can conceive. Stebbins had proudly twirled it above his head the day before in the drummers' parade at Farmington. There had been ninety-nine others just like it in that procession, and when, at a given signal, they had been turned broadside to the spectators, every baby within range had set up a howl of terror.

Stebbins had carried it up the road for the same reason that he had carefully tucked his gold-tasseled convention badge away in the innermost recesses of his grip. It was a souvenir of a joyous occasion—a momentous occasion to Stebbins, for he had been elected to one of the minor offices of the association, and while the honor had not swollen his head it had enlarged his chest. But the umbrella was bulky and hard to manage with a bag and a heavy sample case. Reason told him to throw it away. Sentiment urged him to keep it. And so, as he sat in the hotel office and

smoked, he debated within himself after this manner:

"What's the use o' keepin' the blamed thing anyway? It's no good in a rain, and I wouldn't dare to make a sunshade of it unless I was alone in a desert. It's a nasty thing to carry around, and if I take it home it'll always be in the way. * * * And yet—, I'd kind o' like to hang on to it, too. * * * I wish that little girl out in Kansas could see it. I'd like to tell her what the boys did to me yesterday. * * * I wonder if it would interest her. * * * I believe it would. * * * It's funny, though, that I haven't heard from her for three weeks now. Maybe it was a bad move to take this new territory. Out o' sight out o' mind, they say. * * * But I don't believe it—not of her anyway. * * * When I get back from this trip I think I'll ask the old man to let me off for a few days. Then I'll run out there and close up this deal—one way or another. * * * If we just had a little place somewhere out in the edge of town. * * * Gee! Bet she'd find some use for this umbrella then. * * * Oh, shucks, I guess I'll hang on to it for a while, anyway!"

Stebbins wasn't aware of it, but while he was debating this little question, love, promotion, happiness, possibly life itself, hung in the balance, and his decision fixed his future.

Fate came toward him disguised as a bellboy.

"Here's a telegram, Mr. Stebbins."

Stebbins tore open the yellow envelope and read this message from the house:

"New firm preparing to open up at Opal, Ill. Chase, of the B. & D. Co., on the way there. Beat him to it."

Stebbins puckered his brow.

"Opal, Opal," he muttered. "Where in the dickens is Opal?"

Then he grinned.

"That's funny. Her name. Opal! Wants me to hurry to Opal. Gee, but I wish I could. Only it would be her instead of it. Opal. Where—say, boy, bring me a railroad guide and be quick about it."

The "guide" reluctantly gave up the information that Opal was in Illinois on or near the Mississippi River, a hundred miles

or so above Hannibal, and was the terminus of a little branch of the C., K. & S. Railway. It also revealed the fact that to reach it from Hannibal by rail one would have to journey south, east, north and west, some 300 miles, change cars five times and consume thirty-six hours.

"Say, Billy," Stebbins called across the room to the hotel clerk, "is there by chance a boat going up the river at any time this week?"

"You bet," replied the clerk. "The Keokuk's due at 9 o'clock and she may get in by midnight."

"Bully," cried Stebbins. "Don't tell me there ain't luck in opals."

And then he grabbed his sample case, his bag and the umbrella and made for the landing.

At 10 the next morning the Keokuk turned its nose toward the bank. Stebbins stood on the lower deck ready to go ashore. An unbroken forest stretched before him. There was nothing to indicate the existence of a town. The State of Illinois seemed to be uninhabited.

"I say," he cried to the mate, "ain't there some mistake about this? I want to get off at Opal."

"This is Opal Landing, sir. I believe the town is two or three miles back from the river, but there's a farmhouse just beyond that big sycamore that sticks up above the other trees, where you can get a rig to take you over."

"Oh," said Stebbins, "I see," and with some misgivings he trudged down the gang-plank.

At the farmhouse he found a woman and a small boy. There was no conveyance to be had today, the woman told him. The men had all gone over to Opal to the circus.

"How far is it to Opal?" Stebbins asked.

"'Bout three mile."

Stebbins looked up at the blazing sky, mopped his brow and sighed.

"Well, I guess I'll have to walk it."

"Say, mister," interposed the boy. "I know where there's a short cut that'll take off half a mile."

"Every little helps, sonny," said Stebbins. "Can you show me the way to that short cut?"

"I kin fer ha'f a dollar."

"Ah! I see," Stebbins laughed. "Fifty cents is the price of a circus ticket, eh? All right, my boy, come along."

And so it was that Stebbins, fifteen minutes later, found himself looking at the beginning of a path that broke off from the main road.

"Jes' foller that trail, mister," directed the boy, "and it'll take you to Opal all right. I got to run back home and git my Sunday cloze."

"Much obliged, my son," said Stebbins. "Here's your circus ticket and I hope you'll get your money's worth."

Then, with his bag strapped across his shoulder, his sample case in one hand and the umbrella in the other, he plunged into the unknown.

It was truly a trail, and nothing more, a narrow and little-used path, a wall of dense and perspiring vegetation on either side and a canopy of verdure above. The air within this tunnel was hot and muggy and alive with insects of many kinds, but apparently of one mind in their desire to make it interesting for Stebbins. A plump drummer with his hands tied, so to speak, formed an opportunity that had not been offered them before and they swarmed to it. For half a mile Stebbins literally pushed his way through this jungle of whips and stings, his head bent to meet the branches of bushes that crossed the path and the corners of his sample case catching at their stems. Then, suddenly, he came into the open and paused for a moment to recover his breath and his equanimity. Before him were grass-covered hills with only here and there a tree. The path led over the shoulder of one of the hills, and Stebbins eyed the rather steep grade with some misgiving.

"It's going to be some climb with these weights, and this sun," he muttered, "but, at any rate, there'll be more air and less bugs. I wish, though, I'd taken the longer way. I wish, too, I'd left this infernal umbrella at Hannibal."

Fifteen minutes later he had changed his mind about the umbrella. The sun was blistering, the way was rough and his impediments rapidly increasing in gravitation.

He gingerly opened the cumbrous contrivance.

"Anyway," he said, "it will make a shade and I guess it don't do any harm as long as nobody's in sight."

As he rounded the first hill another hill confronted him, longer but not so steep. Near its top was a great umbrageous oak, to which the trail seemed to lead.

"When I get to that tree," said Stebbins, "I'm goin' to have a good rest, if I never get to Opal. Darn that boy!"

Panting and perspiring, he reached the shelter and dropped down upon the grass, leaning his tired back against the rough trunk of the oak with a sigh of relief.

"I'm a chump for comin' this way," he grumbled. "Never did save any time by cuttin' across lots. If I'd gone around by rail I might have lost some sleep, but I'd have got there right side up, anyway. Now, I'll be so doggone tired I won't be able to talk business, even if I get a chance. I'll bet Chase is over there now, grabbin' everything in sight. But how in the dickens was I to know there was a circus in the blamed town? Just my luck. Maybe there is something in a name after all. But no; I won't believe that about Opal, anyway. It's a good name or it wouldn't belong to her. But—"

A rumbling sound came to his ears.

"Thunder," he muttered. "A nice little rain would just about put the finishin' touches on this short cut. Huh! That's queer. Can't see a cloud anywhere."

The path up which he had so laboriously climbed reached the top of the hill about 200 feet from the tree where Stebbins rested, and as he sat facing the crest he could see nothing beyond it but the blue sky. Presently the rumbling sound was repeated a little louder than before. Stebbins straightened up and his eyes widened.

"That's funny," he said. "Sounds like—oh, shucks! It's from the circus. I guess the town's just on the other side of this hill. Might as well push on and have it over with."

He picked up the umbrella and rose to his feet. As he reached for his bag the sound came again, but now it was a well-defined roar and near at hand. At the

same instant a great black horse leaped into sight at the crest of the hill. Bending low on its back and clinging desperately to the saddle was a slender girl. There came another roar, louder and nearer, and the horse, with a shriek of terror, rose straight up on its hind legs, gave a mighty shake to its body and the girl dropped to the ground. Then, freed of its burden, the animal raced madly down the slope.

Stebbins, unconsciously clinging to his umbrella, ran with all his speed to the assistance of the girl. He saw as he neared her that she was trying to rise, but before he reached her his attention was suddenly and strangely diverted.

Over the brow of the hill came a lion, trotting, head down. It paused for an instant as it sighted the girl, now on her knees, and then commenced silently to creep toward her.

Neither nature nor experience had fitted Stebbins to cope with such a situation. He was neither big nor strong. He had never killed anything larger than a rabbit and he had caught that in a trap when a boy. But he did not stop running, nor did he change his course. And he clung to the umbrella.

The girl, half dazed by the fall, got to her feet and stood gazing in fascinated horror at the lion, unable to take a step or make a sound. Stebbins swept past and stopped in front of her.

"Run for the tree," he commanded, without looking at her. "Quick!"

Instantly the girl came to life, obeyed the order with alacrity and climbed with surprising speed into the protecting arms of the great oak.

The lion, which had ceased its crawling approach when the man sprang into the narrowed focus of its vision, now raised to its full height and roared furiously.

Stebbins suddenly discovered that he was scared. He had rushed into this situation without thought, but now that the girl was probably safe, his legs trembled, his teeth rattled and something serious got the matter with his heart. But ten years on the road had given him presence of mind and had taught him that conversation sometimes has the powers attributed to music.

So he talked, as well as his spent breath and chattering teeth would let him.

"N-now you'd b-b-better just g-go on b-b-back to your c-c-cage," he advised, gestulating with the closed umbrella and taking a careful step backward. "I d-d-don't want to have any t-t-trouble with you."

Again the lion roared.

"R-roar, dad b-b-b-blame you. K-k-keep it up. The k-k-quicker you can b-b-bring your circus friends over here, the b-b-better it'll suit m-m-me."

He took another step or two back, moving the point of the umbrella around in a wide circle in front of him. The lion cocked its head to one side, evidently puzzled. There had been nothing like that in its experience in the open in Africa. The people it had met had always run at its roar. Certainly they had never presumed to talk to it. It sat back on its haunches a moment to consider the matter.

"That's right," said Stebbins, getting control of his jaws, as he perceived that his conversation was making an impression. "That's right. Make yourself perfectly at home. Looks a little like rain; doesn't it? I—"

The lion suddenly discovered that Stebbins was slowly retreating, and with a fierce growl sprang towards him. The traveling man stopped. So did the lion.

"Keep your seat; keep your seat," said Stebbins, waving the umbrella. "There's really no hurry, you know."

A faint clamor arose in the distance, the other side of the hill. The lion turned its head in that direction. Stebbins whirled about and ran with all his speed for the tree. Instantly the great beast was in pursuit.

"Hurry, hurry, hurry," cried the girl, finding her voice, "he'll get you! Hurry, hurry! Look out! Oh!"

Stebbins turned, just in time. The lion was not ten feet away. Another second and it would have been upon him. But in that second Stebbins turned and opened the umbrella full in the lion's face. With a snort of surprise and terror, the lion sprang back. Magically the man had disappeared. In his place was a terrifying demon that rolled its eyes and twisted its

mouth horribly as Stebbins wiggled the bamboo sticks. Suddenly the great face thrust itself forward and the lion jumped back again with such precipitation that it rolled over.

"Now!" cried the girl. "Come quick! Hurry!"

Stebbins dropped the umbrella. It was thirty feet to the tree. He made it in four steps. The lion, on its feet again, saw that the demon had somehow disappeared, and the man was getting away. With a snarl of rage it leaped after him, and its leaps were the longer. But Stebbins had the advantage in time and distance. He arrived first, sprang and caught a limb and drew himself up just in time to escape the rush of the beast, which threw itself against the trunk of the tree and tore the bark with its claws.

"I'm mighty glad I brought that umbrella after all," murmured Stebbins to himself, as for a moment, from his seat on the limb, he contemplated the fury of the baffled lion. Then he raised his head—and convulsively grasped a branch above him to keep from falling. The girl was facing him, her mouth opened, her eyes bulging.

"You!" she gasped.

Stebbins quickly dissembled his astonishment.

"Yessum, it's me," he grinned, feebly.

"But how—how on earth did you get here?"

"Same way you did, I expect. I didn't see you do it, but I guess it was about the same way. Ain't you glad to see me?"

The girl drew a long, ecstatic breath.

"Glad! Oh, Jim, I'm so glad I could—"

"Be careful, Opal," Stebbins cried, "don't let go of that limb. Our rantankerous friend is still below. Got a mean disposition, hasn't he? But—excuse me for interrupting—what were you going to say?"

The roses came back to the girl's cheeks.

"No," she said, "I'll not say it—now."

Stebbins swung himself over to the limb on which she sat and found a place by her side and means to put an arm around her.

"Now," he urged, "what was it?"

The girl lifted her face to his.

"This, Jim," she whispered.

The lion dropped to the ground and growled softly.

The tumult over the hill grew louder, but the pair in the tree heard it not. The lion did, looked over its shoulder and crept silently away. They did not realize that it was gone.

"Jim," said the girl, "I thought you were an angel from heaven sent down to save me."

"And it was only a drummer from St. Louis," laughed Stebbins, as he drew her closer. "Which would you have preferred?"

"The drummer," answered the girl. "Any drummer, but this one in particular. But, Jim," she said, raising her head from his shoulder, "how in the world did you happen to be here? Was it a miracle—or what?"

"Maybe it was a miracle," said Stebbins. "It looks mighty like one to me now, but I was on my way to Opal to sell a bill of goods."

"And did you—did you really know it was me out there?" she asked.

"Know you! Why, of course I did," Stebbins lied with great cheerfulness. "Do you suppose I would have tackled that beast for any other girl on earth? Not me. But now it's my turn to ask questions. How did you happen to be here? I thought you were in Kansas."

"Oh, father took a sudden notion to come back to our old home here and go into business. You know, my grandfather used to own most of the land about here. He laid out this town and named it after my mother, and I was named for her."

"Then I guess it's your father I came up here to see," said Stebbins. "The house didn't give me his name. Suppose they didn't have it. I've got a lot o' things to say to him—not all about business, either. As soon as our yellow friend—why, hello, Opal, it's gone! Come on; let's get down and hustle over to town before that fellow Chase closes up the deal."

And so they descended, and after Stebbins had rescued the umbrella, which she said they would never part with, they climbed over the hill and down the long slope on the other side to the little town.

POETICAL

May is Building Her House.

May is building her house. With apple blooms
She is roofing over the glimmering rooms;
Of the oak and the beech bath she builded its
beams.

And, spinning all day at her secret looms,
With arras of leaves each wind-swayed wall
She pictureth over, and peopleth it all
With echoes and dreams,
And singing of streams.

May is building her house. Of petal and blade,
Of the roots of the oak is the flooring made,
With a carpet of mosses and lichen and clover,
Each small miracle over and over,
And tender, traveling green things strayed.

Her windows, the morning and evening star,
And her rustling doorways, ever ajar
With the coming and going
Of fair things blowing,
The thresholds of the four winds are.

May is building her house. From the dust of
things
She is making the songs and the flowers and the
wings;
From October's tossed and trodden gold
She is making the young year out of the old;
Yea, out of winter's flying sleet
She is making all the summer sweet,
And the brown leaves spunned of November's
feet
She is changing back again to spring's.

RICHARD LE GALLIENNE.

Children of the Mills.

Oh, the silence of the children in the sunny
South today,

It is sadder than the cry of fettered slaves.
Lean and listen, and you will hear the roaring of
the mill

And the sighing of the winds through open
graves;

But the voices of the children—they are still—
Oh, the roaring of the mill, of the mill.

They no longer shout and gambol in the blossom-
laden fields,

And their laughter does not echo down the
street,

They have gone across the hills, they are working
in the mills.

Oh, the tired little hands and aching feet,
And the dreary, weary life that stunts and kills—
Oh, the roaring of the mills, of the mills.

All the pleasures known to childhood are but
tales of Fairyland.

What to them are singing birds and running
streams?

For the rumble of the rill seems an echo of the
mill,

And they see but flying spindles in their dreams;
Life is one, in summer's heat or winter's chill—
Oh, the roaring of the mill, of the mill.

In this boasted land of freedom they are bonded
baby slaves;

And the busy world goes by and does not heed.
They are driven to the mill just to glut and
overflow

Bursting coffers of the Plutocrats of greed.
When they perish we are told it is "God's will"—
Oh, the roaring of the mill, of the mill.

Still from valley, plain and hamlet lofty steeples
proudly rise,

And the droning tones of preachers prate of
crimes;

And the Gospel venders still sell the people of
the mill

Lakes of fire and fields of glory for their dimes,
And they pray beside the graves the children fill—
Oh, the roaring of the mill, of the mill.

—ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

Bid Me Good-By.

Bid me good-by. No sweeter salutation
Can friendship claim;
Nor yet can any language, any nation,
A sweeter frame.

It is not final, it forebodes no sorrow,
As some declare,

Who, born to fretting, are so prone to borrow
Tomorrow's share.

Good-by is but a prayer, a benediction
From lips sincere;

And breathed by thine it brings a sweet convic-
tion
That God will hear.

Good-by, yet, God be with you, prayer and bless-
ing

In simplest phrase;
Alike our need, and His dear care confessing
In all our ways.

However rare or frequent be our meeting,
However night

The last, long parting or the endless greeting,
Bid me good-by.

—UNKNOWN.

Now.

Rise, for the day is passing,
 And you lie dreaming on;
 The others have buckled their armour,
 And forth to the fight have gone;
 A place in the ranks awaits you,
 Each man has some part to play;
 The past and the future are nothing
 In the face of the stern today.

Rise from your dreams of the future—
 Of gaining some hard-fought field;
 Of storming some airy fortress,
 Or bidding some giant yield;
 Your future has deeds of glory,
 Of honor (God grant it may)!
 But your arm will never be stronger,
 Or the need so great as today.

Rise! If the past detains you,
 Her sunshine and storms forget,
 No chains so unworthy to hold you
 As those of a vain regret;
 Sad or bright, she is lifeless ever,
 Cast her phantom arms away,
 Nor look back, save to learn the lesson
 Of a nobler strife today.

Rise! For the day is passing;
 The sound that you scarcely hear
 Is the enemy marching to battle—
 Arise! For the foe is here!
 Stay not to sharpen your weapons
 Or the hour will strike at last,
 When from dreams of a coming battle
 You may wake to find it past!

—ADELAIDE A. PROCTOR.

The Desert's Call.

This sure is one fine, big hotel—
 It's strictly up t' snuff—
 Been livin' here almost three months,
 An' I guess that's long enuff.

Th' city's awful noisy,
 An' it sometimes makes me sick,
 An' when I think o' my desert camp,
 I want t' go back right quick.

I've seen some funny sights tho,
 Since I been a-visitin' here—
 But th' more I see, th' less I like—
 I guess you'll think I'm queer.

I've seen your big, high buildin's,
 I've rid in your trolley cars,
 I took a flyer in Wall Street,
 An' I've leaned against th' bars.

I've watched th' kids smoke cigarettes,
 An' th' girls out late at night.
 'Most anywhere you look around,
 You'll see some awful sight.

I'm goin' back to th' desert—
 An' th' mountains, an' sunshine, an' air—
 Where th' clean wind blows away sickness,
 An' God's hand is felt everywhere.

Where th' rattler hides in th' thicket,
 An' th' wild-cat is guardin' her lair,
 An' th' lonely ole ki-yote at midn'ght,
 Sends his long, mournful howl thru th' air.

When once you have lived in th' desert,
 Its grip you c'n never forget;
 It's always a-callin, an' callin',
 An' says, "you'll come back to me yet."

Th' buzzard is wheelin' in circles,
 Th' jack-rabbit's dodgin' around,
 Th' tarantular hides in th' sand-dune,
 An' th' sun is 'most scorchin' th' ground.

But I'm goin' back to th' desert.
 It's nearer to God, all in all,
 I knew it would come, soon or later,
 I'm only obeyin' th' call.

—JACK WOLF.

The Telegraph Key.

The musical click of the telegraph key,
 Is the sweetest music on earth to me.
 Who, oh! who, in this world so free,
 From coast to coast of the deep blue sea,
 Is more to be envied than he or she,
 Who fathoms the touch of that telegraph key?

Professor Morse was indeed a great man.
 Who, by work of the brain and touch of the hand,
 Invented a system by which every man,
 With enough ready wit and gift of the hand,
 Could in a brief moment have wires in command,
 And send a quick message far out o'er the land.

Oh! what would I give were I the man
 Who, with flashing eye and quick wit at hand,
 Reads a wireless message of peril to be,
 Of a noble vessel far out at sea;
 With lightning rapidity he sends in return
 From his post of duty, the glad news to learn
 That a big liner is at hand;
 The ship is saved by the wireless man.

Now all you operators of the old "KC"
 And the rest for that matter who care to see
 My simple words on paper found;
 I am no operator of great renown,
 But only a "Ham" at "CN" town;
 I can pull a board, and "OS" a train,
 And strive to please with might and main,
 But when "BS" says "31 Cy 3,"
 Oh, Lord! how I grasp that telegraph key.

So don't laugh and scoff when my call you hear,
 And say to yourself with unpytting sneer:
 He's calling "CN," that's a town down the line,
 And the biggest "Ham" of modern times;
 So think of me kindly and bear in mind,
 Of the days gone by and left behind
 When you were a "Ham" just the same as me.
 But still you loved that telegraph key.

—MRS. M. E. LAWSON.

FACETIOUS

Doing It.

"Why does Smith always smoke his cigarettes in one of those long holders?"

"His doctor has warned him to keep away from tobacco."

A Straight Tip.

Willie—Paw, when has a man horse sense?

Paw—When he can say "Nay," my son.—*Cincinnati Enquirer.*

Naturally.

"He flushed when I perused his countenance."

"Naturally, when he felt his face was getting read."—*Baltimore American.*

Going to Extremes.

Mrs. Baye—She is simply mad on the subject of germs, and sterilizes or filters everything in the house.

Visitor—How does she get along with her family?

Mrs. Baye—Oh, even her relations are strained.—*London Tit-Bits.*

They Were Speedy.

Mrs. Todd went into a store to buy some spring gingham.

"Are these colors fast?" she asked the clerk.

"Yes, indeed," he replied earnestly, "you ought to see them when once they start to run."—*Ladies' Home Journal.*

The Restorers.

Representative Henry, apropos of the latest international marriage, said philosophically the other day:

"In the dictionary, under the word 'heir-ess,' I'd suggest a new definition, namely, 'Heiress—A restorer of ruined castles.'"

The Only Way He Could.

A man fearfully addicted to stuttering stepped up to the ticket window at a railroad station and asked what it would cost him to go to New York by freight.

"By freight?" exclaimed the astonished ticket agent. "What in thunder do you want to go by freight for?"

"Be-c-ause," stammered the man, "I c-c-c-ain't exp-p-press myself very w-well, c-can I?"—*Suburban Electric Ry. Magazine.*

A Boost from Below.

The Local Plutocrat—I s'pose you 'eard. George, that I've been accepted as candidate for Parliament for the nex' election?

George—Yussir; I 'eard that when I was downtown last night.

The Local Plutocrat—Did you 'appen to 'ear what people was sayin' about it?

George—Oh, I dunno, sir. Nobody wasn't sayin' much. Jest larfin'.—*London Tatler.*

Exactly So.

"Embroidering letters on handkerchiefs is a very non-progressive business."

"How so?"

"Because it never gets beyond the initial stage."—*Baltimore American.*

Papa Introduced Them.

Teacher—Do you know, Tommie, when shingles first came into use?

Tommie—I think when I was between five and six years old, ma'am.—*Yonkers Statesman.*

Cruel.

Miss Oldgirl—Oh, Mr. Lighthouse, I've just seen eighteen happy summers!

Mr. Lighthouse—Only eighteen happy ones? What an unhappy life you must have had!—*Exchange.*

Music and Meals.

"I know," said the restaurateur, "that a great many people object to music while they are dining; but there are a great many others who like it. I think, at any rate, that the moral effect of music is good. For instance, it gives an atmosphere of friendliness—I might even say tenderness—to everything"

"Good!" said Bilkins. "Tenderness is good. I wish you'd ask your orchestra leader to try a few bars on this steak, will you?"—*Judge*.

No Kid.

There are some enterprising youngsters in Hartford. One of them smoking a cigarette went up to the ticket office and said: "Half return to Boston."

"What, a kid like you smoking a cigarette?" said the ticket agent.

"Who're you calling a kid?" cried the youngster, "I'm fourteen."

"Oh, are you? Full fare, please."

Occasional Visitors.

A notable housekeeper of the last generation, before the days of screens, had just announced that she never had any flies.

"But Aunt Augusta," faltered the timid visitor, "it seems to me that I saw a few in the dining-room."

"Oh, those," replied her aunt, with a majestic wave of the hand, "were the neighbors' flies. They come in occasionally. But, as I was saying, we never have any of our own."—*Youth's Companion*.

Tit for Tat.

Candid Hostess (on seeing her nephew's fiancée for the first time)—I never should have known you from your photograph. Reggie told me you were so pretty.

Reggie's Fiancée—No. I'm not pretty, so I have to try and be nice, and it's such a bore. Have you ever tried?—*London Punch*.

Empty Compliments.

"You just ought to hear the great things the phrenologist said about my head."

"Don't you believe him. There's nothing in it."

Stung!

The amateur gardener saw an ad in a farm paper. The ad read as follows:

"How to remove weeds without labor. Ten minutes does the trick. Send \$2 for recipe."

The amateur gardener sent the \$2. Two days later he received the recipe. It read as follows:

"Marry a widow."—*Cincinnati Enquirer*.

Some Try It.

"What's the use of cussing so continuously?"

"The darned auto won't go."

"Well, you can't run it by lung power."

Not So Fervent.

"I pride myself on my sunny disposition."

"You do, eh?"

"Yes."

"Well, don't flatter yourself that every girl you beam upon gets a coat of tan."

The Doctor's Advantage.

Robert Smith, brother of Stanley Smith, and an ex-advocate general, on one occasion engaged in an argument with a physician over the relative merits of their respective professions.

"I don't say that all lawyers are crooks," said the doctor, "but you'll have to admit that your profession doesn't make angels of men."

"No," retorted Smith; "you doctors certainly have the best of us there."

In the Family.

Ethel—Why did you take off your hat to that girl? You don't know her, do you?

Jack—No—er—but by brother does, and this is his hat.—*Princeton Tiger*.

Not on Your Life.

Flannigan and O'Brien were dining at a swell restaurant. They were not accustomed to such a place. When they had finished, the waiter asked: "Shall I bring you a couple of demi-tasses?"

"Not on your loife!" exclaimed Flannigan. "Our wives might drop in and see us."

Our Correspondents



OPTIMISTS AND PESSIMISTS.

"IF WE wish to keep fresh and be happy up to the age of 70, as I am now, we must have plenty to do and worry very little. I have sixteen hours work per day and enjoy it."—*Evening Mail*, March 20th.

That prescription comes from one of our important American bishops.

No philosophy of life can be embodied in any few words representing the tendencies of any one man or group of them. That is more the case in our days than ever, because of the boundless differentiations of modern life. Then, we have so many kinds of work, and so many kinds of pay for any given job. Then again, each condition in the social order requires a special taste to properly perform the duties of each situation. Another fact needs to be mentioned. The fact that only some of us have the opportunity to make a choice in our occupation. The majority of people have to do, for a bare living, what comes to them. Some have to commence a hard life at the age of 14, if not before. Some can wait until the age of 22 before they choose.

Take now the great chasm between the \$600 average annual income of our plain family group, and the \$6,000 or more income for the bishop's family, who only needs to worry a little now and then, while most of the rest of us are forced to worry all the time, if we have any brains left. Of course that we would not need to worry at all if civilization was properly organized. And the higher we rise in life the greater the need to be now and then uneasy about that dreadful tomorrow forever present with most of us. And it is we, the top people, that produce a progress entailing all kinds of anxieties about every today and every tomorrow. All the same we have been told how all such worry and uneasiness could be

blotted out of existence. Of course, that requires high ideals, ambitions of the spiritual order, and few of us can manage to have them. How can we, when we cling to mere processes by which to accumulate more and more wealth, or greater importance, the kind that may flatter our materialized minds and souls?

It is through the vapid and confusing distinctions of sophistry that we have always cheated each other out of all truth in the most essential departments of our terrestrial development. For instance: every nation has had a select class of people able to fully control their method of existence. Some of them have possessed the taste of constant occupation like the bishop we have mentioned. We become often attached to any given job, and then to work along that line is but a perpetual joy. It is most especially so when we can drop that labor as often as we like, and take another form of activity, like that of traveling or investigating any branch of natural phenomena, etc. Then, all that is only possible when we have wealth to burn, and only need to please those we like to make happy.

What now about those who have to work hard for a bare existence, and have no chances of changing their occupations, nor money enough for any enjoyments, and need to please somebody? What about them? Oh, you people who can do what you like, how little you do know about the bulk of humanity!

Take this nation, the richest of all, after a fashion. Do you know anything about our 17,000,000 wives and mothers of our plain people? Have you ever thought of their sixteen hours' of daily work, Sundays included, with no chances of any vacation of any account? And do you know that their worry is about perpetual, because they have to stretch every dollar into two or

three dollars? And who is responsible for that? We choice people, we who can afford to work as much or as little as we like, we who only need to worry when we wish to do that for a change.

The responsibilities attached to power and knowledge are enormous. And how few of us important people realize that! And thus life vanishes into death, generation after generation, and chaos and turmoils are reproduced, when we could suppress them for all time to come. We think that charities and prayers, and libraries and cathedrals, and attacking some of the surface wrongs, is all we should do. How long before we try to learn any better?

Day after day and year after year follow each other. The same happens with decades and centuries. The story of human life remains the same. Can that be intended by our Father and Creator in His universe of glory? That glory remains only outside of men. Why so? There must be a reason for it. But here comes our friend the optimist, with his face redolent with smiles, and his brains full of hopes but empty in connection with sound ideals. Does it pay to forever entertain such a mental attitude, and never to study the science of healthy human development? Can it be possible that God has denied us the power to learn that science? Yet we happen to have a science for every section of cosmical phenomena and for every branch in our material development. Only when equity and morality are reached, only when fair play is most needed, only when sense is required to solve our important problems in the life of nations, only then we drop into inanity and sell our real happiness to the wealth that perishes.

Neither our friends the optimists—always happy, they say, in the midst of their troubles, nor our solemn pessimists, occasionally happy when joys come along, have thus far tried to teach humanity how to clear up the skies and horizons of national life. Pestiferous problems follow each other all over the planet, and turmoils continue *ad infinitum* among men, while the whole universe around is perpetually enveloped in glory, subject to simple natural laws that never need any change. And

when we deal with each other we can see that the laws of the universe are yet simpler and more easily adapted to joy and peace, but decline to obey them, or have to become entangled with our own laws and conditions, working for trouble with all of us. It is thus that our saturnalia of sorrows and sins goes on forever. Yet, it would be so easy to stop the process in question! All in God's universe remains forever ready to the blessings and joys of divine love.

JOSE GROS.

WHY THE O. R. T.?

In the first place, what is the cardinal function of the Order and the fundamental principles and purposes desired to be accomplished in its inception? It is a bona fide organization of men working for the common good, to promote among its members a closer bond of unity and fellowship, to perpetuate the feelings of our forefathers who laid down their lives for the cause that "all men are created equal," and last but not least to teach these principles to our posterity by living up to them ourselves.

It is superfluous to assert in union there is no strength. Benjamin Franklin said to his colleagues, "Gentlemen, if we do not hang together they will hang us together." Not long since I heard the Speaker of the House, Hon. Champ Clark, remark in a speech, "I think Abraham Lincoln owes his success in his political campaigns to one single quotation from the bible. 'A house divided against itself can not stand.'" Speaker Clark said the continued use of the excerpt soon won Lincoln fame. This is exactly the position that should be taken by the telegraphers. We all know eternal vigilance is the price of liberty. Abate the vigilance and watch the liberty vanish as a pinch of gunpowder would in Vesuvius.

There is another reason why I am a member of the O. R. T. It is the visible results of its existence. I have no time for the so-called man who says the Order has done nothing for anyone. Ninety per cent of the benefits to the craft can be attributed to the activity of the O. R. T. To the real man it is *ipso facto* a reality. The argument of the non can be well expressed in the words of the poet, "argumentum ad

absurdum." The obstinate non often calls attention to some minor blunder of a member of the O. R. T., and which he gives as his reasons for not affiliating himself with the Order. He does not stop to consider that all men are subject to err. He does not compare his own inconsistency with the small errors of his fellow craftsmen. Stop and think about a hive of bees. There are the workers and there are the drones or the parasites who would partake of the fruits of those that work. But do the workers stand for this? No, they do not. If the non persists in such a view and his mental equilibrium is so much disturbed by some small error that he will point out, the axiom "No card, no favors" is a good antidote.

Many centuries before the dawn of Christianity the great teacher of ethics, Confucius, said: "The point where to rest being known, the object of pursuit is then determined." He also said, "Faithfully admonish your friend and kindly try to lead him. If you find him impracticable, stop; do not disgrace yourself." This is thoroughly philosophical and has always been so. If your friend is opposed to the O. R. T., he is not your best friend. If he is repugnant to and works in derogation of the O. R. T., he is not fit to be your friend.

He that is wont to chide you for belonging to the O. R. T. should have his trouble for his pains. Remember there are but two species of creation that hiss, the snake from its venom and the goose from its simplicity.

There is also the "backslider" to deal with. He feels that he has spent enough money. He is too selfish to stop and think how valiantly and with what self-abnegation men have worked to put this cause where it is today. The man who constantly

says he has an armful of cards and that it is time for someone else to do something, should be treated as a non also.

There is this "next pay day" man, too. He treats this phrase so sacredly that he uses it every month. I can best express this thought in the words of Congreve, "Defer not tomorrow to be wise, tomorrow's sun to thee may never rise."

While I believe we should make due allowance for the frailties of mankind, we should treat it reasonably. It is true, "no perfection is so absolute that some impurity doth not pollute," but it should be treated with reason. If society disregarded the offenders who breach its laws we would soon be back to a state of barbarism and savagery. We can have due regard for our non co-workers as men, but we should not give them the same merit that we do those who will help to fight a loyal cause.

The general manager of a large trunk line said recently, "I can blame no man for working for the best of his own interests; men who show an interest in the welfare of themselves will likewise show an interest in the company." There is no plausible excuse for not belonging to the O. R. T. It will help you and help your family, and they will certainly think more of you.

Last, those sordid, unfeeling reprobates, degraded, spiritless, parasitic outcasts, who actually work against the cause in every way they can, should be treated as enemies to us, our families, and our posterity by their contaminated motives.

To those who are members I might say, "sweet is pleasure after pain," and "honor and shame from no condition rise, act well your part, there all the honor lies."

O. K., CERT. 2321.





NOTICE.

All matter for this department must be in the hands of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer on or before the 28th day of the month in order to insure its use in the following issue.

New Haven, Conn., Div. No. 29.

Midland Division, N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R.—

Since the burning of the Union Station the general offices have been located in the C. N. E. R. R. building. The chief dispatcher's office on the third floor. The boys there are rejoicing over the fact that they have a full new outfit—desk instruments, etc.

Third trick "AD" union station, opened since the fire, bid in by M. J. Phillips, who later resigned and accepted a position with the Central New England Telephone Co., has been bid in temporarily by Mr. Watson, of Pomfret.

Bro. Arrison received second branch switch, vice Bro. Hilborn, who received third East Hartford yard, vice Phillips.

Dispatcher Fogarty is off account ill health. Bro. Jacobs on second. First sub-division Dispatcher Haynor on first; Bro. Buckley on third, second sub-division; Bro. Balcom on third at telegraph table, and Bro. Hilborn on second.

All operators, conductors, trainmen, and everyone who has anything to do with the handling of trains, are now required to have standard watches. Those so situated as not to be able to have their watches inspected bi-monthly as required by the circular, or can not conveniently get to a watch inspector, must compare their watches at stated intervals with the standard time or with a standard clock.

R. H. Long, third East Hartford yard, and J. L. Strong, relieving the ticket agent South Bridge, on vacation, are both new men.

Bro. J. F. Condon, first Burnside Jct., while off sick, relieved by Bro. Andre, who later relieved J. L. Otis at Auburn, also off sick. The spring weather seems to be getting the best of the boys.

Local Chairman Leete attended the meetings held in Providence recently, the largest ever held on the New Haven. Everyone who possibly can should attend them. Besides learning something one can meet and get acquainted with the boys, which is the best part of all.

We all congratulate Bro. Koch, car distributor, on his promotion to the responsible position of stationmaster at Hartford. Bro. Koch has been with the New Haven for nineteen years and has held various important positions. Here's hoping he will always carry a card, if he can not wear a button.

Bro. Gill, of Vernon Jct., has purchased an auto, and hired Bro. Risley, of Burnside Jct., to

flag it. Any of the brothers who care for rough riding apply to "GI."

One of our oldest men, Bro. Fanning, bid in "CD." For several years he was the "C. T. D." clerk and agent at Andover, and Rockville. Let's help him all we can. He has our best wishes for success.

Mr. Weir, Manchester second, says "nothing doing." When necessity comes he will wish he had stayed where he could get a helping hand.

Dispatcher Gulnack, back from the Panama Canal, with an up-to-date, is on second "MI."

The ladies are to be excused from having the regulation size watch. The sisters always give prompt and efficient service and have the standard time.

Bro. Tommy Buckley will probably land second in the dispatcher's office for six months.

The few who have not yet paid their dues should dig down at once and be somebody.

The general committee recently settled cases at Danielson and North Grosvenordale, and both operators are now being paid four hours overtime each day on account of one trick at each station being abolished. They are now drawing more than \$22 each week and their back pay. This should convince everyone that they can not afford to be without the kind of protection in their pockets that means something. Remind the nons that they have no one to take up their grievances.

Mr. Emery, who bid in second Willimantic, should appreciate the privilege our schedule gives him, and get an up-to-date.

Mr. Keach, the agent at Buckland, seems to think it is all right to take everything the schedule provides and give nothing in return. Wonder if he acts on the same principle when he goes to church?

With the train service and the "trolleys" we have there is no reason for any man within thirty miles of our lodge room, who is not on duty, to not attend our meetings. That's the place to start something. Brothers, don't let anything interfere with that one night in the month, but get there.
"EX."

Central New England Ry., Div. No. 29.

Bro. Mullen, from "QA," is at "DI" nights. We wish him success.

Bro. Franklin has again bid in "BO" tower second, and Bro. Wilsey second "QA," but is now relieving Miss Henderson on first there.

There is a lot of agitation along the line relative to new regulations covering standard watches. Local Chairman Margraf was in conference with the general committee which met General Manager Bardo in New Haven, April 15th, relative to an extension of time to allow the men a chance to secure them.

Bro. Melins, "HY," can furnish you a good lot when ready to build.

It is understood that we are to be allowed another committeeman (four in all), to cover that portion of our division from Hopewell to Danbury.

Your cross-country walkers have nothing on Bro. Joyce, third "GD." He walks about five miles to and from work. The weather never bothers him.

Bro. Wheeler, at "RD," just secured two more new members. He is certainly setting a good example for those who simply pay their dues and do nothing to let the "nons" know that we are organized on this pike. Talk things over with the other member in your office, and get in touch with your local chairman. He will be glad to receive any suggestions in regard to increasing our membership. Some of the nons secured a raise of \$30 to \$75 a year through the efforts of the O. R. T., about a year ago, and we should see that they use a small portion of it to secure an up-to-date. There's a way to do this effectively and you all know what it is.

Brothers, send me the news, changes, etc. If it's only a line or two it will help out.

E. L. C., Cert. 263.

Providence, R. I., Div. No. 35.

Through the courtesy of Bro. Burt, chairman, and Bro. O'Neil, secretary of the Railway Clerks' Association, your chief telegrapher and wife, Bro. W. J. Brenner and wife, and Bro. A. H. Had-dock and wife, enjoyed the ball given by Local Division No. 103, of that Order, the evening of April 14, in Providence. It was a delightful occasion and a pronounced success, reflecting great credit upon Bro. Burt and his efficient aids. It was nice of them to thus honor Division No. 35.

Sister Brady, wife of our assistant local chairman, J. F. Brady, who has been quite sick, is reported improving encouragingly. Bro. Brady is suffering from an attack of tonsillitis. We hope they will both soon be out.

The attendance at the meeting on April 18th was large and enthusiastic, which was gratifying to the officers. The bunch of applications on the secretary's desk shows that the members are wide awake. Our territory should be purged of the remaining nons who are all working under improved conditions brought about through our efforts, and enjoyed at our expense, and every member should consider himself a committee of one to see that this is done.

At our last meeting we devoted most of our time discussing the question of clocks and watches. Mr. Ball, the official time inspector of the road, told why new time-pieces were necessary, and it was clearly shown to him that many of the clocks now in use had received no attention for

years, and if given a good cleaning, oiling and overhauling there would be little need for changes. He was also shown that it was impossible for towermen to use watches while handling levers and that they must have reliable clocks, and that this also applied to stations and other persons where standard clocks are now in use, or should be. That if these clocks were properly looked after there would be no necessity for employees getting new watches, and the sending out of the watch notice was uncalled for as far as it applies to telegraphers, towermen or agents, and is looked upon by them as an unwarranted imposition. Probably had Mr. Ball known conditions on the New Haven System, the watch notice would doubtless have never been issued, and as he now understands the unjustness of its enforcement it may be withdrawn. Take, for instance, East Providence tower, where there is a standard clock, which cost at least \$25.00. The three towermen there are asked to purchase new watches, costing about \$25.00 each, which neither of them need, and can not use, while on duty. By having reliable clocks properly cared for, the time system can be kept in "A1" condition without placing this financial burden upon our men, who can ill afford this needless expense.

In a recent issue we referred to "Mr." H. E. Johnson, for which we apologize. It should have read "Bro." H. E. Johnson.

Bro. R. S. Eaton is at Mystic, breaking in new agent.

Mrs. W. J. Brenner, wife of Bro. and President Brenner, of the B. A., is convalescing from several days' illness.

Bids were posted April 20th for second towerman Dedham Road, leverman third Brayton Ave., and clerk and operator Washington, R. I.

A committee of five will be appointed to perfect necessary arrangements for the proper observance of memorial day, July 12th, and all members are asked to co-operate.

Our next meeting promises to be just as interesting as the last, and all who can should plan in advance to be present.

Get your news items in promptly in order that they may reach the editor at St. Louis before the 28th of each month. A good write-up in each issue of the journal will help materially to make the present year one of our best.

Recent changes on bid: Bro. Gillespe, C. & O., Sterling, Conn., to C. & O., Auburn, R. I.; Bro. McIntire, Washington to Sterling; Bro. Luboskoy, C. & O., Auburn, to agency Wood River Jct.; Bro. Trove, second Woodlawn, to first C. & O., Blackstone, Mass.; Bro. Wm. Hall to second Woodlawn, from second Dedham Road, and Bro. James Holt, for many years agent at Woodlawn station (recently discontinued), to agent Cranston Street station.

During the past few warm days some of the boys have been down the river and got a smell of clams, with the result that we shall soon hear about a clam dinner being arranged for.

Go to it, boys, and make it a big success.

J. D. V., Div. Cor.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, to call home our beloved brother, G. A. White; and

WHEREAS, Fully realizing our great loss, we feel unable to express in words our heartfelt sympathy; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the members of Providence Division No. 35, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, humbly submit to the power over which we have no control, and extend to Mrs. White and other members of the family our sincere sympathy; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to Mrs. White, a copy spread on the minutes of the division and a copy sent to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

DAVID. M. CALLIS,
FRED I. WALKER,
CHAS. H. WILSON, JR.,
Committee.

Springfield, Mass., Div. No. 38.

B. & A. R. R.—

Bro. W. H. Sweet, covering second tower 53 Hinsdale, pending bids.

Bro. H. D. Whitney, chief signalman, west end, covering tower 55, N. A. Jct.

Assignments: Second tower 40, Springfield, E. J. Keefe; third Niverville, H. Segelken; second tower 43, West Springfield, J. Hibert.

Bro. Daniel Thompson, third tower 66, has purchased a farm.

Bro. J. A. Bell, second Cady's, is general agent for the Bennett typewriter.

Bro. M. J. Walsh is our new secretary and treasurer. A good man. Pay your dues promptly and help him all you can.

The following promotions have been made in "SD" train dispatcher's office: Wm. Marshall, night chief, to chief clerk for superintendent; Curry succeeded by Phil Halsey and he as first trick dispatcher, west end, by Wm. Powers, succeeded as second trick dispatcher on west end by Jake Jacobis, third trick dispatcher east end, succeeded by Lon Pennoyer, former extra dispatcher.

Bro. M. L. Fleming, third "SI" Springfield, is in the C. N. E. dispatcher's office at Hartford, Conn. "Doc."

Boston, Mass., Div. No. 41.

Boston and Maine R. R., C. & P. South—

Bro. Bonner was relieved for a week by Mr. Haley.

Mr. Roy bid back third "SV;" third Putney bid in by Bro. Rowland, and Mr. Atkinson bid in third "WA." See that he has an up-to-date.

It will soon be Bro. Belknap on third "CM."

If you can't get the non that is next to you let Bro. Swan or Bro. Richards know and they will see what they can do.

Brothers, wake up and send in a few items so the others will know we are still on earth.

C. B., Div. Cor.

New York, N. Y., Div. No. 44.

Regular meeting for April was held on Saturday, the 11th, with about forty-five members present. We had hoped for even a larger attendance, as it was a "red letter." Our general committee, after long and tedious efforts, reported on our new wage schedule effective April 1st.

Brothers, do not let your efforts relax, but make it a point to see that the man working next to you is paid up and keeps an up-to-date in his possession at all times. This is the only way that you can support your committee.

It was regretted that our chief, Bro. Light, could not be with us. First Vice-Brother Tilby conducted the meeting in an able manner.

At this meeting our old chief, Bro. C. B. Van Nostrand, was presented with a token of esteem by the brothers of Division 44, whom Bro. "Van" has served faithfully and well for six long years. Bro. Hudson, on behalf of Division 44, presented "Van" with a beautiful diamond ring, which made "Van" wish he had served us twelve years instead of six for the good will and best wishes that went with the token.

Bro. E. H. Decker made his final report of our last entertainment which showed it was a financial success as well as a social success. The committee was discharged with a vote of thanks, and a rising vote was extended to Chairman Bro. Decker.

Bro. Mat Reiser accepted his old post as outside sentinel, which he has ably fulfilled for several terms—a good man in the right place.

On Sunday, April 19th, General Chairman Bro. Leonard held a meeting at Manorville for the benefit of the brothers on the east end, who are unable to attend any of our regular meetings, and the brothers showed their appreciation by a large attendance. This meeting proved very beneficial to both the members on the east end and our general committee, secretary and treasurer.

Bro. Merringer, with several of the other brothers, accompanied Bro. Leonard. Bro. E. M. Robinson, who refused to work with a scab and left the service of the road several years ago, attended this meeting.

It is the intention of the general chairman to hold a similar meeting on the south side for the benefit of the brothers on the Montauk Division.

Bro. J. S. Thuma took his annual spring vacation on April 14th, and visited Polo Grounds for the opening game of the World Champion Athletics and Yanks, with the usual result, could not talk for a week.

Mr. Leonard, ticket clerk and operator Oyster Bay, has joined the newlyweds. Bro. Rust, formerly of Long Beach third, has bid in first trick Oyster Bay, and Mr. Atkinson second there.

Bro. McCargar, first trick "MP," off three days first of April, was relieved by Bro. Menchion. Bro. P. C. Clawson, who bid in second Morris Park, spent Easter with his parents in Tranquility. N. J. Bro. Tom Corneely bid in third "MP" tower, and Bro. McCargar on the extra relief positions, giving him more time to attend the school marm.

Bro. Tom Bennett, first "OY" tower, was in Oyster Bay recently visiting the boys and introducing a new shaving oil.

Bro. Hill, Glen Cove, is taking lessons in agriculture, and promises to have the finest station flower garden on the Oyster Bay branch this summer.

Bro. A. F. Heller attended the State legislative meeting in Albany recently.

Bro. Frank Cady gives all the boys a cordial invitation to take a ride in his dandy new automobile. His fondness for softshell crabs at the landing is well known. He has the price, too.

Bro. Dalbender, of Lynbrook, returned after three years' travel to his native home, and is now on first "SY" cabin Sayville, pending bulletin.

Bro. Godneck, first Sheet "N. J.," was at Wreck Lead recently fishing, and, from his report, he caught a whale.

Bro. Leonard entertained his sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Sheasley, of West Fairview, Pa., for a week recently. Andy was a real sport, taking in all the movies.

Bro. Ed. Van Nostrand, third "IS" Hollis, has purchased a new boat and is making big preparations for entertaining during the summer.

Bro. Geo. Croake, who bid in second "G" cabin Great Neck, says the ozone there agrees with him. Bro. Williams, back from his three weeks' vacation, on first there again.

Bro. Goldman, third "PN" Port Washington, says the doctor has ordered him, while working nights, to eat a pound of peanuts every night.

The brothers are all pleased with the recent raise in salary secured by our committee. Every little bit helps, and Bro. W. E. McCargar, our ladies' man, says we need it.

Div. Cor.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our heavenly Father, and all-wise ruler of the universe, to take unto Himself the beloved mother of our dear brother, G. C. Sprague; in manifestation of our grief and fraternal sympathy, be it

Resolved, That the members of New York Division No. 44, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the sorrowing brother and members of the afflicted family, their sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved brother, a copy spread upon the minutes of the division and a copy forwarded to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

J. S. MARTIN,

A. F. HELLER,

O. A. HUDSON,

Committee.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our heavenly Father and all-wise ruler of the universe to call to his reward the beloved father of our esteemed sister, Miss Irene M. Webb; in manifestation of our grief and fraternal sympathy, be it

Resolved, That the members of New York Division No. 44, Order of Railroad Telegraphers,

extend to the sorrowing sister and members of the afflicted family, their sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved sister, a copy spread upon the minutes of the division and a copy forwarded to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

A. F. HELLER,

J. S. MARTIN,

O. R. HUDSON,

Committee.

Campbellton, N. B., Div. No. 61.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Our heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom and goodness, has deemed it best to call to the great beyond the beloved wife and son of our brother, A. B. Wilson; therefore, in manifestation of our sorrow and fraternal sympathy, be it

Resolved, That the members of Campbellton Division No. 61, Intercolonial Railway Telegraphers, extend to our sorrowing brother and family their sincere and heartfelt sympathy; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved brother and family, a copy spread on the minutes of the division and a copy forwarded to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

E. T. SWIFT,

H. K. CORBETT,

J. H. DASSYLVA,

Committee.

Rochester, N. H., Div. No. 65.

Our April meeting was called to order by Chief Telegrapher Beacham, on Saturday evening, the 11th, at 8 o'clock. The business session was followed by a luncheon prepared by the committee in charge of the evening's entertainment.

Bro. T. M. Pierson, the guest of the evening, gave us one of his interesting talks upon matters relative to the welfare of the Order. He compared the conditions under which the general committee carries on its present work with the conditions in the days when the first committee on the B. & M. strove to secure recognition from the railroad officials.

General Chairman Bode talked about the work that had been done on the general committee, the handling of grievances and other important matters.

Other speakers were: Local Chairman McGeouch, of the Mountain Division of the Maine Central; Local Chairman Clifton, of the Fitchburg Division of the B. & M.; Local Chairman Jones, of the W. N. & P. Division; A. W. Landsberg, of Division 41, and C. J. Scott, past chief telegrapher, and the meeting did not adjourn until after midnight. The success of the evening's entertainment was due largely to the efforts of Bros. C. P. Lord, McDonough and D. J. Donovan, the committee of arrangements. Besides the visiting brothers there were present: Bros. E. J. Scott,

Beacham; C. P. Lord, G. C. Lord, P. T. Harrity, Emery, Grimes, G. F. Berry, Appleby, Reed, Duffy, L. S. Butler, McDonough, D. J. Donovan, Banks, Ballow, Barker, Sinclair, Clark, W. E. Knight, Leaf, Togg and C. E. Scott.

Now that the meetings are to be held on the second Saturday night of each month at 7:30 o'clock, in K. of C. Hall, 372 Central Ave., Dover, N. H., there should be a large number of brothers present at every meeting. Visiting brothers from other divisions are always welcome to the meetings.

A. P. Little, general agent Rochester, is the latest name added to the membership roll of Division 65.

Bro. Reed, of Farmington agency, has been appointed traveling agent. His territory consists of the eastern portions of the western and eastern routes of the Portland Division. Irvin Rollins, Wolfeboro, holds a similar position on the W. N. & P. Division, between Nashua and Portland.

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Boston, Mass., Div. No. 89.

Worthy Chief Bro. Enos, had his hands full at the last night meeting. "The old-timers," who are seldom seen nowadays at meetings, were present in full armour in remonstrance against the company's edict regarding standard watches. The reasons advanced to abrogate the rule were of such a nature that General Chairman Bro. Ross deemed it advisable to convene the general committee, which was done. Their endeavors resulted in the extension of time for thirty days longer, so that the matter would receive proper consideration.

Legislative Agent Bro. Mullen reported that the bill so long under discussion providing for one day of rest in every seven was declared unconstitutional by the attorney-general, and as firmly maintained by the Legislature in so far as it relates to compensation. Bro. Mullen's attitude in respect of this was freely expressed and stoutly upheld by all that, if it is constitutional to fix freight and passenger rates, it was equally so to provide for compensation when service with respect to safety is to be considered, and to this end he will endeavor to have the bill further considered.

A union meeting of the "Big 4," comprising the members of the Brotherhood of Enginemen, Firemen, Conductors and Trainmen was held at Fitchburg, Mass., Sunday, April 5th, for the purpose of talking over better working conditions. It is the general belief that co-operation along similar lines as at present in vogue on the D. & H. R. R. was the principle topic. For some reason not yet fully understood the O. R. T. was not invited, although a large placard was in plain evidence in the division room during the meeting advertising the affair.

Mr. Morton, president of the O. R. S. A., is also actively engaged along the lines of co-operation on the B. & M. R. R., in which the O. R. T. was invited to participate, but respectfully

declined for the reason that there appears to be some foreign element behind the movement, and just what the result may be is left open to conjecture. A movement of such vast import must naturally come from the heads of the respective organizations involved. We therefore complacently await the arrival of such time.

Bro. George Clark, of South Framingham, off duty on account of poor health, is handling a side line of high-grade watches. Inasmuch as there is an increased standard of requirements on the New Haven, which will necessitate a great number of new watches being bought, it will be well for those requiring new ones to communicate with Bro. Clark, as he is selling all makes on easy terms at rock-bottom prices to brothers in good standing.

During his last visit in Boston, Vice-President Pierson spent a friendly half-hour with His Honor Gov. Walsh, accompanied by Bro. Mullen.

Boston Division, N. H. R. R.—

Bro. Patterson, of Black Bay tower, is back from his vacation spent in Florida much improved in health.

Bro. Bicknell, away for a week, was relieved by Bro. Clark.

Bro. Goodell, off three days, was relieved by Mr. Abbott.

Dorchester second bid in by Bro. Sandborn, Harrison Square station. Second secured by Mr. Snyder, who should get in line now.

You may sometimes get by without an up-to-date card, but it was proved to the contrary at Dorchester recently.

Many thanks to Chief Telegrapher Enos and Bro. C. Clark for the notes in each write-up.

Midland Division, N. H. R. R.—

Bro. Gulnac is back from Panama Canal, filling in at Willic, vice Curry resigned.

Bro. Graichen, while off sick, was relieved by Bro. Tom Condon.

Bro. Wm. Murphy, relief dispatcher, and wife, spent a few days with relatives at Franklin.

Bro. C. S. Mathewson has been appointed assistant local chairman to represent the agents; address East Thompson, Conn.

Bro. J. H. White, Franklin tower, has the Alaska gold fever.

Quite a number of the brothers have secured new and better watches. The new Vanguard with the winding indicator is made popular on this division by so many purchasers.

BARDOL, Cor.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our heavenly Father to remove from our midst Bro. Elmer E. Wright; and

WHEREAS, We are stricken with grief at the loss of this loyal brother; therefore be it

Resolved, That the members of Boston Division 89, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend their

heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family of our brother in this time of sorrow; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the afflicted family and a copy to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

J. F. FRANCIS,
T. H. CHURCHILL,
J. B. LINCOLN,
Committee.

Meridian, Miss., Div. No. 94.

Bro. D. W. Crump, of Reform, sent in his usual bunch of locals without waiting to be asked. Wish we had a lot of Crumps on the line, then the write-up would be a humdinger.

We have a few nons and delinquents who should come across at once. We need their help as it is nearly time for a revision in schedule.

Remember, "a house divided against itself must fall," so let's stand together and get what is intended for us.

Montgomery Division—

H. Parker, third trick at Reform, pending bulletin. Boys, see that he comes across.

Bro. Claude Floyd bid in clerk-telegrapher at Gordo, Ala., and James Albright bid in agency Duncanville.

Bro. Pearson, Northport, Ala., off sick several days, was relieved by C. F. Wright.

The agent at Eoline is now working six hours first trick, the other two men nine hours, and has a \$30.00 clerk. We trust the eight-hour bill will pass the Senate so they can not work any of the operators over eight hours.

Our chief, while off sick, was relieved by First Trick Dispatcher Deever, and he by Bro. J. M. Elliott, of Artesia, as extra dispatcher.

CERT. 247.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The all-wise Ruler of the universe hath seen fit to call to his reward our brother and past chief telegrapher, H. W. Bell; and

WHEREAS, In the loss of Bro. Bell the country has lost one of its most upright citizens, the family a kind and loving father and husband, and the Order of Railroad Telegraphers a devout member; and

WHEREAS, Our hearts go out in deep sympathy to the grief-stricken loved ones; therefore be it

Resolved, That Meridian Division 94, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the sorrowing family and friends our sincere and heartfelt sympathy, in this their dark hour; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions shall be spread upon the minutes of this division, a copy sent THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication and a copy forwarded to the sorrowing family.

R. M. HOLMES,
J. M. ELLIOTT,
C. E. HENDLEY,
R. E. PETERMAN, JR.,
Committee.

Southern Ry. in Mississippi, Div. No. 94.

GREENVILLE, Miss., April 20, 1914.

To Members Division 94, Southern Railway in Mississippi:

Bro. C. D. Strong, West Point, Miss., has been appointed correspondent, and I hope each one of you will send him any news you can.

J. W. ROBINSON, General Chairman.

Concord, N. H., Div. No. 105.

B. & M. R. R.—

The attendance at our April meeting made our new chief feel as though the men were behind him in helping him make good in his office and we all felt encouraged the way the men turned out. Keep the good work up, don't stop now, get the habit and keep coming; when we have a crowd like that our meetings are always interesting, and we all would look forward to the meetings with pleasure instead of feeling it a duty. It's only one evening a month; we certainly ought to devote that much time to the cause.

Bros. Brewster and Kellogg go back to their old positions at Westboro, and Mr. Gavril back to Canaan. Your local chairman worked hard and conscientiously on these cases and won out. Give him the praise and thanks he deserves. He does this work without any compensation whatever and should receive the credit due him.

Understand there is a movement on foot whereby we may get rid of lighting switch lights.

If you know of anyone desiring a position as flagman, they might do well to get in touch with Bros. Jenness and Martin.

Bro. Hicker has resigned as traveling agent and resumed his former position as agent at Bristol, N. H.

Local Chairman Gage was called to Boston on business recently.

Your secretary is pleased to report that all members excepting two now hold an up-to-date, and they no doubt will have them by the time this is in print, making a perfect record for this semi-annual period. Our boys usually pay up promptly which shows the proper spirit.

Would appreciate any news that any of the members could give me from time to time. It would help to make these write-ups more interesting.

Keep after those nons.

Sec.

Hamilton, Ont., Div. No. 155.

Toronto, Hamilton & Buffalo Ry.—

Our regular meeting was held Sunday, April 12th, with ten members in attendance and a good time was the order of the meeting.

We were favored with a visit by Bro. Yauman, president, and Bro. Stuart, secretary-treasurer, of the C. T. U. A. local formed in Hamilton. It was decided that the two lodges, No. 155 of the O. R. T., and the C. T. U. A. local, unite for the purpose of holding meetings on the same day

in the same hall, but at a different hour, the C. T. U. A. boys holding their sessions first.

H. T. Malcolmson, for several years car accountant, has been promoted to superintendent, vice R. A. Barrett, resigned. All the boys are pleased at Harry's appointment, as it means better service. A. E. Locke, commercial agent, has been appointed car accountant. Mr. Locke is a very genial gentleman, who improves on acquaintance.

One of Mr. Malcolmson's first acts was to appoint Bro. W. J. Warnick chief train dispatcher and Bro. W. H. Staniland night chief. This places Bro. L. Harrington on first, Bro. R. P. Nevills on second and Bro. R. A. Warrender on third in the dispatcher's office, with Bro. C. W. Hinchey doing the relieving.

Bro. J. D. Rowntree transferred from upstairs to downstairs. Although he does not now have to work on Sunday, his hours are plenty long enough during the week.

Mr. Chapman, relieving in the various offices during the winter, has departed for fields unknown. "Fields afar off look green"—you might go farther and do worse.

Bro. W. Malcolm has been appointed to relief work.

Bro. M. E. Birdsall is now agent at Silverdale and likes the country air immensely.

Bro. W. H. Bates is at Fenwick nights, pending bulletin assignment. Vinemount nights, also advertised, is held by J. L. Kelly, a former member, the only bidder. Come across, now Joe.

Bro. N. C. Burdick was recently reappointed agent at Coyle. His little three-year-old girl who has been sick and whose life was at one time despaired of, we are glad to hear, is on the way to recovery.

Sister Cusack, Hamilton "Q" days, is a little under the weather. We hope for her a speedy recovery.

Business is very dull; very few trains running, and a few cut off. Although the passenger business seems to hold up in good shape. Eda.

Grand Trunk Ry., Div. No. 1.

Just a few words with reference to the first month's increase, as a voluntary contribution to apply on liquidating schedule expenses, as requested by your general committee when advising you of the settlement recently made. These negotiations, as you will observe by glancing over the financial statement for year 1913, just mailed, is in the neighborhood of \$4,000.00, and while it was an expensive negotiation, yet your committee had no say in the matter of length of time it took to bring the settlement about. Your committeemen simply did their best for all concerned, and surely no one can find fault with the result of the negotiations. In addition to the Grand Trunk proper, indebtedness, as shown by the financial statement, namely, \$752.27, which we have to square. Your traveling general chairman, Bro. L. M. Eddy, is giving his whole time to the work, and his salary must be made up by the members; therefore, it should not be a

very hard matter for you to see and realize the importance of sending in at least one month's increase from all sources, but not to, in any one case, exceed the sum of ten dollars. On all other roads it is customary for all telegraphers, whether a member of the Order or not, to send in one month's increase; therefore those who have not already complied with the request will please make use of the voluntary contribution remittance slip distributed with the financial report, thereby preventing the necessity of the general chairman using his time in calling on you for it. This, boys, is strictly a business proposition, and should be treated by all concerned as such. The above does not apply to Grand Trunk Pacific members.

In conclusion, allow me to congratulate you on the improved service a goodly number are rendering the company. Just keep on doing so and never allow an opportunity to pass you whereby you can improve the service. Good service can be rendered in many ways. If members would take advantage of the meetings that are being held at different points, they would hear this particular matter freely discussed and would no doubt be better servants in the future. This applies to the Grand Trunk Pacific members as well as the membership on the old Grand Trunk.

D. L. SHAW, G. S. & T.

Stratford Division—

Our monthly meeting was held in Odd Fellows' Hall, Stratford, on Friday evening, April 17th, with a record attendance of sixty. Meeting was advertised. It was a purely social affair—business was kept more or less in the background—and everyone present went in for a jolly good time. The O. R. T. orchestra, which Bro. A. M. Smith, of Listowel, and Bro. C. H. Smith, of Gowanstown, have been quietly organizing for the past few weeks, made its initial appearance and made a decided hit, although it had never met in a body before and had no chance to rehearse. Bros. A. M. Smith, Listowel, and C. C. Leavitt, Stratford, played the clarinets; Bro. C. H. Smith, Gowanstown, drums and traps, and Bro. S. Edmonds, Acton West, and Mr. Howe (orchestra leader at Listowel not a railroad man), cornets; Bro. Len Taylor, relieving agent Bluevale, flute; Bro. J. G. McGregor, Owen Sound, first violin; C. Culligan, Stratford (car distributor and brother of chief dispatcher) second violin; Local Chairman Bro. W. Middleton, Breslau, bones, and F. Walker, Stratford (chief clerk to yardmaster), piano.

The meeting opened with a few choice selections at 8:40 p. m., after which Mr. Becker, a professional photographer, of Stratford, took a flashlight photo of the gathering. Copies eight by ten, nicely mounted, may be had upon application to Bro. J. D. Craig, Stratford, for 75 cents each.

After the photo was taken Bro. G. Vanborne, of Thorndale, favored us with a song, which was much appreciated. After a few more selections from the orchestra, Bro. Len Taylor, upon special request, rendered very acceptably "My Hero" on

the flute, accompanied by Mr. Walker at the piano. This number fairly brought down the roof, as many of the audience had heard of Bro. Taylor's accomplishments with the flute. Bro. McGregor and Mr. Walker then favored us with a beautiful violin-piano selection, which was heartily applauded.

Bro. W. Middleton read a letter from Chief Dispatcher Culligan in reply to the one he was authorized to write at last meeting in regard to the reinstatement of Bro. L. K. Fox. McCulligan stated that as long as the boys on Stratford Division had no objections to Bro. Fox being reinstated with seniority standing he was willing to so arrange, the understanding being that Bro. Fox was not to bump any regularly appointed telegrapher, but would be allowed to bid on any vacancy that might occur. This was put to vote, on motion by Bro. F. W. Holman, Stratford, seconded by Bro. A. M. Cusack, Blackwell. Carried unanimously.

The orchestra then contributed several more very pleasing selections.

The meeting broke up about 11 p. m., everyone present feeling that they would not have missed the night's entertainment for anything.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the Messrs. Smith for the progressive spirit displayed in the organization of the orchestra, considering that they were working against great odds, inasmuch as they were unable to get together before date of meeting to try out the musicians. We are proud of the orchestra and will back it against any similar organization on the Grand Trunk or any other road.

The members present were: L. M. Eddy, Marcellus, Mich.; J. Towner, Durham; R. Middleton, Newton; J. Fawcett, Harriston; W. J. Dobbie, Brampton; A. M. Cusack, Blackwell; S. D. Croft, J. D. Craig, G. Hodgins, F. W. Holman, E. H. Trethewey, A. C. Harris and C. C. Leavitt, Stratford; J. T. Cameron and H. Milne, Georgetown; W. Craig, Malton; W. B. McPhail, Tara; F. McCordic, Calmachie; E. P. Roe, Mt. Forest; W. Rife, St. Pauls; J. Downs, St. Marys Jct.; W. A. Crearar, Shakespeare; W. Waugh and W. Russell, Baden; C. E. Fleming, Fergus; I. D. Hodgins, Denfield; I. C. Laschinger, Petersburg; W. J. Dore, Lucan; R. W. Loftus, Simcoe; Patton, Whitechurch; J. H. Bone, Galt; W. Forster, Branchton; A. E. Essery, Palmerston; M. A. Swift, Guelph Jct.; H. C. Elder and R. M. Sparling, Goderich; T. S. Hill, Granton; W. Middleton, Forest; M. Chown, Ailsa Craig; G. H. Jackson, Norval; W. Cober, New Hamburg; G. Vanhorne, Thorndale; W. Middleton, Breslau; W. J. Riesberry, Hanover; W. J. Brooks, Parkhead Jct.; C. Noecker, Blair; C. Dopfer, Shallow Lake; W. Pickering, Guelph; A. M. Smith, Listowel; L. Taylor, Bluevale.

Visitors from the O. R. C.: Conductors S. Finch, W. Fleming and M. Fox.

Bro. C. E. Fleming, agent Fergus, has the heartfelt sympathy of all the boys in his bereavement in the death of his child.

Bro. Ed. Chester, Guelph nights, while off recently owing to the death of his mother in

Hespeler, was relieved by Bro. Wieler. The sympathy of all the brothers goes out to Bro. Chester in his hour of sorrow, for verily there is no friend like a mother.

Bro. G. E. Smith, agent Wiarton, is on vacation; relieved by Bro. J. Wagner.

Bro. Charlie Ober, formerly Berlin nights, will be with us again soon, Bro. Eddy having induced Supt. Forrester to give Bro. Charlie another chance. And still the nons says what good is a card?

Bro. McCordic cut a regular Bramwell Booth figure marching the big drum up to the depot from the big meeting April 17th.

We missed Bro. Cline's familiar figure from the last meeting. The first one he has missed, as he had to keep an engagement with his better half.

Len Taylor, by an oversight, lapsed when he became traveling auditor, but will soon be with us again. He is a valuable addition to our O. R. T. orchestra and justly popular among the boys.

We were in error when we made the statement recently that vacancies on London territory were not being advertised on Brantford territory. Bro. I. D. Hodgins called our attention to this. Chief Dispatcher Sharpe is doing his part in carrying out the terms of the schedule.

The superintendent, trainmaster, chief dispatcher and six trick dispatchers at Stratford have had their photos taken and mounted in a handsome frame and hung up in the dispatcher's office to commemorate the opening of the new depot.

New Hamburg days bid in by ex-Bro. Harry Phillips. Bro. Art. Wienert is back at Brampton nights and Bro. Bill Brent is on the spare list.

Glad to note Bro. W. D. Harris, at Doon, has recovered from his recent illness.

Bro. W. J. Hodgins, Guelph Jct. nights, is back from vacation, relieved by Spare Connolly.

Wish to thank Bro. Clancy, at "H.C." for his contribution to write-up. Can't some more of you boys send me some items or photos?

Bro. Fred Holman, relief dispatcher at Stratford, now sports a brand new Ford machine. Bro. Knapp, at Berlin, an up-to-date electric-lighted motorcycle; Bro. Chester, of Guelph, and Bro. Cober, of New Hamburg, motorcycles. Bro. Nat Middleton, of Newton, motored in to the meeting April 17th. Local Chairman Middleton, at Breslau, is about to dispose of his motorcycle and get an auto.

Pleased to see our old friend Bro. Forster at the meetings. He lends dignity to our gatherings and certainly sets a good example to the younger members, as it means the loss of a night's sleep for him, but he realizes what the Order has done for the boys on this division.

Desire to call your attention to that little booklet which has been distributed to every employe entitled, "Efficiency—Courtesy." Note the remark at the bottom of the cover: "Responsibilities gravitate to the man who can shoulder them, and power comes to the man who knows how." Do not be content with being an agent or operator till you are too old for anything better. Read that booklet through a few times. Bro. Campbell,

at Hickson, says there is enough encouragement in it to bump the bluest day that ever dawned. Remember, anything that affects the earning power of the company affects its employees, therefore your prosperity depends largely on the prosperity of the company. High wages or increase in salaries can not be paid unless sufficient money is earned to cover expenses and have enough left to do these things.

Div. Cor.

Ottawa Division—

Our regular meeting was held at the Windsor Hotel committee rooms, Ottawa, Sunday, March 29th, with the following members present:

Bros. Valin, Arnprior; Otto, of Kinburn; Reid, of Renfrew; Campbell, of Chaudiere Jct.; Patton and Matthews, Ottawa; Ross, of Carlsbad Springs; Mongeau and Parent, of Casselman; Marchant, of St. Louis.

Bro. Parent was in the chair, with Bro. Matthews acting secretary in the absence of Bro. Joynt, who was unable to be present owing to illness.

General order of business discussed fully. Bro. Patton, of Ottawa, was unanimously chosen division correspondent, and will have the assistance of Bros. Matthews, Joynt, Thurston and Parent. Brothers having anything of interest for the journal will kindly forward same to Bro. Patton.

We were pleased to note the attendance of Bro. A. E. Campbell, one of the "Old Guards," who stated that although unable to be present at former meetings owing to serious illness, he had been with us in spirit at all times. Come again, old boy.

It is hoped the boys east of Ottawa will take advantage of the excellent train accommodations and attend meetings more regularly.

Members on the 31st District are obliged to reach Ottawa on Saturday night to attend Sunday meetings. Several always manage to be on hand although at such a disadvantage—a fact which deserves special mention.

Bro. P. Egan, of Division 7, favored us with a short visit, accompanied by Bro. McCochrane, legislative representative of our organization at Ottawa, who favored us with a short address before our departure, which was highly appreciated. Bro. McCochrane has promised to be with us at our next meeting, May 17th. No member should miss the opportunity of hearing this brother on matters of interest to every telegrapher in Canada.

We are pleased to report this division 98 per cent strong, and the only two nons left have promised to join in June.

A few of the boys have overlooked getting in their voluntary contributions. CERT. 661.

Barrie Division—

Our meeting held in the I. O. O. F. Hall at Barrie, Wednesday evening, April 8th, should have been a bumper, as all members who cared to attend could have done so, with very few exceptions, by simply requesting transportation and making a small personal effort to get out, but apparently the majority have no regard for their own and the company's interest, save meeting the pay

car and paying their dues, and some do not even do the latter, but expect the company to supply Pullman cars and special trains for them to come to the meetings.

We were more than pleased to have with us Bros. Eddy and Shaw, the former giving an interesting address on the negotiations which resulted in our present schedule and the correct interpretation of the various rules, particularly those pertaining to overtime and dinner hour, which caused some surprise. Several grievances were placed in Bro. Eddy's hands for settlement, and some points of interest both to agents and the company were discussed, among them being, "Was it better for an agent, where the company paid assistants, to have one supplied with a diploma from a college of telegraphy or to engage some energetic local man who is anxious to learn railroading perfectly from the bottom up." This will again be taken up at a subsequent meeting.

It was decided to hold regular monthly meetings in the same hall the second Wednesday of each month, and unless further advised the next meeting will be held on May 13th, when it is expected Bro. Eddy will again be with us. Now, boys, try to get out, as it means much for the company and ourselves to get together and have these discussions, especially when we have the dispatchers present to give us pointers how the most efficient service can be rendered, and more especially as the tourist season is drawing near when a large number of fast trains are added to our schedule, as in addition to the business transacted the fraternal spirit means much to us all.

After the meeting adjourned we were invited to a restaurant across the street where a dainty luncheon had been provided by Allandale and Barrie members.

We are very sorry to learn that Bros. Corneil, night operator Beeton, and Campbell, night operator Aurora, have resigned, as also Mr. Nixon, of Washago. These two night jobs and one agency now on bulletin.

Bro. Healy, dispatcher Allandale, on a trip to the sunny south, avoided the disagreeable weather.

We expect to have this division totally rid of nons in a short time. "CY," Div. Cor.

Fourth and Fifth Districts—

Our meeting held in Montreal, March 27th, had a fairly good attendance, being called to order at 8:30 p. m. by Local Chairman Bro. A. O. Talbot, of St. Isidore Jct., Que.; Bro. J. P. Lazure, agent at Laprairie, acting as secretary.

A number of grievances were discussed at length, such as working hours, Sunday overtime and student-teaching. Also proper interpretation of Rule 18 was thoroughly discussed. Through discussing the matter of teaching students, it was clearly shown that members who harbor such around their office positively can not give the company the up-to-date service that is desired, neither do they live up to the obligation subscribed to when joining the Order.

Traveling General Chairman Bro. L. M. Eddy, after listening to what each one had to say, dealt

with each grievance thoroughly and pointed out where members were right—also wrong—in their contention relative to the rules, etc. He also went extensively into the matter of each one concerned in giving the company good service, explaining in many ways how this can be accomplished, and gave all present to understand that he would be greatly disappointed if every member of the Order did not work to the end of increasing the revenue of the company equally as much as looking after matters pertaining to their own welfare.

It was shown that the organization had made great strides since the new schedule became effective, these districts now being about 90 per cent strong. While each one filling the following positions benefited through the new schedule in like manner to that of all others, yet these chaps were still in the non-member class, which all present were sorry to know. Agent Stottsville, night operator Brosseau, operator at Laprairie, agent St. Martine, agent St. Johns, agent Huntingdon, agent Ft. Covington, agent Bombay. We can not understand how these fellows can accept the increase and improved working conditions and let the other fellows pay for them.

Another matter that was thoroughly discussed was each member contributing their first month's increase. While a few had complied with the committee's request in this matter, yet the great majority had not, and it was very plainly shown that any member, or non-member, who would accept the improved conditions and refuse to send in one month's increase to help defray expenses in securing same, hadn't the good of the Order at heart. It is hoped that no member will overlook this important matter, but will send to our general secretary and treasurer, Bro. D. L. Shaw, London, Ont., one month's increase without delay. The local chairman of each section, as well as the general chairman and general secretary and treasurer, has a copy of the increases each one received and are in a position to tell just how much each one should contribute. It is hoped members will not make it necessary for the general chairman to call on each one in order to get this money in the treasury. Each one should show his appreciation of the work the committee did in this way. Let's not be different from the same class on other roads.

It was moved by Bro. Hughes, of Mille Roches, and seconded by Bro. N. Wood, of Pt. Claire, that Bro. E. Richardson, of Vaudreuil, be appointed correspondent for the 5th district. Carried.

CERT. 4.

Bellville Division, District Five--

Quite a number of the boys were present at our meeting held at Montreal at the Russel House. A number of grievances were talked over, and I think all the boys were fully satisfied with the explanations given by Bro. Eddy, a very fluent speaker, who, when it comes to explaining the schedule, is surely there.

We were sorry that Bros. Mullen and Sheets were not with us, but they were forced to work, and could not come.

Bro. Woods was in evidence, and helped the boys to explain some of their grievances. Bro. Carrier presented a grievance on which he spoke for some time.

We were sorry that Bro. Hughes had to leave before the meeting was over, but he was forced to return to duty on No. 13.

The boys all seemed very well satisfied with the way things are working and were pleased that they had come and thankful to our local chairman, Bro. Talbot, and to Bro. Eddy that they had made the meeting so successful. On motion of Bro. Hughes, Bro. Richardson was appointed correspondent, and on motion by Bro. Carrier, it was decided to meet every month, the date for the next meeting being May 15th.

Now, boys, don't forget to send your news to Bro. Richardson if you wish to see a write-up from this district.

Although business has been comparatively slack during the winter only a few operators were laid off. We have only two or three on the spare list and they are nons. Serves them right. With the benefits derived from our new schedule, there is no excuse for this and if we all stick to our old motto, "No card, no favors," they will soon be glad to come in without coaxing. Let's try to make this district 100 per cent.

Bro. Heath, Vaudreuil nights, and Bro. Brownell, of Cedars, are sporting new cards. Welcome to our midst.

Bros. McGinnis and Richardson have invested in new mills. They are tired pushing a pen.

Bro. Hughes turned down a berth with "The Federals," deciding to stick with the boys. Bro. Richardson is limbering up his pitching arm. No doubt the old team will miss him.

Bro. Snyder is now listening to the spring music of his many hens.

One of the brothers who started an imitation of a telegraph school didn't last long after good brothers got on his trail.

We are glad to hear the boys using "No. 1" for blocking trains, instead of listening on the phone. That's right. Keep your hand in. Don't forget the old brass was here first.

We certainly have a fine district, and with our officials using us as they do, we should endeavor to give them the very best service possible.

The boys are all looking forward to our next meeting. There will be a lot of good fellows present. We hope Bro. Woods will be there with his usual flow of eloquence to make things interesting.

We are pleased to hear Bro. Sauvee's voice still in evidence, as we thought after his episode with the tank car we would lose him.

Boys, after what the old O. R. T. has done for us do not forget that we owe her something and send in your first month's increase to help pay the many expenses incurred while working on our new schedule.

CERT. 1374.

Seventeenth District—

A meeting held at the Dominton Hotel, Hamilton, Wednesday afternoon, March 25th, for night telegraphers, was fairly well attended, Bro. D. L. Shaw taking the chair. Among those present were: Bros. Morgan, McPhee, Schafer, Woods, Harding, Blake, Leslie and A. K. Barnes, to whom Bro. Shaw added the word "brother," before opening the meeting. Others came to the city with the view of attending, but got their wires crossed relative to place of meeting, and failed to show up in time.

There are just two nons in Hamilton, otherwise it would be solid. One of these received an increase of \$15.50, and the other \$11.50 per month through the new schedule, in addition to the free holidays, yet both fail to show their appreciation in a manner becoming fellow employees. Their names will be given if they do not line up.

The members who failed to put in an appearance at this meeting missed a good thing, as Bro. Shaw certainly gave us a good straight talk, giving us to thoroughly understand that apart from paying our division dues, etc., regularly, we have other duties to perform, not only to the O. R. T., but to the company that employs us. From the way he put it to those present, the officers of our organization promised the company that owing to the liberal manner the company had treated the general committee they (the officers of the division) would leave no stone unturned in order to have the men deliver the best kind of service, and for that reason it was up to the boys to make good that promise. He also explained fully how we could, as employees of the company, improve the service, and the writer is glad to say there has been a vast improvement of late.

After a lengthy discussion on Article 15, Bro. Shaw strongly advised us not to split hairs, but rather develop the spirit of give and take, and be reasonable.

Those who failed to get out to this meeting should attend all such gatherings in the future. It would do you good to come out and get acquainted, and learn what's being done in matters pertaining to your own welfare, as well as that of giving improved service to the company.

CERT. 813.

Seventeenth District Notes—

A number of train dispatchers, agents and telegraphers held a meeting in Cullis' Hall, London, Friday evening, April 17th, Bro. D. L. Shaw occupying the chair. After a few remarks from the chairman, the meeting was thrown open for the discussion of grievances, how best to improve the service, or anything else members present desired to talk about. Bros. McTaggart, local chairman, Blyth, and Dispatcher Luscombe, gave the boys a few excellent pointers on how to improve the service. A question was asked by one of the boys whether it would be advisable to have the committee endeavor to make arrangements with the Great Northwestern Telegraph Company

to pay a minimum salary of \$3.00 per month to telegraphers handling their business instead of handling it on a commission basis. This discussion ended by a motion being made and carried that the matter be left with the general committee to deal with.

The statement in the March write-up to the effect that vacancies were not being advertised from the Brantford office according to schedule, is an error. Chief Dispatcher Sharpe is living up to that part of the schedule in the same satisfactory manner as other chief dispatchers, therefore we apologize for the error.

CERT. 6.

Twentieth District, B. & G. and B. & T.—

Bros. Rodgers, Walton and Stone, dispatchers Brantford, while going over the 20th District, were relieved by Relieving Dispatcher Owens, and he by Bro. Thorburn, of Caledonia, recently appointed to "CS" nights, and is now right at home.

Bro. Toft, "JY" nights, resigned; filled by Mr. Bratton from the 19th District.

Mr. McCulla is at agency Canfield, pending bulletin. Boys, get after him.

The wife of Agent Groat, Norwich Jct., was operated on recently in London Hospital. Mr. Groat promises to line up shortly, which will make B. & T. branch solid, with the exception of Mr. Crouch, at Springford. Mr. Nickerson, from the B. & M., now relieving on this line, has promised to line up right away.

A number of the brothers on the 20th and 21st Districts attended an enjoyable sociable and business meeting in Stratford, Friday, April 17th.

We hope to have a good turn-out at the Brantford May meeting. Notices will be sent to the surrounding members as to the exact date.

Twenty-first District: Bro. Simons, Simcoe, was off a few days, relieved by Relieving Agent Bro. Holley.

Wish some of the boys on the 20th and 21st Districts would send me some items by the fifteenth so we can have a good write-up every month.

"G," Cert. 1365.

Twenty-Second District—

Bro. Connell Pinkerton has returned after enjoying his holidays. Bro. Loftus, who relieved him, went to Stratford.

Division Agent Stokes and Trainmaster White were over this branch recently inspecting the stations and yards.

Bro. Sparling, of Goderich days, spent Easter under the parental roof at Cargill.

Since the last issue we had Bro. Dispatchers Stinson, Webster, Holman and Trethaway. We are always glad to see them.

It is rumored Bro. Walford, at Walkerton, will soon be married. Congratulations.

The fine weather should be an incentive for us all to keep our stations looking right in order, that no complaints may be made.

Bro. A. J. Weinert spent his holidays at Mildmay before resuming at Brampton nights.

CERT. 1218.

Grand Trunk Western Ry., Div. No. 1.

Meetings are to be held at Durand on the third Tuesday of each month 7:30 p. m. Every member should make an effort to be at these meetings.

Miss Elizabeth Crown, of the Grand Trunk, Flint, Mich., won the honor of being "Queen of the Carnival," held there by the Knights of Pythias, and was crowned with a lovely wreath of roses and presented with a beautiful \$160 solitaire diamond ring. Miss Crown ran against very strong opposition from the Buick and other factories, but with our grand slogan, "Grand Trunk or Bust," she of course could not help but win. Miss Crown thanks all who helped her, and she can rest assured that all were more than glad to see her win.

N. P. North is now chief train dispatcher at Durand, re G. W. Gilsie, night chief now at Battle Creek.

Decker, relieving operator, has been relieving at Bancroft, Climax, Haslett and Griffith.

A. H. Thatcher, one of our good old O. R. T. workers, formerly from the P. M., at Durand, is back relieving Jay, of St. Johns. We all give Bro. Thatcher the glad hand.

Curwin, at Thornton Jct., relieved by Osborn.

Harrington and Miller, of Griffith, relieved by Albright and a new man.

Parker, "UN" office Chicago, is off several months for his health, relieved by Niles, a new man.

Bro. Neil, dispatcher, was recently called to Gumbesby, Ont., on account of the death of his brother, and his daughter has been very ill for several weeks. Bro. Neil has our sympathy in his affliction; Bro. Kay relieved him.

Weil relieved McNamara, Drayton Plains, for a week recently.

Our April meeting was held at Durand the night of the 21st. Bro. Eddy, assisted by Billie O'Hara, gave us a light toast, highly covered with gravy, and then we turned loose Bro. McKinnon with his little letter of introduction in regard to the different heights, ambition, indifference, etc. After everybody had doubled up and undoubled a few times apiece Bro. Buttler, on the piano, and Bro. Thomas, with the violin, gave us several pleasing selections. By that time Bro. McKinnon had started the victrola, so we then turned the meeting over to Billy Murphy and Ada Jones for a while, allowing Uncle Josh to intercede. Later the meeting was called to order and a motion passed to assess each member 25 cents each six months to defray rent and light and fuel bills. Several other things were discussed and we again turned the meeting over to the musicians and all enjoyed themselves unto the last.

Bro. McNamara, chairman D. & M., was rather disappointed because his boys did not turn out better. A great many of the boys on the M. L. could have been there also, but were not. Boys, come and enjoy yourselves and if you have any grievances bring them along. You should not neglect these meetings. Those present were: L. M. Eddy, E. D. Haun, N. Richard, F. C. Thomas, F. D. Thomas, F. S. Robinson, H. B. Dell, E. E. and B. O. Buttler, H. S. Harmon, R. H. O'Hara,

J. C. Robinson, J. W. Case, J. M. McNamara, R. H. McKinnon and yours truly. If I have missed any you will have to excuse me as I mislaid my list.

C. C. Crouch, reinstated, is now at Durand as dispatcher.

B. W. Savage, fifty years in service, now retired on pension. We hope he will enjoy himself and take life easy.

The members who have not forwarded their first month's increase of our new schedule to Bro. Shaw, should do so at once, as we need the money after the prolonged fight carried on by the committee.

Mr. Miller, from Griffith, relieved Snyder, of Climax, a few days recently, and Decker relieved Sanders a few days there.

All agents on western lines are now furnished by the company with caps with the "station agent" marked on them.

F. C. Snyder has been appointed on the "safety first" committee by Superintendent Ehrke. We all are glad to see Bro. Snyder get the appointment.

Port Huron 16th St. and tunnel yard have been put on the eight-hour basis, with tricks commencing at 8 a. m. and 4 p. m. and 12 m. Hamilton first, Cheidle second and Fairchilds third at 16th St.; Searls first, Matthews second and McFall third at Port Huron; Crow first, Brophy second and Summers third at tunnel yard. This leaves very few nine-hour offices west of the river.

The few nons left have all had enough of a monthly increase to pay their expenses in the Order for six months out of one month's increase. This is the fifth month since the schedule was in effect, and those who do not pay up now we should remember with our motto, "No card, no favors." These nons are getting too good a thing, and we are furnishing it to them for nothing, so don't forget to tell 'em. "STUB."

Grand Trunk Pacific Ry., Div. No. 1.**Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Districts—**

Calgary station has opened up with Bro. A. B. Dowling as agent, from "NU" Young; two clerks and a checker, no operator appointed as yet. Commercial office also opened, uptown, "O," from "RG" Regina, going there as manager, and "H," from "SA" Saskatoon, as operator.

New Norway, on the T. C. Branch, opened up. Bro. C. J. Leslie, from "SK" Scott days, getting this under the hammer. Business picking up a little on this branch.

We are sorry to lose Bro. H. B. Briggs, agent "NU," who has hit the trail for a warmer climate, having got an agency at Terre Haute, Ind.

Bro. McKeegan, from "AR," South Saskatoon nights, is on days at "SK," pending bulletin.

Bro. G. S. Bass, the old standby at "AR" days, bid on "JU" Juniata agency.

Mr. Collicutt, from "DN" (Edmonton commercial office), is now on nights at "NU."

Our general chairman, Bro. R. L. Harrop, has transferred from the first district and taken Battleford agency, vice Bro. Gillis.

Bro. Fleming is on nights at "NI" Unity; Bro. D. L. Lyons taking the day trick.

On bulletin: Agencies Three Hills and Cudworth, and Scott and Young days.

Thanks to Bro. Brien, at "FD" Tofield, for a line-up of the happenings on the west end.

One or two of the boys have not yet paid up this half year. They are "going to do it next pay check;" but the next pay check comes and goes and they are still not up to date. This makes a lot of unnecessary work for our local chairman, and he already has quite sufficient. You fellows near them get busy with them and also the nons.

Don't forget to send in the news items, please.
"R," Div. Cor.

Wabash Ry., Div. No. 2.

Relay Division—

The largest meeting held in some time was that of Division 2 in St. Louis, Monday evening, April 20th, when there were twenty-five present by actual count. When we take into consideration the fact that only seven of these were residents of St. Louis, the others coming from distances ranging from 10 to 400 miles, the attendance was truly remarkable.

At this meeting it was decided to hold meetings at all division points, and we would like very much to get all the boys interested in their own welfare to attend these meetings. We are all very wise "ops" in our own estimation, but there are always others who are capable of giving us a few pointers on subjects of vital importance to us, and these meetings are precisely the place to get "wised up" on conditions as they really exist. We have brothers with us at each meeting who are in the field of action daily and are in a position to give us cold facts pertaining to our organization, relative to its accomplishments, future plans, etc., which are absolutely impossible for us to obtain from reliable sources elsewhere than in the meeting hall; so turn out, brothers, and get the habit. Once you acquire it you will be very reluctant to miss a single meeting. Be a booster and let your power as such be thoroughly demonstrated.

Oscar C. Sanberg, from Forrest, is extra night chief at "XD" Decatur.

Extra Dispatcher Asbury, "GO" Moberly, spent Easter Sunday in St. Louis watching the parade of Eastern gowns, and Bro. Wheeler, "GM" St. Louis, spent his with relatives in Jefferson City.

Bro. Nixon, "GM" St. Louis, has returned after an enjoyable two weeks' vacation with friends and relatives in Frankfort and Upland, Ind.; relieved by Bro. Bagby and Bro. Horan doubling.

Wish to correct our news item in the April journal wherein we spoke of "Mr." Raither, at "MX" Detroit. This should have read Bro. Raether.

Mr. Kelly, "GO" Moberly, has returned after two weeks' vacation with relatives at Truesdale.
C. W. LAYTON, Cert. 2147.

St. Louis Division—

Boys, I hope by the time this reaches you the Wabash will be out of the hands of the receivers. We can then look for a new schedule. We have now reached the point where we do not want to lose a single member. Every member added increases the power of our organization. The Order is in a better position than ever before to improve our conditions, and every member should be glad to assist in not only maintaining it at its present high state of efficiency, but also in bringing in the few nons who are still on the outside. Therefore let me urge you to keep after them continually.

The benefits you enjoy today pave the way to something better. To make any union a success each member must be a missionary. We must awaken the manhood in the non-members and not allow them to longer remain a stumbling block to our advancement when in honest justice to the Order they should come in and do their part. No man can serve the company faithfully who is not interested enough in his own welfare to join his fellow-workers for his own betterment.

The only way to get results is for every man to do his full duty, and by this means make a livelihood for your family, raise and educate your children, and give your loved ones a comfortable home. We can obtain results only through organization.

Bro. J. P. Wilson, extra, resigned to go to the Associated Press.

Bro. E. W. Powell, assigned third Centralia; Bro. Jacobson on second.

Bro. Edgar, assigned agency Thompson, relieving Sister Sadler, taking a vacation and waiting for something to open up.

Bro. Moddix, first Mexico, on vacation, was relieved by Mr. Verhoff from Martinburg.

Ben Cleveland, second Gilmore, called to Wisconsin on account of the death of his grandmother, was relieved by Extra Schumucker.

H. M. Schweiz, ticket agent St. Charles, called to Truesdale on account of the death of his father, was relieved by Bro. C. B. Maddox, of second, relieved by Mr. Richardson, a new man, from Sturgeon.

Mr. and Mrs. Stevens, formerly Miss Algemission, have returned from their honeymoon in the West, to third Gilmore and St. Charles. Mrs. Stevens was relieved by Mr. Hockersmith, from Thompson, and Mr. Stevens by Mr. Schumucker. We wish them much happiness and hope they will soon get an up-to-date.

Bro. Dornan, second Ferguson, is on vacation; relieved by Mr. Hockersmith, relieved by W. R. Derby, from Clark.

Bro. E. P. Marion, St. Peters, spent a day in St. Louis recently.

Mr. West, second La Plata, is on a vacation, relieved by Wm. Harlow, from Truesdale, relieved by Bro. W. P. Marion, from Keytesville.

C. W. LAYTON, Cert. 2147.

Springfield Division—

From what I can gather, something will be done in the very near future in regard to taking the Wabash out of the receivers' hands.

I had the pleasure of attending the regular meeting of No. 2 in St. Louis, Monday night, April 20th, accompanied by Bro. Flint, from Lanesville, who can tell you what happened, and what he is going to do every chance he gets. He says there is nothing like it.

There were about seventy present at this meeting, including the board of directors, who made us some very pleasant and interesting talks; also General Secretary and Treasurer Bro. Quick, Bro. Nosh and Bro. Mohler, of the Mo. P., all of which were very beneficial to the Wabash boys.

We must arrange to get together, have some meetings and stir up some interest, so we can do something just as soon as a move is made.

Boys, send me the news, ask for information, and send in your grievances. I have nothing else to do but take care of them.

Bro. Frederick, second Valley City, bid in the agency there, relieving Bro. Constant, who returned to his home at Dawson after second Valley City had been regularly assigned, and later relieved Local Chairman Abbott, while he attended the division meeting.

Bro. Driscoll, agent Mantic, was off a few days, relieved by Extra Mehl, from Barry.

Bro. Tolle, third Valley City, bid in third Berlin.

Bro. Zold, extra, went to work.

Extra Dispatchers Bean and Henderson, taken off; former bumping Bro. Anderson, manager "JN," and Henderson bumping Bro. Taylor, first Shops. In my view, this is in direct violation of our agreement and will be adjusted in the next few days.

Your chairman has been requested lately to secure positions for non-members, which would displace men with up to dates. I suppose you know my answer to such queries: "No card, no favors." Get busy and get them all to feeling the same way. L. W. ABBOTT, Cert. 748.

Decatur Division—

There was quite a turnout of Wabash boys at the regular meeting of Division 2, April 20th, twelve from the Decatur Division, two from Springfield Division and eight from "GM." Many interesting things were gone over relative to drafting a new schedule to present to the management as soon as the receivership is closed. Those present had the pleasure of hearing some very interesting talks by Bro. Quick, and three members of the board of directors, besides Local Chairmen Nash and Abbott and former Local Chairman Bro. Hefner, and several of the boys from "GM," and I am sure none regret the time and effort it took to attend.

Bro. Ayers, of Brisbane, was a Decatur visitor recently.

Bro. Chas. Lynk has returned to the Wabash.

Bro. Hedden bid in second "CW" and has moved from Mt. Olive to Decatur, Ill.

Bro. Wolf, agent Milmine, on five days' vacation in Chicago, was relieved by Bro. Burwell, extra agent.

Bro. Burt, agent Essex, has returned from two weeks' vacation.

Bulletins coming out regular now give the boys a chance to land a regular job.

'Pretty easy to let the other guy send in the items, but don't all get that notion. R. V.

Hi Line Division—

Mr. Sears, agent Malvern, has returned after a three months' spell of sickness.

W. J. Bloom, agent Darlington, has been transferred.

Mr. White is back on second there, and Mr. Kidney on third, and Bro. C. B. David is relieving Mr. Wilkinson on third Shenandoah; Bro. David going to Burlington Jct., relieved by Mr. Heckinger Smith.

Mr. Sanders is now on third Gallatin, and Bro. Hart on second Blanchard.

It is now Bro. Pace, at Malvern, and hope to get his superior in soon.

Bro. Greathouse, first Stanberry, has the small-pox. Mr. Gwinn, a new man, on third there.

Brothers, let me know of the changes made and what is going on at your office. Let us make every month's write-up better.

Thanks to Bro. "G," at "V," for items. Come again.

When you get permission to be out for a lunch see that your keys are closed, and give the dispatcher the best service possible.

Remember our slogan, "No cards, no favors."

"CD," at "BO," Cert. 2097.

Peru Division—

Recent assignments: D. H. Williams, third Danville; J. F. Miller, third Hugo; H. L. Parkman, third Attica; S. D. Bridenbaugh, second Butler; J. W. Kieff, third West Lebanon; F. W. Johnson, second Andrews yard; J. F. Miller, first Hugo; T. S. Evans, second Peru Jct.; C. F. Smith, first "GS" tower.

On bulletin: Tilton, Hugo and Gould third, and second Wauseon.

F. Z. Swartz relieved R. W. H. Schotemeyer, second at Hugo, a few days on account of sickness, and S. P. Aubrey relieved H. W. Bechtol, second Gould, several days on the same account.

Before leaving for the West, V. L. Gentry relieved W. E. Spencer, fourth "Z," for two days, and C. F. Smith relieved C. C. Chase, first Tilton, two days.

C. H. Terry, back in the service after several months at a desk in the superintendent's office, relieved V. Wolfe, first C. & O. Jct., a few days on account of Mrs. Wolfe undergoing an operation at the city hospital, and later relieved B. S. Harris, agent Antwerp, several days.

H. Brooks relieved L. R. Cochrane, third at West Peru, during the civil service examination at Fort Wayne.

S. F. Monroe is now on second Wauseon, and F. Graham on third Tilton; both pending bulletin.

We received a call several days ago from a "tourist" whose heart was in the right place, but his card was out of date. He met a friend—one of his kind—same evening and next morning he awoke in jail. Not having the "necessary" with which to liquidate he got twenty days on the chain gang cleaning streets. We were solicited for aid in getting sentence suspended, but we informed him our motto was "A fuzzy card, no favors."

J. S. Rizer, Local Chairman.

Detroit Division—

It is now Bro. C. L. Droudy, at Crocker. He was relieved, while off getting married, by Bro. R. S. Farrar, a new man. Congratulations on both events.

Bro. E. W. Flegel, agent Aenta, went to second Topeka, pending bulletin, relieved by C. P. Fleelmeyer, an ex-brother, of Division 8. Later Bro. H. L. Inbody, of New Paris, bid in Topeka second.

D. S. Stoaks, third Magee, off a few days on account of sickness, was relieved by R. S. Farrar, from Lutesville, Mo.

Bro. F. W. Wixon, third North Liberty, off a few days, was relieved by Bro. E. J. Howard.

Bro. F. B. Hanes and family, from Crocker, visited Bro. R. C. Holsinger, agent Westville, and family, recently. Bro. E. J. Howard, wife and children, also visited Bro. Holsinger's folks while Bro. Howard was relieving Bro. T. R. Keel, agent Helmer, owing to the illness of his sister.

Bro. H. J. Cummings, third Edon, called to Indiana on account of sickness, was relieved by J. H. Pickering.

Dispatcher Mann, while off sick, was relieved by Dispatcher Bunnell.

Bro. T. Coughlin relieved F. W. Hegener on second Kunkle a few days.

Bro. J. H. Pickering, who relieved G. E. Shepard, third Ashley, while off several days sick, also relieved Mr. Coddling, third North Morenci, while off two weeks.

Bro. C. W. Edson, second Ashley, is baching while his wife is at Hamilton helping to care for a new granddaughter.

Bro. J. H. Smith bid in Holloway agency; L. B. Roberts, of Holloway, bid in Oakwood third, and F. B. Hitchingham, from "BO" tower, got second Milan.

Bro. Geo. Gund, first Adrain, off a few days on account of sickness, was relieved by Bro. E. J. Howard.

G. E. Shepard, second Ashley, was relieved by Bro. R. S. Farrar, while she and her husband visited her parents at Wannatah, and relatives in Lacrosse, Ind.

Bro. R. A. Mills, agent Crocker, and family, were recent callers on friends at Westville, where Bro. Mills is getting in trim for the coming ball season.

Bro. C. J. Hollensbee, second Crocker, was a recent Chicago visitor.

Bro. J. W. Bloom, agent Cone, off a few days was relieved by Bro. R. S. Farrar, who later relieved Bro. J. McBeth, third Wakarusa, while off sick.

The Wabash has had an electric bell put in at the public crossing at Westville.

W. B. WEST, Div. Cor.

Mobile & Ohio R. R., Div. No. 2.

J. & O. District—

Bro. Brooks relieved Night Chief Kiester while off recently.

General Chairman Murdaugh, while on committee work, was relieved by Bro. G. T. Teague, who also relieved Bro. C. W. Armstrong, while on vacation.

Bro. Red Dowling bid in "YD" second; Bro. Briggs bid in "FY" third, and Bro. E. S. Saunders bid in second "FN."

Bro. C. M. Laughlin, agent McNairy, off a few days visiting relatives, was relieved by Bro. E. E. Greer, and Bro. Barner was relieved by A. C. Ramer several days.

Bro. S. M. Richardson, while off on account of the death of his brother, was relieved by Bro. H. L. Meeks, who also relieved Bro. Overall several days.

Bro. T. H. Keaton was off a few days, relieved by Bro. Barr, whom we are glad to learn has been reinstated on third. This puts Bro. C. E. Jones back to third "RO."

Bro. McCarter is relieving Mr. Dean, who is very sick.

Bro. H. L. Meeks took Mr. Glisson's place at "RO" and "DM" on account of his wife being sick.

Wake up, boys, and land the nons left on the line. It should be an easy matter if you go about it right. Also try and get in the "17" report on time, as it causes extra work and trouble on Bros. Brooks and Luton, if you don't. Let's show the chief that O. R. T. men are the best workers.

CERT. 2093.

Mboro. District—

Bro. Meisenheimer, second Ava, was off nine days recently.

Bro. Spencer, Oraville, while attending the meeting at Mboro., April 11th, relieved by Bro. Crocker.

Bro. G. F. Saxenmeyer, agent Red Bud, was a recent St. Louis visitor.

Bro. Russell Haynes, second Waterloo, was relieved by Bro. Mathis, while he relieved Agent Rendleman, at Sparta, attending court in Texas.

Bros. McMurtrie, agent, and Rosenduagh, second Willis, on the sick list for some time, latter relieved by Bro. Mathis.

Extra Zimmer, extra Ava, has returned from a trip out to Wichita, Kan., and Missouri. Mr. Parker, agent Ava, has bought a home, and will try farming and telegraphing together, and try to improve his health.

Bro. Crocker relieved Agent Williamson, Campbell Hill, while he took in the ball game in St. Louis.

Bro. Grabbow, second Mt. Glen, is on a trip to the golden West; relieved by Extra Summers.

Brothers, send me all the items for these columns you possibly can by the 20th of the month. It is impossible for me to get this news alone. Also drop me a line when anything happens.

Bros. Haynes and Crocker were the only ones who sent me any items for this write-up.

The meeting at Mboro., April 11th, was attended by thirteen members. Bro. Murdaugh was very much impressed with the interest shown so far. There was quite a great deal of "For the good of the Order talk," and everyone told of his grievances. It is hoped more will be able to attend the next time, as these meetings get us in touch with all the questions confronting the committee.

It is gratifying to know that the majority of the nons on this end have promised to come in at an early date, but you must keep everlastingly at that non near you. The seed you plant will bear fruit when you least expect it sometimes. Conditions were never better on "the Molly." The "19" orders are to be put into service at an early date now, and we should acquaint ourselves with the new procedure and be prepared to give the best of service. We have splendid officials to work for now and we should not fail to do our duty. The Southern Railway has started a monthly bulletin, and anything worthy of mention about our looking after the company's equipment, etc., will be published in this sheet. Bro. G. A. McNelly had his picture and a statement published recently concerning his watchfulness. These things will engender more friendly feeling toward us by the company and have its effect in getting us a more substantial increase. The only way to get it is *good service*.

"X," Cert. 973.

Chicago & Alton R. R., Div. No. 2.

Relay Division—

Keep up the good work, boys, lining up the nons. They are helping themselves by joining more than they are favoring us. They may recall this fact, if they do not receive an increase, when our present schedule is revised. If you expect to be represented, share in the concessions and have your grievances adjusted, keep an up-to-date card; don't keep some one continually chasing you down to pay up your dues; it is never missed after you once remit. It isn't what you used to have that is going to benefit you, it is what you have today.

Your committee should have plenty of confidence when they meet the officials for a revised schedule, knowing that 95 per cent of the agents, operators, phoners and towermen are behind it.

The Relay Division is solid, excepting Kansas City "DV," including Chicago, Bloomington, Springfield, Roodhouse, East St. Louis and St. Louis. No doubt the boys at "DV" will be with us shortly.

The reductions in all departments only slightly affected our department, and those affected have been taken care of. The reductions, of course, were unforeseen, and our abolishing positions will be made to read different in the future.

"JE" Bloomington motive power abolished, leaving Bro. DeVault on extra list. The moving of the Kansas City and Bloomington dispatching force to Roodhouse did away with one set of dispatchers, Bro. Stephenson being set back to extra dispatcher. The talk of abolishing Roodhouse as a relay point, and cutting off one man, fell through. Roodhouse is considered a relay office within the meaning of our schedule—ten hours, including a meal-hour.

Bro. C. O. Lakin, chief dispatcher "CIM" Taylorville, has received \$15.00 increase since his appointment.

Bro. Parent, "B" office, while visiting relatives with his wife, at Indianapolis, was relieved by C. D. Cornett, who later relieved Bro. Winkler while he and his wife were in St. Joseph, Mo., on account of Bro. Winkler's sister's illness.

Bro. Symons, Roodhouse, while on vacation, was also relieved by C. D. Cornett.

Bros. Stice and Edmunds, of "GO," on a month's vacation visiting Los Angeles, Cal., were relieved by Bros. De Vault and Moon, latter relieved by Bro. De Normandie.

The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bloomington, June 20th; everybody make an effort to attend. Let's keep up the record of March 21st. Don't forget the date. H. L. MAJOR.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our heavenly Father to call to her reward the loving mother of Bro. J. A. Cooper, of La Rose, at her home in Sherman, Ill.; be it

Resolved, That we, as members of Division No. 2, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to Bro. Cooper our heartfelt sympathy in his sad bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the sorrowing brother and a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

E. E. GENTZ,
THOS. RILEY,
O. P. MULLIN,
H. L. MAJOR,

Committee.

Southern Division—

A. C. Carlson, second Lawndale, has promised to get an up-to-date, making Lawndale solid. We hope L. Mason, first Atlanta, will help us to make that a solid office by coming in with us soon. We need him and he needs us.

Bro. M. F. Watt, assistant cashier of Atlanta State Bank, who still keeps up his membership, although in no way connected with the road, says it is the cheapest insurance he can get. This should be an additional inducement to the nons to get an up-to-date.

Bro. J. O. Robb is on sick list; relieved by Bro. Lewis, from Virden, who relieved Bro. Locker, second Girard, when called to his home in Missouri on account of the death of his uncle. Bro. Frazer, second Plainview, bid in third Wann. Div. Cor.

Western Division—

It is now Bros. Adams and Stubblefield, at Mexico. They made their word good; we should see that the others do likewise.

Bro. J. W. Morgan is relieving on the south branch.

Bro. Pearson took a trip to St. Louis, relieved by Mr. Simpson.

Bro. W. A. Lewis relieved Mr. Sheley at "DE," who bid in Mayview. "The O. R. T. is not much good," but they take advantage of the opportunity it offers just the same. Who pays the bills?

If you know of any changes or any new men on line, don't fail to write your local chairman. If you think you have a kick coming, write him, but don't start a case and then fail to answer his letters. The superintendent has always made everything right so far and found no fault with us. Give the company good service, then we can ask and will receive the same. Help make a solid front; you have an opportunity now to get your new card easy, go after it, the local chairman will furnish you blanks. MULLIN.

C., St. P., M. & O. R. R., Div. No. 4.

Northern Division—

A big union meeting was held at Spooner recently. Special trains were run from Duluth and Minneapolis, and the boys from the C. F. & N. came on No. 96. The management let off every man possible. These meetings are proving a great success in bringing about a mutual understanding between the employers and the men, and will continue to become more popular.

A. L. Stouffer resigned as assistant local chairman on the appointment of Bro. Jacobs as local chairman, the officials at one station not being considered needful. Bro. L. N. Judge, of Itasca, was appointed to succeed him. We needed just such a good man on the north end.

Our interlocking plants seem to be filled with nons as a rule. Let's see if we can't find a solution for this problem.

Bro. F. J. Payson was relieved a few days at Barronett by Mr. Coulter, a new man.

R. Deagon, former agent at Bloomer, now agent at Burkhardt, will join shortly.

Bro. O. C. Jacobs, appointed local chairman, vice Bro. W. E. Steiner, resigned, is showing that he is a hustler the way he is going after the nons. General Chairman Bro. Liddane was up from St. Paul and instructed Bro. Jacobs in his duties. The latter was at Minong recently and reports delinquents well paid up.

Mr. Palansch, assigned the new Park Falls agency, was relieved at Bayfield by Mr. Norman, relieved at Minong by Bro. Omdahl.

Bro. James Parent has resigned. M. E. Carey is at Tuscobia nights. Div. Cor.

LETTER OF THANKS.

DEER PARK, WIS., April 17, 1914.

To the Members Northern Division:

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS—This is not a notification of my resignation as local chairman, but simply a letter of thanks to the members on the north who so kindly assisted me.

My absence may not be permanent, but my resignation as local chairman is. I feel that I can do better work for the O. R. T. when not associated with it in an official capacity. I want to congratulate the boys in choosing Bro. Jacobs as my successor, for you certainly couldn't have done better, and you should get together and help him to keep the nons weeded out.

Our worthy general chairman, W. J. Liddane, and General Secretary and Treasurer D. O. Tenney, are two of the most faithful, conscientious gentlemen that ever lived. I know whereof I speak, as I had occasion to be with them considerably in the last year.

I want to urge every one of you to do your utmost to make the organization on the Omaha a solid one. I am not receiving any benefit just at present, but those I have already received and will receive if I return to work will keep me a member in good standing.

Again thanking you all, and especially Bros. Rind and Stouffer, I beg to remain,

W. E. STEINER, Cert. 4.

East District—

Bro. Kuhen is back on his old stamping ground again, having drawn Northline third on March bulletin. Bro. Burger, who has been relieving there, is back on Stillwater Jct. third.

Mr. Gaffney is relieving Bro. Witt, at Ells worth. Joe was injured last summer and has been in the hospital most of the time since then.

Bro. V. P. Maloy, Division 54, relieving at Spooner a few weeks, and is temporarily in "A" St. Paul.

Bro. Hurst finished his canvass of the divisions April 1st, and secured several applications and promises. The members should line up those left, as our finances make it impossible for a man to be kept on the road chasing nons and delinquents all the time. The only way is for the members themselves to do it. This is a matter which affects your pocket-book. Don't leave it for the other fellow, for he may be leaving it for you to do. Some of the old members who wouldn't think of dropping out, are slow and careless about paying up. It is just as easy to pay up one time as another and it doesn't cost any more to pay up promptly. That keeps you in good standing all the time and saves a lot of work for our general chairman and secretary. We need the money to keep our treasury in good shape. It will soon be time for our committee to meet the management, and we want you all lined up ready to do your part; don't leave it for a few.

Bro. Engebretson relieved Bro. Weissenneggar, third Marshfield, a few nights; Bro. Zank, third Knapp, was off a few days, relieved by Bro.

Christenson; Bro. Shroka relieved Bro. Dopkins, agent Hersey, resigned; Bro. Baskins relieved Bro. Pence at Spring Valley for short time.

Bro. Gray Sheppard is baching while his wife is at Maryville, Mo., attending the funeral of her uncle.

The business car is making the rounds on general inspection, so shine up your shoes and brighten up the brass buttons.

One of the old guards, Bro. Manske, visiting at Marshfield, is now with the Milwaukee, at Watertown.

A man the other night trying to beat his way on No. 2 was thrown off at Merrillan in some way, hit one of the stub switches and was killed. His head was cut up badly. CERT. 7.

Minnesota and Iowa Division—

Dispatcher P. J. Dempsey was compelled to go to St. Paul, April 2d, to consult a specialist; relieved by A. P. Jamieson, of the side wire.

Bro. F. H. Spatgen, of Merriam, is making good on St. James side wire.

Bro. O. A. Iverson, while away on account of sickness, was relieved by M. J. Barnisch, a new man, at Minneopa nights, who promises to get in line next pay day. The brother is now on first Belle Plaine, where he drew third on February assignments. W. C. Hamilton, first there for many years, bid in third Worthington. Bro. C. N. Frank, who bid in Minneopa nights on March assignments, relinquished his rights and the job is again on bulletin.

Bro. O. S. Mann, of Bingham Lake, visited with his brother, A. R. Mann and wife, at Mankato; relieved by E. A. Brown.

Bro. J. H. Gove, of Sibley, was an east-bound passenger April 8th.

Bro. F. F. Lapachek's mother died Easter Sunday at Chelsea, Iowa. He was relieved at Worthington by E. A. Brown. Miss Julia Galvin, sister of Bro. D. J. Galvin, died at St. Paul, March 29th; interment at Shakopee, March 31st.

Bro. J. H. Johnson has taken up his assignment at Sibley; relieved by W. C. Hamilton.

From an unknown origin fire totally destroyed the depot at Bingham Lake, April 15th, about 6:15 p. m. Bro. O. S. Mann, first there, who was on vacation, relieved by Mr. Brown, lost his new typewriter, new uniform suit and a new gun. Everything in the depot was destroyed, excepting the money drawer and ticket case. W. J. Pattinson also lost all his clothes. Plans are now perfected for a modern, up-to-date depot.

Bro. W. J. Jarman relieved Bro. Thoms, at Org, who has taken up his duties at Blue Earth. He was relieved by the new agent, Bro. G. L. Kleeman going to Hartford to relieve Bro. Wagner, on vacation, looking at land in Northern Minnesota. Later Bro. Jarman relieved Bro. Hugo Bromander, at Savage, for a trip to the Wisconsin fishing grounds. The bunch at Savage are looking forward to his return and a big fish feast.

Bro. C. J. Rathmann, who relieved Bro. Pettin-gill at Adrian agency while the latter was trying

his hand in the banking business, was relieved by W. J. Ross, of St. James; went to Worthington a few days, and later relieved Bro. C. T. Shier, at Garden City, who left with a party of Garden Cityites, April 20th, for the south-eastern part of Wyoming to look over some choice homestead lands.

Bro. M. R. Dewar, from Wilder, has taken up his assignment at Magnolia.

Bro. H. B. Levering, at Windom, on vacation, relieved by J. C. Mousler, who promises to be with us in the near future.

Bro. W. J. A. Maxfield writes from Seattle, Wash., and sends his best regards to all the boys on the Omaha.

We are pleased to welcome into the ranks our new brother, G. M. Crose, of Merriam. We would like to welcome also Jack Nelson, at Shakopee; Jack Linchan, at Heron Lake; E. R. Butterfield, at Ashton; F. E. Lehmann, at Sioux City, and some of the boys at St. James; Hartley and Walker, at Cliff, and Axt, at Amboy. Possibly a few more increases might help us to shame them in, if no other way; or a schedule like the one just granted on the Boston Elevated Railway might make them think of affiliating. That sure is, "No card, no favors," all right.

The little ten-year-old boy of Bro. and Mrs. Warner, at Jeffers, attempted to jump onto a pony, but went over, striking on and breaking his left arm between the wrist and elbow. He is coming along fine, and the doctors promise that he will come through all right.

An unconfirmed rumor states that former Bro. J. B. Hodge, who was one of the heavy O. R. T. promoters on this division, died in Washington.

The ten-year-old son of Bro. and Mrs. D. O. Tenney is rapidly recovering and regaining the flesh that his several months of illness took from him.

The little son of Bro. and Mrs. A. Backer, of Western Ave., we are pleased to report, has regained his former health.

Do you know the meaning of the word "procrastination?" If not, look it up. It has a meaning. If you are still delinquent send your dues at once to the general secretary and treasurer.

Bro. C. R. Williams has returned from his Canadian trip to Minneopa. He is undecided whether to take work with the Omaha or give his undivided attention to the State Park, of which he is superintendent.

Dispatcher J. J. Hannon is very sick as we compile these items. CERT. 2.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom, to remove from her family the beloved and honored mother of our esteemed brother, F. L. Lapachek; in memory of the departed mother and in sympathy with him and his relatives and friends, be it

Resolved, By the members of Division 4, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that we extend to Bro.

Lapachek, his relatives and friends, our heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent Bro. Lapachek, a copy spread on the minutes of the M. & I. Division records and a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

D. O. TENNEY,

B. J. FUNK,

A. R. MANN,

Committee.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Our heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom, has seen fit to call to his heavenly home the beloved sister of our worthy Bro. D. J. Galvin; in manifestation of our fraternal grief and sympathy, be it

Resolved, That the members of C., St. P. M. & O. System, Division No. 4, extend to the bereaved family and brother our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to Bro. Galvin, a copy to THE TELEGRAPHER and a copy spread on the minutes of the Minnesota and Iowa Division.

D. O. TENNEY,

B. J. FUNK,

A. R. MANN,

Committee.

CARD OF THANKS.

ST. PAUL, MINN., April 4, 1914.

We wish to extend to Bros. D. O. Tenney, B. J. Funk, A. R. Mann, and all the members of Division No. 4, our heartfelt thanks for the beautiful floral piece and expressions of sympathy in our bereavement in the death of our sister.

D. J. GALVIN AND SISTERS.

Nebraska Division—

Bro. Foot is back in harness again; he says married life is fine and dandy.

Bro. Poole bached for about three weeks, while his better half enjoyed a visit with her parents in South Dakota.

Bro. Schaller is still unable to work; Mr. Jager relieving him, advises he will soon be with us.

Ross Wood, operator south cut, enjoyed a visit from his brother Otis, and family, for a few days.

W. M. Wassum, relief agent, gave up "SH" station; Bro. A. R. Stevan, from Bancroft, being next in line, gets it.

Bro. J. F. Hartson, with the Milwaukee, at Vermillion, S. D., writes that he makes better wages and not near the work he had at his old job. How does it happen? Well, there are but three nons on the division and they don't give them any rest until they either get their applications or their goats.

Cashier C. B. Knudsen was home few days; relieved by E. Wood; he gets "AU;" Bro. Mayfield, "RO;" E. W. Wilson, "HD," and J. B. Gabrielson, Bancroft, on bulletin.

Bro. Poole gives up his station to take up other duties which he thinks he will like better. We wish him all kinds of good luck, being as I get the credit of it.

Hope all you brothers voted on the new local chairman. It takes a good man for this job; most anyone can handle it through the winter when we have no grievances to take up.

This will be my last write-up; at least, for some time. I am going out of railway service, and bid you all good-by and good luck. Will still endeavor to keep an up-to-date.

Bro. Northrop was caught scrubbing out his depot. This serious offense don't want to be repeated too often.

CERT. 114.

Union Pacific R. R., Div. No. 6.

Nebraska Division, First and Second Districts—

Bro. L. G. Ging, our former local representative, committed suicide in his room at the Carleton Hotel in Omaha on April 19th, by shooting himself through the head with a revolver. To all who knew Bro. Ging's happy, not to say clownish, disposition it certainly passed belief. Yet those who knew him intimately understood. A few years ago a siege of typhoid in an Omaha hospital left him a nervous wreck, especially when working in the city. Every treatment proved unavailing. The few years he spent in the little town of Egbert, Wyoming, helped more than anything. Many often asked, "why is a fellow of his possibilities content to remain in that place?" That was the answer. Often he desired to leave and recently was the oldest applicant for Kearney third, but just as he went to take it, was offered a position with Cudahy Packing Company at Omaha and resigned to take up that work. Forrest Miller, formerly Mr. Cornell's clerk at Grand Island, who now supervises the salesmen for Cudahy, was initiating him to his new work at the time the deed was committed. A letter, written evidently late Saturday evening, April 18th, in his usual breezy style, was received by Mr. Anderson the following Monday morning, asking for his service letter, which leads us to the conclusion that he was simply overwhelmed all at once by his affliction and driven insane.

His relatives were communicated with and all the boys assisted in every way in looking after the affair. Bro. Ackerman laid off and met Louie's father and brother, who were strangers to Omaha, and showed them every courtesy possible. All the boys helped to bear these expenses and purchase a floral tribute. Feeling that too much money is often received at such times I only asked the boys for ten cents apiece and \$8.50 was contributed through me for the second district and remitted to Bro. Ackerman. Resolutions will be drawn up by the Omaha Club.

I feel like occupying the space of this month's write-up in a personal tribute to Bro. Ging. For three years I was associated with him on the committee officially and socially. A more eager booster for the ideal condition of his fellow workmen could not be found. Being erratic his associates sometimes felt his peculiarity, but so skillful was he in hiding it and bearing up under it, that only by con-

fidences through intimacy did one ever understand him. However, we understood each other and worked together for anything we could, and for that reason I feel this as a personal loss—the loss of as staunch a friend as I had on the system. Knowing his infirmity I helped him all I could, and thanking me for it he tried to show his appreciation by boosting my work, resulting in a solid 100 per cent membership on his district. But even knowing him as intimately as I did, I knew that he would not harbor depressing thoughts, therefore I can not believe that he committed the deed in a rational mind. That at least is a comfort.

The organization has lost a true booster, yours truly a personal friend, and his parents, brothers and sisters a son and brother of whom they may be proud and of whose success they would have been more proud had not the dread disease left the mark on him which tied his hands and ultimately brought about his untimely deed. Not only myself, but every man who knew Louie personally will always hold in their mind's eye not the last act of an overbalanced mind, but the kindly feeling toward a bright young mind and a great heart. May this latter influence still remain green among those who ever came into contact with him.

Bro. Hugō Reisener has finally escaped from Gilmore tower and is on his new regular job as agent Hayland, vice Bro. V. C. Horne, extra.

The new \$40,000 passenger station at Hastings was opened for business with much eclat on the evening of April 24th, which included a big banquet and ball being held on the new station floor. Many of the Omaha officials were present, Mr. Munroe, of the traffic department, Mr. Ware and others giving toasts. If the Union Pacific operates the new depot there, we expect to add about three positions to our Nebraska Division list, as the operators will be in that station.

Bro. Joe Mahoney, of Poole, took a day or two off to buy his daughter a new hat, I suppose; relieved by Bro. L. M. Knopp.

Bro. Dohner, of Elm Creek, was off a few days, relieved by Mr. Reynolds, who also relieved Bro. T. J. Brown at Eddyville a few days just previous to going to Elm Creek. Rumor has it that Bro. Brown is thinking of investing in a honk-honk wagon instead of a wife. I will be glad to receive articles of not over 1,000 words each, advising Bro. Brown which he should get. It appears a cinch to me that the first cost of getting a wife would be less, but the upkeep—?

Encouraging reports come from Geo. Wiggington and the boys hope for his speedy recovery and ability to resume first in "H," dispatcher's office.

Bro. W. E. Dodendorf, of "CE" Grand Island, off a few days this month looking over the land he drew preparatory to proving up on it, and Bro. Stambaugh, of the same office, spent several days in Omaha (just after payday) having his throat treated and giving his wife a vacation. Relief Owen Maybury, recently of Cozad, and Bro. Atchison, extra.

Recent assignments: Bro. E. Farnsworth, to Egbert second; Bro. J. N. Collier, Kearney third, and Bro. J. W. Stepnoski, Cozad days. The latter is improving in health and hopes to be able to resume duty soon.

Bro. A. T. Runyan, of South Omaha, was again forced to lay off on account of his health. We are surely sorry he is having such a siege.

Bro. J. W. Langley, of Omaha general office, was off several days this month owing to the illness of relatives at Columbus; hope it was nothing serious.

Some of you fellows on the First District get busy if you want your share in this write-up space. I don't get all that goes on down there. Don't let warm weather get your goat now; keep on boosting. There are a lot of things to be looked after in the near future. Are you going to help? Is your neighbor helping? If not, it is half your fault.
CERT. 217.

Colorado Division, D. P.—

Bro. Gibbs, Pierce second, drew Hardin agency.

Bro. Dorf to Brighton second, bumping Bro. Baker, Carr third, relieving Bro. Griffin, on vacation, later relieving Bro. Mattingly, agent Speer, on vacation.

Bro. Mitchell, "UD" office, on sick leave several months, is slowly improving; we hope to hear him on the wire soon again.

Bro. Easter to Brighton third, vice Bro. Link to Ault, relieving Bro. McElroy, who drew Palco agency.

Bro. Minnick, from Oakley first to Greely third, relieving Bro. Frost, who drew Erie agency.

Bro. R. E. Shanafelt, LaSalle third, on thirty days' leave visiting friends in Washington, D. C., and other Eastern points, was married in Michigan. Congratulations.

Bro. Gibbs, who recently bid in Hardin agency, now in Mercy hospital, Denver, where he recently underwent an operation for appendicitis, is improving rapidly.

Bro. H. D. Sanders, our lineman, has returned from a week's visit to his folks in Omaha without a bride. (Not yet, but soon?)

The recent telegraph department circular announcing the fact that all "bugs," not vibroplex or micrograph, in use, were infringements on a patent, and that their use had to be discontinued until a license is secured, is causing a grand howl from numbers who own some of the old, reliable sending machines. Will our typewriters be the next to come under this list?

Bros. Kane and Gates drew the two vacancies recently bulletined in "UD," the latter night chief. Bro. Kane was relieved at Pullman by W. L. Winkleman; Gates not yet relieved there.

Bro. D. O. Shoults is sojourning at the Savoy Hotel, Denver, while his family is in Missouri. Some class to "DO."

St. Vrain reduced to a one-man job again, second trick operator being taken off there, leaving the old reliable Bro. Touhy doing all the heavy again.

Chief Dispatcher Larimer has returned to Denver after an extended vacation. "Bill" is hard to beat and we are all glad to see him on the job again.

Am indebted to Bros. Brawner, Touhy and Noon for assistance on the D. P. line-up. And to Bro. Kimberly for assistance on the K. P. notes.

K. P.—

The hauling of gravel to ballast track between Wild Horse and Oakley is making things hum on the K. P. Several operators have been put on again at places which were closed during the winter, and the dispatcher's office at Sharon Springs is opened up again on account of the rush.

Was unable to get a line on all the new positions opened up. Kit Carson was made a continuous telegraph office again, with J. R. Blackman, from Wakeeney, on third. L. C. DUENWEG.

Wyoming Division—

Bro. A. J. Dalnes, from second Red Desert to third Bitter Creek, relieving Bro. Lewis, assigned third Dale Creek on bulletin.

Mrs. Adams, second Table Rock, relieved by Mr. Whitaker, first Red Desert, extra.

Bro. Frank, of "N" office, Cheyenne, assigned agency Bitter Creek, relieving Bro. Huston, assigned Thayer Junction days, who relieved Bro. H. A. Thompson, assigned first Red Desert.

Bro. C. M. English, formerly of Bitter Creek, is now with the Wabash at Antwerp, Ohio.

Bro. O. B. Frank, of "N," Cheyenne, sojourning at Saratoga for thirty days.

Bro. R. Decker, formerly at Table Rock, is now at Butler, N. J.

Bro. Shottliff, of Buford, will be a busy man this summer. The gravel pit has opened up and 10,000 cars of gravel will be billed from that point.

The wire test is being used quite extensively. Would suggest that all use it to try out a new man.

Bro. Roy Reinhart assigned Laramie pending bulletin.

Bro. C. S. (Red) Hill, Granite Canon, we understand, is about to overcome the "loneliness" there.

Wm. Upton, chief dispatcher on Seventh, resigned, relieved by former First Trick Dispatcher Brooks, who is starting off well in looking out for the welfare of his operators in the way of living accommodations, having secured a bunk house for the use of second and third trick operators at Red Desert.

Bro. C. A. McCullum, from the C. E. I., relieved Mr. Payne, third Dale Creek, who relieved Bro. Burdick at Hermosa, assigned Laramie nights. Bro. McCullum later bid in second Sherman. "Indoor" sports at Hermosa every Saturday night.

Bro. Cronk, third Sherman to "N" days, relieved by Wm. Schatzer, helper, from Ft. Steele.

The new force at Rock River are Bro. R. M. Denny, agent, Bro. Gardner second and Bro. Reinhart third trick. Div. Con.

Canadian Pacific Ry., Div. No. 7.

British Columbia Division, District One—

A meeting was called at Revelstoke on the evening of March 28th by Local Chairman Bro. Little to meet our new chairman of western lines, Bro. J. M. Mein. The meeting held in Smith's Hall was well attended and very profitable. Called to order by Bro. Little. Local matters discussed and the advisability of monthly meetings considered and left in the hands of Bro. Little. This was followed with an address

by Bro. Mein, touching upon important phases of the work of the Order and conditions in Division 7. Bro. Mein spoke with enthusiasm and impressed his hearers with his ability in his new position. His address was followed by further discussion. The meeting closed with a session of music in which we discovered real talent in our midst. Bro. Kellogg tickled the ivories, with Bros. Bennett and Boyle doing the Caruso stunt. Bro. Meyers insisted on offering prayer, but was quieted by the Senator. Following is the roll call: Bros. Sloan, Foster, Wilson, Bennett, Kellogg, Forney, Peters, Sharpe, Jones, James, Storey, Nichols, Halstenburg, Laughlin, Little, Mein, Webster, Gallant, Yeager, Davidson, Shaw, "Fattie" Myers, Bradshaw, Maxwell, Ketchem, Ranum, Boyle, Alexander and Logan.

Bro. Hout bid in second Field.

Bro. Morrison resumed at Spillamachene, relieving Bro. Kennedy, resigned.

Bro. Kenny, a few nights at Rogers Pass, account sickness, relieved by Bro. F. T. Withler. and Bro. Neigut relieved Bro. Yeager several nights at Albert Canyon.

Bro. Storey to dispatcher's office Revelstoke nights, vice Bro. Hout.

Bro. Storey, first "BY" Revelstoke, while visiting at Notch Hill, was relieved by Bro. F. T. Withler.

Bro. Halstenberg bid in Elson; Bro. Hanna, Bowie, and Bro. Bennett, Boulder Pit.

Bro. Davidson, dispatcher, relieved by Bro. V. English, at Revelstoke, has returned to Kamloops.

Bro. Haney, relieved a few weeks by Bro. Young, just returned from a vacation in the east and south.

Bro. Little, relieving dispatcher Revelstoke, was relieved while on a trip to Tacoma, by Bro. English.

Bro. Alexander was on the 412 job extra a few weeks.

Bro. Lane has returned to nights Three Valley. CERT. 1819.

Alberta Division, District One—

I was appointed division correspondent First District, Alberta Division, at the meeting in Medicine Hat, March 22d, and was promised items by several of the boys out on the line, but only one or two sent any in. Thanks to those who did send some.

The meeting at Medicine Hat, Sunday, March 22d, held in the Assiniboia Hotel was presided over by Local Chairman Brown, with a very representative gathering of about twenty-five very enthusiastic brothers present. Quite a number of grievances and other important matters were brought up for discussion and settlement. Glad to see such a large turnout from all over the district, the "Crow" being well represented. We expect to hold another meeting in the near future subject to call of the local chairman, when we expect to have General Chairman Mein with us.

As I am not in possession of the names of all the brothers on this district will not use the word "brother" in this write-up, as I might pos-

sibly alight some one, but will endeavor to use it in the next write-up, when I expect to be more familiar with their standing.

W. McIntosh, agent at Irvine for the past three years, resigned to engage in other business; relieved by H. E. Tompkins, on bulletin.

H. Crook bid in Brooks agency, relieved on bid at Burdett by C. W. Hendershott, from Crane Lake agency, closed on account of reduction of staff.

G. E. Chudleigh bid in the new Prelate agency, just opened on Empress subdivision.

A. McNeil bid in Acme agency; J. H. Boston, Coutts days; G. E. Haynes, Beverly agency, and G. H. Favereau, Cheadle agency.

Agencies on bulletin: Sceptre, Tilley and Bow Island, and Webb and Kincorth nights.

Agencies Whitla and Cross closed. Agent Whitla taking agency Bow Island, and Agent Cross, Montana days. Set dispatchers on Lethbridge subdivision taken off account reduction in force; Calgary subdivision dispatchers handling Lethbridge, also subdivisions.

Business is very quiet; forces reduced wherever possible, and expenses cut to a minimum. A number of operators and agents pulled off on account of closing a number of offices.

J. C. Suffel, agent Langdon, has returned from seven weeks' vacation through the East; relieved by Relief Agent Ferro.

Claude Constable, lineman, has returned from a visit to the old country; relieved by Jack May, of Maple Creek, relieved by Lineman Mitchell, of Lethbridge.

Dispatcher A. E. Harshaw, second trick east end, has gone to his appointment of chief dispatcher North Bend, B. C. We wish him success. Relieved by Dispatcher G. M. Carden, who, on account of reduction of force, has been on "412" job temporarily, relieved by W. J. Patterson, from "NS" yard office, and he by Operator Reeves.

R. Rutledge, first Lethbridge yard, has returned from a trip East. Wish some brother would get his application.

E. G. Corlette, former agent Bassano, now with the E. & N., on Vancouver Island, was in Medicine Hat recently on business pertaining to the C. P. R.

Glad to hear of the recovery of Engineer "Stoney" Jackson, who, while on first section No. 3, was struck on the head, presumably the mail crane at Cross, being rendered unconscious several days.

Supt. Cameron, first district, is being relieved by J. A. MacGregor.

The transfer to Toronto of our genial chief, J. E. Ryan, is regretted by the employes in every department. He has been connected with us as chief dispatcher and trainmaster, being well-liked by everyone. He was relieved by Dispatcher H. M. Smith.

Hope every brother will send me a few items next month so we can have a good, long write-up, as this district has been very much neglected in that respect for the past three or four years.

Get after the nons, brother; we need their assistance and they need ours. Local Chairman Brown, at Carlsbad, will gladly supply you with application blanks. Remember, your assistant agents and clerks are now eligible to become members, so get them in.

C. D. HOLDER, Div. Cor.

Alberta Division, District Three—

An interesting meeting was held at Cranbrook, on Sunday, April 5th. The following members being present: Bros. J. M. Mein, general chairman western lines; W. T. Watson, local chairman; H. A. Brown, E. W. Bromley, C. J. Bundy, C. O. Bancroft, S. S. Clarke, E. G. Doner, D. G. Fraser, M. L. Howard, W. J. Harrison, E. T. Dell, E. Haines, E. P. McPhee, A. Mongeau, W. E. McDermott, C. Phillips, P. G. Shillington, J. W. Spence, F. D. Thompson and J. H. Whitehead.

Bro. Watson presided and introduced Bro. Mein as the first permanent general chairman of western lines. The latter explained that the new position in the Order which he holds had been created because of the appointment of General Chairman G. D. Robertson to be third vice-president of the Order, which had necessitated another chairman to take care of the interests of Division 7 west of Fort William.

Bro. Mein gave a very interesting address on many matters of interest concerning the Order, and we hope to see him soon again.

Bro. J. T. Burgess, agent Kitchener, is visiting in Spokane; relieved by Bro. E. G. Doner.

Bro. Goodman, agent Colvalli, just returned from a month's vacation, spent in Montreal and other eastern points, where he was successful in interesting several roads in an invention of his, "a combination angle bar and fish-plate." He was relieved by Bro. A. B. Nigg.

Bro. Atwood, agent Moyie, is spending his vacation on his fruit ranch at Creston; relieved by Bro. H. E. Padgett.

Dispatcher H. H. Wickett, of Macleod, and Miss D. Cameron, were married April 25th, and spent their honeymoon in Banff.

Bro. Ira E. Barr and wife returned from a trip to California, and will soon start relieving the agents on the east end.

Bro. Frank A. Dunn, dispatcher Cranbrook, is on two weeks' vacation, visiting local points.

There seems to be a slight increase in the lumber trade. A number of extra men are still waiting for something to do. C.E.T. 1299.

Manitoba Division, District Two—

Bro. S. A. Todd is back to third "C" Winnipeg, and Bro. E. Walker back from a trip across the pond. Bro. B. E. Weightman is now in "K" Winnipeg. Bro. F. Robinson, of "VD," goes to Arnaud, and Bro. Bennett is on first there, pending bulletin.

Bro. H. F. Johnson, Austin, while visiting Winnipeg, was relieved by Bro. F. M. Johnson.

Meadows station has been reopened with Bro. Winter in charge.

Bro. Fonger is now rustling cream cans and way freight at Marquette.

Bro. Edwards, at Poplar, is busy gardening.

Bro. F. Mein, Gladstone, was off two weeks; relieved by Bro. F. M. Johnson.

Bro. Pennie is back at Neepawa; Bro. Ottley opening the station at Niverville. Bro. Booth, Franklin, was relieved a few days by Bro. Ormond.

New Yard Transcona open first of May. Operators placed at N. Transcona, Woodman or Doran, and one at east end of yard.

Bro. J. M. Mein, general chairman western lines, has returned from his trip west.

Sir Wm. Whyte, formerly vice-president of western lines, died at San Diego, Cal., April 13th. He retired from the vice-presidency about two years ago, but remained a member of the board of directors, and will be greatly missed by all. He was fair to all and willing to adjust any grievances, no matter how small. His family have the sincere sympathy of every telegrapher.

Div. Cor.

Port Arthur & Winnipeg Line--

Bro. Gilbert was off a few days account of sickness; relieved by old "RD."

The sympathy of all the brothers goes to Bro. Ralph, who had the misfortune to lose his father lately. He resumed duty as agent at Vermilion Bay on April 5th, after the funeral, which was held at his old home in Manitoba.

Bro. Buclow returned and bumped Gelzer off second "GN."

Bro. Hoffman, on holidays, relieved by Bro. Gelzer, on third "RS."

Lachappelle was up on the carpet lately, but was returned to Buda.

Brothers, stick close to your job, there are dozens of good men lying idle. "No card, no favors." Stick to it nowadays closer than ever.

CERT. 1719.

White River to Cartier, District Two--

We are now 99 per cent strong. Three new and valuable additions to our ranks are: Bro. Dave Moran, Bro. T. F. Carpenter and Bro. R. Taylor, all trick dispatchers in "CU" office. This leaves just one non on the district. Mr. Walker, at Woman River nights, will get a card in a few days, and our district will then be 100 per cent strong.

Bro. Joe Fournier has been appointed agent at Cartier. Bro. McIsaac transferred from Healey, where he relieved Bro. Vilas Soules, has recovered from his sick spell.

Bro. Hatch is alone at Stralak now. The operators on this district are all being called into the superintendent of telegraph's office in "SY" to pass a wire test.

Bro. Bergeron was transferred from Metagama days to Geneva nights.

Bro. Fournier has four new songs all practiced up for the next passing of the pork chops in Chapleau.

Bro. Jamsey Stitt, who was home on holidays, is back to work again.

Bro. James Depew went to his home in White River for a few days to recuperate.

Bro. Beatty has Goldie days now.

Bro. Dulude, formerly at Lochalsh days, is back on our district again.

Bro. Crane has been transferred to Escher days; message wire job cut out at Chapleau, and the fone operators are now handling all the messages in addition to their regular work. The yard office staff at Chapleau have most all got their cards, and we shall soon have a large lodge in Chapleau.

Only one member from the east end was at the meeting in Chapleau last month. Every station on the west end was represented but Depew and Escher. Bro. Sullivan was kept away on account of his night man being in town that night. This is a most commendable showing for the boys on the west end, but very disappointing owing to the fellows on the east end not attending. Geneva office has never been represented since the office was opened over a year ago. The brothers there should try to come regularly, turn about each month. When the meetings were held in White River two or three years ago, stations like Stralak were represented at every meeting, and now they have only half that distance to come. The brothers at Depew should also try to attend. If you leave the whole thing on the shoulders of a few, how can you expect the Order and your interests to prosper? Don't forget that the meetings are held on the last Saturday of every month, and the lodge room is in the town hall at Chapleau. A big spread was held there the last Saturday in April.

A non hurts our Order to some extent, but not half so much as he hurts himself. A new man coming into the service should get a card the day he enters, and not wait to be asked.

Bro. Hogg, our able local chairman, is to be congratulated upon the way in which he has swung this district into shape. Next month we will get a regular ritual, and leave it in his hands to see that things are put through in the right shape.

Brothers, come to the meetings. "No card, no favors," and put it into effect.

Div. Cor., Cert. 1287

West End, District Five--

Our joint meeting was held in Smiths Falls, March 28th, with Bro. J. E. Angus in the chair. Brothers present: G. D. Robertson, vice-president; J. C. Rooney, general chairman; McCollin, Toronto; E. Hogan, Arnprior; J. H. Healey, Renfrew; A. Marchand, Finch; J. B. Garton, Farnham; E. Rikerd, Kempton; Geo. Etherington and Frank Hogan, Almonte; E. C. McKay, J. H. Lawson, J. Bolton and R. H. Fenton, Smiths Falls; J. H. Dixon, Petewawa; A. S. Ross and A. Appleby, Cobden; T. P. Eagen, Pakenham; W. McCollum, Merickville; L. B. Smith, Carleton Place; T. W. Boyes, Stittville; Bertrand, Farnham.

"Trading positions will not be allowed, according to schedule, and anyone violating the article subjects his job to being put on bulletin."

The above rule should apply everywhere. General Chairman Rooney found out the boys on District 5 would not allow any more trading jobs, and by the time he has the last trade (where Bro. Joe Garton lost his dispatching trick at Ottawa through a trade he knew nothing about), straightened out he will not try any more.

Vice-President Robinson and General Chairman Rooney got a special call to Smiths Falls on March 28th, over Bro. Garton's case. The meeting was not adjourned until 2:00 a. m., and it was a lively one, too. The meeting objected to Bro. Kitchen's seniority, and he will have to take his seniority as a telegrapher, not as a freight clerk. Bros. Robinson and Rooney made somewhat lengthy speeches regarding the freight clerks and office assistants being accorded the same privilege as the telegraphers.

Almonte is solid and Bros. Geo. Etherington and Frank Hogan, who have been at the last two joint meetings at Smiths Falls, were received with open arms.

Bro. Hill is back at Franktown again.

CERTS. 1023 AND 2447.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Our heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom and goodness, has deemed it best to call to the great beyond the wife of our esteemed brother, F. Pierce, and we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the members of this division extend to the sorrowing members of the afflicted family and brother our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved brother, a copy spread on the minutes of the C. P. R. Division and a copy forwarded to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

T. P. EAGEN,

W. USHER,

E. HOGAN,

J. H. HEALEY,

Committee.

Havelock Subdivision, District One—

Meetings are being held in Havelock now, which should bring about some good.

Our worthy chairman, Peter Brown, gives all of his spare time to our interests. He can not be beaten as a hustler.

There's a nice young lady in charge at Bathurst. Can't some of you young fellows win her over? If we can not induce her to join us, we could call her sister then, anyway.

Bro. Card, at Groves, still holding forth in the box-stall shell, but has been promised a new station.

CERT. 997.

Eastern Division, District Three—

It was an agreeable surprise to read a write-up in our magazine about the Quebec Subdivision. Many thanks to Cert. 2372.

We are expecting that business will be about 40 per cent heavier than last summer. Junior operators will greatly appreciate this, as it has been quite dull during the winter months.

In March we notice Bro. Phillips relieving chief dispatcher.

A meeting was held in Quebec on March 1st; attendance was rather small account poor train connections.

In the last month we had four meetings at different places. We must therefore congratulate our Local Chairman Bro. Patrin for this good work.

Bro. Chenevert is relieving at Three Rivers nights; Bro. Arcard, at Terrebonne nights; Bro. Beaucaye, St. Martin Jct. nights, and Bro. Morissette, St. Martin Jct. agency.

Bro. Bique recently visited some friends at Lamseville.

Bro. F. Naud bid in days and Bro. Sylvester nights at Terrebonne.

Bro. J. Lapremere is on regular at St. Maurice.

Bro. Laferriere, of "JA," has now made the St. M. V. Subdivision solid, by securing a card.

The municipality of Grandines has just issued a circular letter advising its cyclists not to exceed twenty miles per hour within its limits—Bro. Thibeaudeau will please note.

It was with the deepest regret we learned the death of our esteemed brother, J. M. Gravel, on March 19, 1914. His funeral, which took place at Louiseville, on March 21st, was attended by a great number of friends and the following members: Bro. J. M. Patrin, local chairman, and Bros. P. Desautlers, Dusablon, F. Naud, J. D. Lamarche, J. O. Marissette, Arcand, Bique, Bean-cages, J. Naud and Chenevert.

A beautiful wreath of flowers, together with an offering for high masses were sent to the bereaved family.

Div. Cor., Cert. 2505.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, On the 19th day of March, 1914, it pleased Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, to call to his heavenly home our dearly beloved Bro. J. M. Gravel; and

WHEREAS, We realize that Division 7 has lost a true and faithful member, and his family a devoted and loving member, and been brought to face a sorrow, the like of which comes only to those who have lost, the bitterness of which can only be healed by Him who has suffered for us; and

WHEREAS, Each member of Division 7 feels a personal loss in the death of the deceased brother; therefore, be it

Resolved, That in the death of Bro. Gravel the Order of Railroad Telegraphers has lost a true and loyal member; be it further

Resolved, That we tender our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family and friends in their hour of sorrow; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family and a copy sent to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPH for publication.

J. GIGRAC,
J. D. LAMARCHE,
J. O. CHENEVERT,
Committee.

New York Central R. R., Div. No. 8.

Hudson Division—

There were about fifty brothers present at our meeting Tuesday evening, April 21st. It was certainly "some meeting." Bro. H. B. Morey, general chairman, was with us and gave a very pleasing address on "Co-operation." Bro. J. M. Moss, local chairman, Electric Division, also gave an interesting talk on "The two-days rest law." Bros. Sloan, Green, Stahlbush, Hagar, Sutherland, Farrell and Munger, all stationmen, also favored us with a very interesting talk on "Station work." Bro. D. C. Turner, one of the oldest members on this division, whom we had never before seen at a meeting, was in attendance.

The committee appointed last meeting—Bros. Hyde, Tinney and Stickel—to furnish refreshments certainly did their work up to the usual standard and furnished a fine clam chowder supper, which was thoroughly enjoyed.

The meetings on this division are developing into fine social affairs, bringing the members from all parts of the road together for a very pleasant as well as instructive evening.

A vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Christie, superintendent of this division, for his kindness in having train No. 37 stop to land the brothers returning from this meeting.

Recent assignments are: Bro. L. B. Gaedeke, second S. S. 54; Bro. Sutherland, ticket agent Hudson; Bro. Price, second S. S. 51; Bro. Cleveland, second S. S. 77; Bro. Carrotte, assistant agent Hyde Park, and Bro. Burger, relief agent.

A number of displacements have been made on this division on account of the office of signal inspector and chief signalman's clerk being abolished. The committee have taken this matter under consideration, claiming these men have no displacement rights on account of being years out of the regular service, but they retain seniority and bidding rights.

Bro. Morey, of New Hamburg, wears the smile that won't come off. Good reason—grandpa for the first time.

Would it be unchristianlike to call a certain ex-member an "ingrate" when he persists in knocking the Order to every new man who comes on this division? This same individual received an increase of \$72.00 a year and other concessions just before he dropped out for non-payment of dues. He has less expenses in the way of house rent, etc., than any other man on the division. Claims to be a great believer in unionism, but the kind that *don't cost him anything*. A union for himself alone. No seniority right for him to all big positions on other divisions, yearly passes for himself, family and friends. This is

his dream of unionism, and what he desires before he will join again. We are thinking, and that very seriously, too, if he does not very soon desist in his "knocking" that his name will be placed on the undesirable list, which means no one will sign his application when his mind gets back to normal position again, if it ever does.

The few delinquents on this division should pay up and keep paid up, so as to protect themselves and loved ones.

Bros. Kabes and Clark are working out of Poughkeepsie, brought here by Bro. Dedrick.

Bro. Dinger is on second S. S. 74, with Bro. Bauer on third.

Bro. Overton, S. S. 65 second, off for a few days, relieved by Bro. Gaedeke.

Bro. Rugman has resumed his leverman's trick at S. S. 59 again, and Bro. Tinney has gone back to first S. S. 48.

Bro. Dedrick has given up second S. S. 54 to go back on extra list.

Bro. McGranaghan, off a few days at intervals, relieved Bros. Dedrick, Quinn and Smith.

Bro. Kabes held down second S. S. 54 until bid in by Bro. Gaedeke.

Bro. Van Benschoten, first S. S. 58, off three days sick, relieved by Bro. W. A. Smith.

Bro. Price bid in second S. S. 51, having finished on second S. S. 61.

Bro. McNiven, third S. S. 77, off for a number of days sick, covered by Bros. Clark and Dedrick.

Bro. Quinn is at Peekskill depot nights, place Bro. Palmer off sick.

Bro. Ostrander, first S. S. 71, off for a week's vacation; covered by Mr. Jones.

Bro. Clark is on second S. S. 81, as no one seems to want it. Mr. Jones and Bro. Hodson covered this trick previously.

Bro. Dunn, Poughkeepsie ticket office, on his week's vacation; Bro. Burger relieving.

Bro. Carrotte bid in assistant agent Hyde Park. Bro. A. A. Smith, S. S. 59, took a trip to New York recently to see how it looks at night.

A. A. S., Div. Cor.

Ontario Division East End—

Bro. Coonley, recently out motocycling, made a record of five minutes from "PP" Manor to Mannsville.

Bro. Cook is taking music lessons at Adams, practicing nights to help pass the long hours. Bro. F. F. Felter is back on second Adams, after being in the hospital for almost a month. Bro. O'Brien relieved Bro. Patterson, agent Adams, a few days. The agents will soon be coming out in new uniforms, as the tailor has made the rounds.

Bro. L. F. Mott, agent Altmar, resumed work April 1st, having been off two months on account of the long illness which resulted in the death of his father at Vienna, N. Y. Bro. Mott has our sympathy. He was relieved by Bro. H. L. Lamont.

Bro. E. N. Pond, second Altmar, has been assigned to Crocketts agency.

Bro. O. A. Manzer, second Camden, was off recently; relieved by Bro. Dalton.

Bro. M. A. Pitcher, third at Lacona, off several nights, was relieved by Mr. Fleming.

Bro. A. B. Glassford, second Westdale, was off few days last month on account of sickness.

CERT. 74.

Harlem Division—

Bro. T. B. Tompkins, on the sick list, was relieved by Bro. J. R. Ostrander.

Second "UN" on bulletin.

Bro. C. R. Drum, on vacation, relieved by Bro. F. Wall.

H. B. Vail has been appointed freight agent at Katonah.

Local Chairman Spaulding, on the sick list a few days, was relieved by Bro. J. J. Gillerist, relieved by Mr. Siegel.

Bro. J. Kozlarek, third "DP," on sick list, relieved by Mr. McGarry. BUNK.

Electric Division—

Don't forget to send in your vacation dates.

Trainmaster, supervising agent and chief dispatcher are checking up depots as regard cleanliness. Glad to say most of them were found in very good condition.

Brothers, let's "hit the ball" and show the company that the Order men are always on the job.

Brothers, don't forget the motto, "No card, no favors." Backsliders and nons all look alike; no excuse for them not having an up-to-date, with the increases in salaries we have secured for them. Pick out one of these nons and peg away at him until he comes in, and make the division 100 per cent by June 30th. This will mean better conditions for all of us.

Bros. Dawson and Byrnes, and Extra B. M. Rundle have been working at "BV" extra; Bag-gageman Lounder off sick.

Attend the regular monthly meetings, there is always something doing that will interest you.

Ask the extra men to join. They are needed in the organization for their own good.

Brothers who fail to get their TELEGRAPHER on time should notify Bro. L. W. Quick, St. Louis, Mo., and see that your division officials have your correct address.

Mr. King awarded "KO" second.

Mr. Schwartz, first "WM," on his vacation from last year.

One of our brothers—an assistant agent—was called upon to pay 30 cents for telephone calls made while he had charge of the office. The agent and a freight clerk were on duty several hours also during that time and the calls, if made, were on company business, but agent is a strong non.

The reduced express rates and complicated tariffs will oblige the agents to do a heavy business to make enough commission to pay up debt errors.

Local Chairman Moss should succeed himself on this division. He is conservative, honest and

strictly sober, has been with the N. Y. C. for years, and will receive due consideration and respect from the officials he will meet in our behalf.

If a few good members on the line will furnish some items we can have a good monthly write-up. "CE," Div. Cor.

West Shore R. R., Div. No. 8.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, God, in His infinite wisdom, has seen fit to call to his reward the father of our Bro. C. T. Porter; in manifestation of our grief and fraternal sympathy, be it

Resolved, That the members of System Division No. 8, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to our brother and the members of the afflicted family our sincere and fraternal sympathy in this hour of their sad bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved brother and a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

E. D. WARNER,

H. L. STINARD,

W. F. NAATZ,

Committee.

Monon Route (C. I. & L. Ry.), Div. No. 9.

Southern Division—

Bro. Salvo, second Wallace Jct., off several days account sickness; relieved by Operator Tharpe.

Bro. Leo Williams, back at Mitchell days; Bro. Fisher, agent there, relieved from telegraphing after three months of it.

Bro. Cornell, second Shops, working "AD" days, relieving Bro. Bennett, who was called home account the death of his father at Smithville.

Bro. Sherr, second Greencastle, on a ten days' vacation visiting friends and relatives in Ohio, relieved by Operator Tharpe.

Recently the operators at Wallace Jct. and Bainbridge were required to double, account no men available. Bro. Parks was attending court at Crawfordsville; cause at Wallace Jct. unknown; Bro. Keefe working second Shops while Bro. Cornell is doing the relief work at Salem street.

Bro. Priest, third Wallace Jct., off few days, relieved by Operator Tharpe.

What about a meeting? The weather now permits for one. The boys seem to have the spirit to turn out; hear several asking when we will have one.

Business is rather quiet account of the coal miners being out and mines closed down, several crews taken off; Fourth District station clerks and one operator cut off at Midland yards.

Bro. R. W. Dunkin relieved Collins and Miller at second and third New Albany, recently.

Bro. E. F. Packwood, first West Baden, visited home folks at Campbellsburg a few Sundays ago.

Bro. L. D. Wood, local chairman, first Salem, spent Saturday, April 11th, with home folks at

Borden and took in high school commencement exercises, where his brother graduated.

It is now Bro. Shough, first Orleans.

The agents at Greencastle and Gosport are still doing the six-hour lap, causing them to neglect their other duties. Freight passes their stations without a check. Double an operator's salary is being paid in claims. No record being made, as it is impossible for agents at such points to keep up their work in the three hours they have left after putting in six hours telegraphing.

Bro. Ben Sipple, second Crawfordsville, has been stung with a gasoline bug, and is now riding a "Twin" around through Montgomery county, and has been consulting a blacksmith to place an additional seat on his motorcycle.

Operators were required to double recently at North Wye on account Operator Miller's baby being sick and necessary for him to be off.

Bro. Dunkin relieved Agent Davis, at Borden, for a few days.

Bro. Slim Bennett relieved Bro. Harmon at McDoel yards second; latter off sick.

Relief Agent West, First Division, has resigned. Success to you, "LD."

One operator taken off dispatcher's office Salem St. nights account of light business.

It is now Bro. A. Eastridge, at Louisville, a telegrapher many know, whom we lost sight of when he accepted a clerical position in "FH." Bro. J. W. Christie is at "FH" nights, making it solid. Other new members on our division since January 1st are: Bros. J. F. Farrell, South Hammond; C. T. Hodges, Dyer; G. C. Wingfield, Cloverdale; J. F. Shough, Orleans; C. A. Corns, Frankfort. Several applications are pending, and with a proper effort by all the brothers we will be 100 per cent solid ere this year closes.

Bro. Roy Peacock, Dyer, has resigned. Our loss is someone else's gain.

Bro. H. J. Henson, off duty a few days, was relieved by Bro. R. W. Dunkin, who later went to New Albany "SP" for a day or two.

We were all sorry to learn of the death of the father of Bro. G. P. Bennett. A beautiful floral offering was given by the division as a token of esteem for Bro. Bennett, as we could not do more.

The brothers who have contributed their hard-earned earnings to bring the good things to pass feel that there must be a streak of crookedness in anyone who can accept the increases without contributing in return for it. There are better men behind the bars who have been sent up for years for a less serious crime than the few tight-fisted nons who keep grabbing all they can get and "holler" for more.

Bro. Ed Shorr, off duty a few days, was relieved by one who has been promising for several years, but has so far failed to make good his promise.

Bro. M. T. Parks was off duty three days attending court at Crawfordsville. He recently sent eighteen gallons of maple syrup to the force at LaFayette.

The few members who overlooked sending their dues to the secretary and treasurer for the current term, better wake up and get in good standing. While in temporary suspension your insurance is also suspended; you have no ~~case~~ on life and should protect your family and loved ones in a better manner.

The rate for new members for May is \$6.20, June \$5.36. Any member will be glad to assist you in filling out the blanks.

Members should bear in mind that Bro. Ed Shorr, Greencastle correspondent, is greatly handicapped in getting out a nice write-up each month. He is as busy as the rest of us and it is impossible for him to gather all the items, but if each of us will mail him an item or two each month he will be bountifully supplied and will see that Division 9 is well furnished with news.

CERT. 14.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased God, in His infinite wisdom, to remove from our midst the beloved father of our Bro. G. P. Bennett, and we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well; and in manifestation of our grief and sorrow and fraternal sympathy, be it

Resolved, By the members of C. I. & L. Ry. System Division 9, of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that we extend to the grief-stricken brother and his family our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved brother and a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

M. T. PARKS,
WM. F. SPEER,
A. D. FOX,
T. M. HARMAN,
Committee.

Norfolk & Western Ry., Div. No. 14.

CARD OF THANKS.

To the Brothers of Shenandoah Valley, Division Fourteen—

We take this means of thanking you all for your sympathy in the loss of our brother, Dr. D. C. Burks, and also for the beautiful design contributed for his last resting place.

W. L. BURKS,
H. H. BURKS.

Michigan Central R. R., Div. No. 16.

Northern Division—

Bro. Bowden relieved B. T. Smith, relieving agent Ferguson Rives Jct.

Bro. E. L. Hill, third Gaylord, relieved by Mr. Poole while taking in the sights at Saginaw and Detroit.

Bro. Hasley, agent Bath, is on vacation; Mr. Wiltse relieving.

Bro. McQuade, wire chief Bay City, is on a trip in northern Michigan; Bro. Doc Gilbert working nights and Bro. Flood days in "DI."

Bro. C. J. Prohaska, third West Branch, off fifteen days getting acquainted with his new baby girl, was relieved by Bro. Swaine.

The B. & O. telegraphers finally won their long-standing case through arbitration and got better than 6 per cent increase in wages, as well as improved working conditions.

Offices will soon be opened at Chandlers, double track switch, Quinn, Horrigan and Freedom, to take care of the new block system.

Bro. H. M. Garrison, agent Holt, has been seriously ill for some time at his home in Lansing. We hope for his speedy recovery. **Bob.**

Pennsylvania Lines East of Pittsburgh & Erie, Div. No. 17.

West Jersey & Seashore Division—

The Telegraphers' Association held its meeting on February 26th, and decided to continue the present arrangement. Next year we shall take such action as may be deemed advisable to make this association one of the best of its kind. If it requires more dues we should not hesitate to raise them. Every man should get into this association, as in case of sickness it would be a great help.

The morning and night O. R. T. meetings held February 26th were both very well attended, and matters of great importance were discussed. Bro. Battersby, of the B. & O., made a good talk, and we hope he will come again and often. The boys should all come out to these meetings, and the members should bend their whole energy to getting in all the nons on this division. Never in the history of this division have our men paid their dues so promptly, and the few still behind will soon all be up to date. We certainly made a fine record this term. Get that fellow working with you or next to you; brothers, do not miss any of them.

The reduction in wages and the increase in hours at Sewell has been rectified as to wages, but the hours are still 5:20 a. m. until 3:40 p. m., salary \$60.95.

Bro. W. H. Morris has the sympathy of all the brothers owing to the illness of his wife; also Bro. E. F. Horner, whose wife has been sick for a long while, and W. E. Cavanaugh, "RM" tower, whose wife is in the Philadelphia Hospital.

We congratulate the boys of the Maryland Division in having secured the two days' rest for all operators, agents, levermen, etc. They always stand up for their principles, and back their committee.

We congratulate Bro. P. E. Lougue on his return to the Order, and trust some of the other old former brothers will follow suit.

Boys, don't forget to remit your mite for the legislative committee to Bro. Nightingale.

J. P. Lloyd, in the dispatcher's office for a number of years, is now at "G," not being able to bump younger men in the office and service.

Bro. M. J. Fitzgerald, Westville, who attended the ticket agents' convention at Grand Canyon, Colo., sent several postals to the boys from Juarez, Mex. Probably gone down there to help Villa.

Bro. H. L. Stratton, of Franklinville, who has been very sick for some time, is getting better and will probably be on his job again.

Bro. T. A. Hitchner displaced H. H. Reed on first "CA" tower Atlantic City, who has taken third there.

B. H. Bates, of "KN," is now on third Pleasantville, vice E. A. Lake, to Mays Landing, and Bro. Rickards is now at Gibbstown.

Bro. B. W. Sykes, "SA" second, spent a few days recently in Pennsylvania among his friends up in the mountains.

The two-day rest bill, known as "Senate Bill No. 238," introduced by Senator Ackley, of Cumberland County, passed both houses on March 20, 1914, but Governor Fielder vetoed it, his excuse being that it would be a hardship on the railroads, and he did not like to impose this extra expense on them. He did not consider how he was imposing on the employees, thus showing that his greatest concern was for the companies and not for his constituency, therefore he deserves no further consideration from us.

Bro. Everingham, of Heislerville, is off on account of his little girl being operated on for congenital hip disease at the Samaritan Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa. We hope that the operation will prove successful and that she will soon be all right again. Bro. and Mrs. Everingham have the sympathy of all the boys on this division.

Bro. H. L. Stratton, South Vineland, on the sick list for some time, is improving, and we hope he will soon be on his job again.

A. E. Undy has accepted the agency at Belleplain, N. J., and we hope to soon call him brother.

That so-called committee that was told to report on April 6th for the final answer in regard to all those concessions it was to get, does not seem to have much to say since that meeting, and that much heralded increase does not seem to have materialized. Someone must have had a pipe dream.

Bro. Wenrich, national organizer, has the sympathy of every man on the P. R. R. His wife was operated on recently and one of his children was very sick. We all hope for their speedy recovery. Bro. Ackroyd's wife is also ill. We hope she will soon be all right again.

B. W. Sutton had the time of his life at the grand ball.

The Long Island boys are happy over their new O. R. T. schedule, which went into effect there on April 1st, giving nearly every man an increase in salary and better working conditions. That road is a part of the P. R. R. System and they got these concessions because nearly every man over there belongs to the O. R. T., and were wise enough to stick together and support their committee, although the conditions there were similar to those here. Get in the nons, and we can do the same here as they did there.

Div. Cor.

Williamsport and Susquehanna Divisions—

We have made the best progress during the past four months ever yet attained in any like period since System Division 17 was inaugurated. Every month new members are being added to the rapidly increasing list, and we only have one member on the delinquent list. Our telegraphers apparently do not appreciate the value of their organization. On every railroad line where a good gilt-edge working schedule is in effect the men are loyal and enthusiastic for the great cause they represent. The men working on the Pennsy can have a good working schedule and an increased scale of wages as well as elsewhere, as the small sum of 75 cents a month, paid in by the nons, would enable them to draw a handsome increase in wages. All honor to those true, noble veterans who stand loyal and true, and are always found with an up-to-date and praise for the only organization that ever did and ever will succeed in the cause we represent.

The general committee say we have as fine a bunch of men working on the Williamsport and Susquehanna Divisions as on any division on the system, and it is a pleasure for your chairman to serve a set of organized men like this. But some of our non-members would refuse to carry a card if they received a salary and other conditions of employment equal to any railroad line in the country, and they are the ones who are preventing the rest of us from receiving a liberal increase in wages monthly. We, however, have some non-members who would be a credit to any organization, and we hope they will soon unite with us and help to secure what we have been struggling for so many years.

A very handsome subscription has again been tendered our worthy Bro. Jos. Schlotman, and shows the fraternal feeling existing among the members.

Our Bro. F. W. Wetzel had the misfortune to lose all his household goods in a fire recently without insurance. The membership contributed toward this brother in a liberal manner.

Bro. W. E. Williams has been transferred to "ZA" tower, due to "VN" tower being closed. Bro. Williams is pricing furniture, and cigars will soon be in order.

Bro. L. W. Auchmuty bid in third "CY" tower.

Bro. N. C. Malick worked a few nights at "MR" tower.

Bro. W. S. Minnier seems to have some attraction around Fishers Ferry.

Bro. R. S. Frey was off several days recently to look after his farm interests near Muncy. Wish we all had farms to look after.

Bro. S. H. Young, of Hyner, recently visited his parents at Nisbet. Bro. J. G. Young, of Hyner, also spent several days with his parents at Nisbet, who were very sick, but we are glad to say that both have recovered.

Bro. H. E. Boyer, of Sunbury, one of our most active young members, recently spent a few days at Lansdale.

Bro. C. S. Dieffenderfer, secretary of the I. B. of A., is one of our active members, ever ready to respond to the call of his fellow members. CERT. 7.

Allegheny Division—

Several weeks ago it was reported that an increase would be granted by the P. R. R. in order to keep up with the B. & O., who recently granted its telegraphers an advance in salary amounting to about 10 per cent. We are anxiously awaiting this increase, but it should be remembered that the only way we will ever get a substantial increase is to build up our organization and then stand back of it and demand our rights. It is very encouraging the way the delinquents have paid up this term, and the few who are still behind with their dues have all promised to pay up this month. We are also continually taking in new members, and our division at this time is stronger than it ever has been in the history of our organization. We have one of the strongest divisions on the system. I feel proud of it and hope that the brothers will all continue to take an active part in the work and help to keep it in the lead. Get after your friend who has not yet secured an up-to-date, and show him the advantages of having a card. We are gaining in membership all over the system, and our organization today is in better condition on the P. R. R. than ever before. Several new members have come in recently, and there are more to follow soon.

It is now Bros. Herman, third "OA;" L. D. Cable, third "GH," and A. J. Fonner, third "DU," and there will soon be more on the Grade and Salamanca branch. Bros. Shaughnessy, of the Conductors, and Durner, of the Trainmen, are doing good work for us on this branch. They feel the same way about the "No card, no favor" motto as we do, and unless a man has an up-to-date card they will show him no favors. We wish to thank these brothers for their assistance, and I urge all the brothers to render the same assistance to these brothers whenever they have an opportunity.

Bro. J. L. Crawley, who had been lingering with Bright's disease for some time, died April 21st at his home in Reynoldsville, Pa., and the funeral was held Friday morning, April 24th. Among the brothers in attendance were M. J. McGarity, E. J. and M. L. Stanley, J. F. Schneider, A. J. Fonner, C. W. Robertson and O. T. Arendt. The floral pieces were many and beautiful, among them being two from the O. R. T.—one from the boys on the Low Grade branch and the other from Division 17. Bros. McGarity, M. L. Stanley, A. J. Fonner and C. W. Robertson acted as flower bearers. Bro. Crawley will be missed by his fellow-workers as well as by his parents. Our thanks are extended to all those who contributed toward the floral offerings and also to the brothers who had the affair in charge. They could not have selected a better design.

Bro. W. W. McCullum attended the Knights Templar lodge in Pittsburg on his relief day.

Bro. J. F. Schneider was off a few days recently attending the wedding of his wife's sister in Bradford.

Bro. H. R. Thomas and bride spent their honeymoon visiting friends in Ohio and West Virginia. Congratulations.

Bro. Elliston bid in third Sandy, relieved on second "KM" by Bro. Watson pending bids.

Bros. Lowery and Golden, at Big Rock, have gone into the chicken business.

C. H. Hilliard, relief operator south end, operated on for appendicitis in the Kittanning hospital, is back on the job again.

Bro. F. F. Hilliard, third Birch, was off a few days recently, relieved by Bro. C. B. McCoy, and Bro. P. T. Evans, second Birch, off twenty days, by Bro. P. S. Hilliard.

Sister Snyder spent her relief day in Pittsburg, taking in the sights, and returned with a new Eastern bonnet.

Many emergency offices are closed, and, with an unusual amount of extra men, some are not getting much work. The old reliables are all staying on the job.

Bro. Murray, recently married, is building a new home in Franklin, next to that of his mother-in-law, where he will be handy for a square meal.

Bro. C. B. McCoy, who was bumped out of second "NB" and wanted to bump into second "SY," was taken out of the service on account of heart trouble, as diagnosed by one of the relief department doctors.

Bro. F. E. Wiley, bumped out of third Siverly yard by Mr. Rhodaberger, bumped into third "NB."

Bro. J. W. Lyttleton spent Easter Sunday in Pittsburg. Bro. S. R. Hooks went to Olean on his relief day.

Bro. E. N. Thrunquist, third Eagle Rock, is laid up with congestion of the lungs, relieved by Bro. J. H. Osgood. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

Bro. C. C. Hollingsworth, second Pump House, was off sick for several days. We are glad to see him back on the job again.

Since it is now Bro. Herman, third Tionesta, we hope Guy will try to get the first trick there in line and make that a solid office.

Bro. S. R. Seitz, West Hickory, spent two weeks' vacation visiting his parents near York, Pa.

All three tricks at "MO" and Glad and third "DI" are up for bid.

Bro. Giles has purchased an automobile, and will take his friends out for a spin this summer.

Bro. Roy Jones, Division 42, first Olepolis, closed, in now on third Glad.

Bro. L. A. Crouse is on thirty days' vacation near Cleveland, Ohio, relieved by Bro. F. E. Crelly.

Bro. S. P. Gilbert was off Easter Sunday, relieved by Bro. E. E. Crouse.

Bro. W. W. Hall spent his relief day with relatives in Franklinville, N. Y.

Bro. J. C. Garin, from Tuna, transferred to Bradford as ticket agent and telegrapher. E. L. O'Meara, who handled this job until taken out of freight station, now has charge of the cashier's department and is out of the telegraph service.

Bro. Walter Linlen spent his relief day with relatives in Quaker Bridge, his old camping place, and Bro. Frank Hurd, second "RJ," spent his at

Riverside digging leaks. Bros. Lamb and Cleaver spent their relief days at home with their families, and Bro. C. B. King, Carrollton, spent his with friends in nearby towns.

Bro. A. L. Schobey, Onoville, closed, assigned second Corydon.

Bro. A. F. Gilbert, off a few days recently, was relieved by Bro. S. P. Gilbert, and he by Bro. E. E. Crouse.

Thanks to the brothers who assisted me with this write-up. I hope they will keep up the good work and that some good brother on the Low Grade and south end main line will let me have some items. Have not had anything from the south end for some time.

A large joint brotherhood meeting was held in Olean, April 26th, attended by a good many of the Salamanca branch boys. A similar meeting will be held in Oil City shortly. CERT. 18.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Our heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom and goodness, has decreed it best to call to her heavenly home the beloved mother of our esteemed brother, G. N. Shoup, and while we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well; therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the members of Allegheny Division, System Division No. 17, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the bereaved brother and members of the family our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of sadness and sorrow; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved brother and a copy sent to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

O. T. AENDT,

EMIL MARSHALL,

G. M. SLOUGHENHAUPT,

Committee.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom, to call from this earth to a brighter world our loyal and worthy brother, J. L. Crawley; in manifestation of our fraternal grief and sympathy, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of Allegheny Division, System Division No. 17, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the bereaved family our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of sorrow and sadness and commend them to the all-wise Ruler, who doeth all things well; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved family and a copy sent to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

O. T. ARENDT,

M. J. MCGARITY,

H. T. MARSH,

Committee.

Buffalo Division—

Bros. Ridgeway, Hauber and Culley are our recent new members. Brothers, now try to get some of your friends to join also. The O. R. T.

D. A. & S. has only one paid-up member left on the Rochester branch. Glad to see them get wise.

General Chairman Bro. Miller writes that the P. R. R. is going to give us a raise because the O. R. T. secured one on the B. & O. The O. R. T. D. A. & S. men will try to take the credit of getting the raise. Brothers, don't allow them to fool the nons around you with any such dope if we should happen to get any such raise; also beware of the so-called Penna. R. R. Co.'s mutual benefit department.

Bro. Butzer, agent Keating Summit, Pa., on ten days' vacation through Michigan.

Am glad to see the boys passing the medical examination O. K.

Bro. Taylor is back at Relay tower, and Bro. Francis has resumed second there.

The P. R. R. laid off a lot of men lately, due to hard times. The nons who have steady work should get wise and get an up-to-date.

Bro. Hammond is on the relief job, as usual, and the boys are enjoying the fishing. Bro. Botsford secured a fine mess of trout on his relief day.

The relay work was taken out of "WB" tower and put back in "JN," cutting the wages back to \$67.35.

Mr. Beyea is back again on second Sizer, after being away a week moving to the great summer resort. We expect to call him brother before long.

Brothers, see that the few delinquents pay their dues and get in good standing, so their beneficiaries may be protected. We need your support to have them pay up before it is too late.

The get-together plan is meeting with great favor among the men in the five brotherhoods. Brothers, put the nons next to you wise, and show them where they will stand if they don't get in and help the good work along.

General Chairman Bro. Miller succeeded in having his "two days' rest per month with regular compensation" bill passed in New Jersey. He never tires in doing something for his fellow craftsmen. If we all had his spirit for a few months and would work like he does, we would soon have a solid organization here.

Bro. Conductor Mulroy is still cracking away at the nons whenever he gets a chance.

Nothing received from the Chaut. branch this month. "Bob."

New York, Chicago & St. Louis R. R., Div. No. 18.

Chicago District—

Sincere thanks extended to Bro. Criss for this write-up.

Bro. H. E. Hutchins, first east end double track, spent his twelve days' vacation visiting his wife's folks at Van Wert, Ohio, relieved by Mr. Stork. Bro. Hutchins is very well pleased with the new quarters that the company put up for him to live in, saving him the trip to Hammond each day.

Bro. C. W. White, third South Wanatah, was relieved by Mr. Cassidy, while off sick.

Bro. C. O. Crisenberry, first Knox, was off ten days, relieved by Mr. Burke, who will soon be with us. He also relieved Bro. Lidgardt, second Hibbard,

a few days, and later relieved H. C. Wise, who has been relieving Bro. Peasley, third Hibbard, for quite awhile, on vacation.

Bro. H. A. Snyder, third Claypool, was relieved by Mr. Cassidy a few days while his wife went to the hospital for an operation. She is improving nicely, and hopes to be at home in a few days.

Bro. E. E. Ensley, first South Whitley, made a business trip to Hobart a few days ago between trains.

Bro. Hixon, first message room "FO," attended the I. O. O. F. meeting at Continental, Ohio, and reported a grand time. Mr. Bird relieved Hixon while he was copying a twenty-day stunt. You could tell a difference in the work, as Bro. Hixon's sending is that of a loyal O. R. T. man.

Bro. W. C. Leslie, agent Ober, on vacation, relieved by a new man. We hope to be able to line him up.

It is now Bro. F. B. Williamson at Bruket. Bro. Earney was a good, loyal member when he was here before, and we know that he will be now. Gene White, "FO," promises to line up soon.

Bro. Brown, first; Bro. Guy, middle; Bro. E. J. Hite, second, and Bro. Beatty, third Stony Island, makes that office solid.

New members for March: P. S. Lazarus, Cleveland, Ohio; W. A. Hatch and R. C. Thompson, Kingsville, Ohio; H. Kienzle, Lorain, Ohio; F. A. Blakeslee, Ashtabula, Ohio; F. H. Farquharson, Madison, Ohio, and H. S. Dunlop, Euclid, Ohio. Thanks to our general chairman. Every member secure at least one application, and we will soon have the high percentage we desire.

Remember the meeting at Hammond, Ind., which is held in the I. O. O. F. Hall, on Main street, the last Saturday night of each month. The meetings have been well attended this winter and spring, and we hope that every member will do his utmost to be present. Bro. G. Dal Jones, chief telegrapher from Division 91, was present at the meeting in March, and gave an excellent address on the organization. Brothers who have not heard this brother talk should be at the meeting in May. Bro. Jones has promised to attend. He is closely connected with the various labor organizations in Illinois, and has made a special study of organization; therefore, remember the date and be on hand.

Bro. Ray J. Dimmitt, second Knox, Ind., is agent for the Royal typewriter. Remember him when in the market for a machine.

On account of being crippled up with rheumatism, your correspondent was unable to get away to learn what was doing last month, but is able to be around again, and will try to do better next time. ALEX.

Second District—

Bro. R. O. Waddell, first trick operator in the dispatcher's office at Conneaut, has just returned from an enjoyable three months' trip to New Orleans and the sunny South. He takes a trip to Dixie about every two years.

Bro. Frank Kelley, Conneaut yard, was relieved a few days, on account of sickness, by Earl Shepard, now at Westfield, N. Y.

Bro. Jump, second Shinrock, laying off, relieved by a new man. Get busy, boys, and line up the nons. Remember your duty to the company, the Order and yourselves and those depending on you.

CERT. 142.

N. Y., O. & W. Ry., Div. No. 20.

Bro. Jim Lyons, first Kingston, bid in second there.

Bro. Mulley moved his household goods from Cooks Falls to Apex, where he is working second.

Chas. D. O'Niel, second Walton, is on two months' leave, trying out another job with more congenial hours and better pay. We miss his baseball scores every night, but wish him luck.

Bro. Cudney, East Branch, was relieved a few days recently by Mr. Sherwood, who later relieved Bro. Hoffman, second at Northfield, who relieved O'Niel on second Walton. Later Bro. Cudney was called home to Spring Glen on account of the serious illness of his father, relieved by Bro. E. D. Maynard, who was on second at Cadosia two or three years ago, later going to Scranton Division and then to Canada. We are glad to have him back on the O. & W.

Bro. Ed Pearson, second "MD" Middletown, dispatcher assisting superintendent's office, passing on examination papers of train crews, relieved by Ternilizer, and he by Bro. Winter.

Things seem to be a little quiet just now. A decision either way by the Interstate Commerce Commission on the rate question would no doubt start things humming, as it is probably only the uncertainty that is holding business back.

H. J. DEGRAU, Div. Cor.

Missouri, Kansas & Texas Ry., Div. No. 22.

Wichita Falls Division—

We now have about five hundred members in good standing and new applications coming in every day. Let every O. R. T. boy and girl on the Katy get busy—land the nons and be prepared on June 1st to pay up your dues, and remind any member we see or hear of falling behind to pay up. We want to be solid and everybody have an up-to-date January 1, 1915, so we will have plenty of backing. Then we can secure one of the best schedules in the country.

Jobs are being bulletined promptly since our contract went into effect, which we certainly appreciate. Don't overlook the importance of mailing your local chairman copies of your bids, and always write him about anything you hear or see pertaining to our welfare. Remember, he has his hands full the same as the rest of us attending to his station duties. He does not draw any salary for being local chairman, but is willing at all times to do all he can for the good of the Order and its members. But if we don't notify him of the faults he can not rectify them.

We will have our hands full this year moving the wheat from this section of the country, as there was never a better prospect for a bumper crop. Let us all endeavor to give the company

the best of service. Exclusive telegraphers should not absent themselves from the immediate vicinity of the wires without permission. Try to be on the job when "DI" calls, as he always has plenty of work to do.

Brothers, send a few items to your local chairman. He don't hear all news and can not make an interesting write-up without your help.

Bro. Lane is now on extra out of Mangum. His position at Frederick being abolished, and a new position, cashier-telegrapher, created there, which was bid away from him by Staggs.

Bro. C. V. Williams recently returned to Altus, having been called home on account of the death of his father. We extend our sincere sympathy to the bereaved brother.

Telegrapher Rouer, first Mangum, has returned after a thirty days' visit to his parents in Ft. Worth, Tex.

Bro. S. V. Lively is back on second trick Mangum relieving Bro. Lane.

Bro. D. L. Fritz is working as clerk Burk Burnett, Tex., on account of reduction of force.

Bro. Will Anderson is at the C. & O. W. Jct. agency, after a few days' recreation in Texas.

Local Chairman Shelton and his two boys are sitting up nights with whooping cough. We hope they will all be over it soon.

Bro. L. W. Fritz, agent Woodward, spent a few days in Oklahoma City attending court.

Bro. F. C. Donnelly, agent Hammon, Okla., is entertaining his brother from Kansas City.

Bro. J. T. Lyon, agent Sharon, witnessed the first baseball game of the season in Woodward.

Bro. J. L. Martin, Loveland, has just returned from a short vacation.

Agent Morgan bid in Hollis, leaving Vici up for bids.

Brothers, remember that it's against the rules to give out any information regarding the war situation, but don't forget to mail your local chairman any news you happen to hear. If you take leave of absence, tell him where you went and what you saw. Also ascertain if that fellow working next station to you, or anywhere on the line, has a card, and tell your local chairman all about him.

Remember the motto, "No card, no favors."

CERT. 4469.

"Sunshine on the Katy"—

The depth of the meaning of this can best be appreciated or comprehended by the writer. It has been many days since I have been permitted to speak to my fellow workers through the columns of this journal, and I would like to offer a little persuasion to the boys on the Katy.

The committee that labored untiringly and secured the recognition and schedule for all the boys is certainly entitled to great praise for its efforts. But there are many things yet to be done; we have as yet only laid the foundation and cornerstone on which to build, and must now finish the building substantially. We have the material; all that is needed is the shaping and placing it in proper place.

Our general chairman is out doing good work and we should keep him on the road all the time. This is a big system and it takes several weeks for him to go over the line, so that he would not get to see the boys very many times each year. This work may look easy to the man who is not well posted as to the conditions surrounding it, but we must not permit what has been done to be undone for lack of interest on our part. Many of us have been benefited pretty substantially with the new schedule, and should be willing to divide this increase the first year or two to build up our treasury, so that we can be in a position to maintain our general chairman continuously on the road for the next year. At the rate new members are coming in, it will only be a few weeks until you will not find over twenty, perhaps, without a card. Our portion of the dues paid in will amount to about \$2,000 a year at present, but it will take about \$2,500 per year to maintain our general chairman on the road. Then we should have a surplus laid up in our treasury for next year to meet the expenses of the committee when it goes back; therefore, I propose that Division 22 assess each member \$3.00 July 1st and January 1st for this fund, allowing our yearly dues to remain the same as at present. Compared with the increase we have received, dues and extra assessments all paid, would only take one-half of the amount of our increase, if we received but \$2.50 per month, say nothing about the better working conditions. I know some of our loyal members, classed as "exclusive agents," did not fare as well as we would have liked, but there is a remedy, and it will be applied the next trip.

Let us all put our shoulder to the wheel and keep it rolling. The little proverb says, "A rolling stone gathers no moss," and "A setting hen does not get fat." When the iron is hot it is time to strike it, for when it cools it is difficult to shape it again.

I have heard several of our officials express themselves in regard to our schedule; know that they are ready to meet us half way on any proposition. In appreciation of their generous recognition of our cause, let us all show them that we fully appreciate the courtesies shown us, and help them to make a substantial increase in earnings, and 1914 a banner year for the "Old Katy."

Remember, boys, "In union there is strength."
CERT. (Grand) 4500.

McAlester District—

Now, that we are on the fair list once more, each district should render a good write-up every month, and tell us the news. We all feel grateful for the courteous treatment shown our committee during the past four months by the management, and in return are rendering the best possible service. Let us show our appreciation to our committee by keeping our dues paid up and each member pick a non, go right after him and never give up until we land him. We have still several on this district who claim they are hard up and can not afford to go in just now.

These boys have received a nice increase in salary through the efforts of our committee, which they do not hesitate to accept each month. This increase would pay their dues for an entire year, buy a good suit of clothes and still have a dollar or two left. Keep after them until we make this district solid, never overlooking, "No card, no favors."

On Saturday night, March 21st, a joint meeting with the Rock Island was held at the McAlester Trades and Labor Council's hall, McAlester, Okla., and the McAlester O. R. T. Club organized. A committee appointed to draw up a constitution and by-laws completed its work before the meeting adjourned, and their report submitted and passed upon at the meeting held at the same hall and place April 25, 1914. Our meetings held on Saturday night will be changed to some other night, and all will be duly notified.

We had a good attendance, but bad weather and late trains prevented many from coming.

Bro. Henry, of the F. S. & W., at Crowder, was a welcome visitor at the meeting March 21st.

Our first trick dispatcher has returned to Muskogee after spending a week looking after his interests in the oil fields. The oil fever is very contagious. Be careful, boys.

Bros. Willis, Allen and Morahan, of McAlester, are looking forward to a ninety-day leave of absence in the near future.

You boys at Kiowa make a brother out of your third trick man.

We are glad to see Bro. C. E. Parker, our general chairman, is back again at Wilburton, and we thank him from the bottom of our hearts for the grand things he has done for us. We are with him, one and all. "No card, no favors" is our motto.

Bro. Ragland is back again at Eufaula after a siege with the mumps.

Gene Ragland, chief clerk in the chief dispatcher's office since December, has returned to third Muskogee. He displaced Mr. Phares, who went to Denison relay, and will probably be used for vacation reliefs.

Now brothers, keep your eagle-eye out for new men; if nons, then let's make them members; if members of other divisions, have them transfer to No. 22.

Let me have all the notes you can by the 20th of the month. It is almost impossible for your local chairman to get all the news, changes, names and initials, etc. Address your letters to the McAlester O. R. T. Club, Box 193, North McAlester, Okla.
CERT. (Grand) 3752.

C., M. & St. P. Ry., Div. No. 23.

Statement in the February issue of THE TELEGRAPHER, relative to Mr. J. G. Tuffley being discharged through the influence of the C. & N. W., and also that Mr. Tuffley was not a member, is in error. He was not discharged from "The Milwaukee's" service, and is a member of Division 23. This is to correct the erroneous statement in the former write-up.

(Signed) ED R. DERRICKSON, G. S. & T., Div. 23.

Trans-Missouri Division—

Local Chairman Hoesley wishes to remind the few delinquents to remit to Bro. Derrickson at once. Read the third annual report compiled by Bros. Soyster and Derrickson, setting forth what has been done and what they are trying to accomplish with regard to a new schedule. We should show a solid front, as that important event is scheduled to happen about May 25th. So get your new cards, boys, and keep them up to date all the time, and get in the few nons on our division. The only way our representatives will be able to accomplish results is outlined in the annual report. Show the nons that by joining our Order they better their own as well as our working conditions.

Bros. Soyster and Derrickson should be given a vote of thanks for the excellent way in which our division has been managed during the past year. Note the number of new members and our financial condition as stated by Bro. Derrickson, and everyone help to bring our division up to the highest possible strength, numerically and financially.

Bro. Brattsburg, first Lemmon, relieved by Bro. Sims, has gone to farming; Bro. Bullard, on second, and Bro. Wagner, on third; C. F. Soike, cashier at Lemmon, relieved R. M. Fields temporary agent at Mobridge, vice E. M. Stablein, who went to Great Falls.

Bro. W. W. Brundage, agent at Freda, bid in Eagle Butte; Bro. Frankenberger to McLaughlin second.

Bro. L. L. Brundage bid in Freda station.

Bro. Wagner, relieved on McIntosh second by H. D. Stevenson. You should line up, "Steve;" we all want you.

Bro. Wendorff, Hettinger, has been trying his hand at farming.

Bro. A. S. Hatch, agent New Leipzig, now has the postoffice and a store. We wish him success.

Bro. R. I. DeLaHunt, agent Leith, reports not much news up the North Line.

Bro. T. J. Kelly, third McIntosh, who bid in Raleigh agency, has returned from his wedding trip and commenced life in the wilderness. Congratulations.

Sister Holmes, second McLaughlin, relieved by Sister Blanche Hale, from Morristown, while she attended the dance. Bro. Frankenberger, agent Eagle Butte, is now on second McLaughlin; Sister Florence Holmes going to McIntosh third.

Sister Blanche Hale is relieving Agent A. J. Eide, at Thunder Hawk, called East on account of death in the family.

Bros. Tripp, Carolin and Holman, and Mr. Laird are holding down Marmarth.

Remember, boys and girls, get after those nons, we need them to be solid. CERT. 744.

Columbia Division—

Mr. Barry bid in agency Herrick.

Bro. Sorrenson, agent St. Joe, will be given another operator when the mills resume operations there.

Bro. Olsen, third St. Maries, while taking the Elks degrees, relieved by Mr. Duell.

Bro. Copeland, agent Plummer, off owing to the illness of his father, relieved by Bro. C. H. Thompson.

Bro. Snyder, second Tekoa, relieved by R. R. Selve a few days.

Mr. Barry resigned, and third Malden relay up for bids.

Bro. J. H. Vassey, first St. Maries, extra dispatcher at Malden for three weeks, relieved by Mr. Duell.

Dispatcher R. W. Beal, off for several weeks sick, is back at work. W. J. Jordan, chief dispatcher at Malden, is acting trainmaster until that position is filled; C. E. Molander acting chief.

Sister L. Tilger, third Revere, was relieved while in St. Maries hospital a week by Mr. Brittengross.

Bro. Tapley, third Beverly, was off a few days, relieved by Bro. Thompson.

Bro. E. E. Kilbourne is going back East to undergo an operation, and first Ellensburg is up for bids temporarily. Bro. J. H. Connell has returned to second Ellensburg from a visit East and South; Bro. Holland relieving.

Bulletin up for several work-train telegraphers will give the extras a chance; picking was poor for them during the winter, but they are in demand now.

The president's special on the way West may mean back to the farm and laundry for some of the brothers and sisters.

Extra men are getting numerous; remember your duty, ask them if they have a card before saying "howdy." We have a nice percentage, let us help Bro. Woods to keep it. CERT. 910.

Missoula Division—

Sister Vivien Smith has returned to Kyle, after a few weeks at home in Bonner. Her father, Bro. Smith, was also home at the same time.

Sister Mrs. C. M. Van Antwerp was a recent Missoula shopper, also Sister Miss Lena Huibregtse, third Falcon, after a visit with Bro. and Mrs. Henry at Bearmouth.

Bro. R. O. Clark, first Roland, is making frequent trips to Avery, training the ear and fingers for a more delicate use in life.

Sister Mrs. Eva Waters, third Roland, has returned from a vacation to Missoula, Alberton and Avery, and Bro. Connie Waters from Roland.

Local Chairman Dean and Bro. Glover had much success on a trip to Missoula, April 10th, on business with the superintendent. Bro. Glover, who has been relieving at Deer Lodge, St. Regis and Gold Creek, is back on East Portal third. He attended the "Star" dance in Missoula, April 9th.

Sister Mrs. Dean is relieving Bro. Coon at Ravenna, relieving his mother, Sister Mrs. Coon, at Clinton, gone to Seattle.

Mr. Hughes, of Clinton, returned from vacation recently. Line him up, boys; he's been a non too long already.

Sister Mrs. Luther Kight has just returned to East Portal, after a month's trip to Wisconsin, reporting on extra list.

Bro. Maxwell was in Missoula on business lately. "Mickey" enjoys life in Saltese. He attended the Mineral County dance, April 18th.

Mr. Estep returned from eastern Montana and bid in second Haugan. Boys, change the prefix.

Sister Miss Margaret Ray, extra Ravenna, attended the railway trainmen's dance at Alberton, spent a day at Roland visiting the Clarks, and attended the O. R. T. dance at Superior. Bro. Aldrich and wife, of Garrison, also attended the latter.

Sister Kate Ray, third at Superior, was a recent Missoula visitor. Bro. Ray, first there, has gone to Illinois to bring his daughter, Julia, home, who has been going to school there.

Bro. W. F. Marshall has returned to first Deer Lodge from a thirty-day visit to his home in Iowa.

Bro. Chambers relieved Bro. Hanson at Huson while off on account of his brother's death. We all extend him our heartfelt sympathy. Bro. Plumlee is relieving Mr. Leach there on account of sickness. Miss Germaine, who worked a few days at Roland, is back at the Alberton restaurant.

Third Roland and second St. Regis on bulletin. Interrupter positions at East Portal, Haugan, Avery, Roland and St. Regis have all been made Morse jobs.

We had a good meeting at Superior, April 11th, and I wish to thank Bro. and Sisters Ray for their kindness, hospitality and the delicious spread they gave the members. Their goodness shall not be forgotten. Those present were: Bro. S. C. Ray, Sisters Kate and Margaret and Mrs. Ray, Sister Daisy and Bro. R. O. Clark, Sister Mrs. Van Antwerp, Sister Mrs. Maxwell, Bro. Aldrich and wife, Sister Miss Maude Martin, Bro. W. H. Glover and Local Chairman Bro. G. L. Dean. Sister Maxwell's daughter, Miss Margaret, accompanied her. Many important subjects were discussed and information given and received. The meeting was a complete success. It was decided to make the amount donated for a typewriter \$2.50 flat, to be paid as soon as possible.

After the meeting an enjoyable dance was given by the social committee—W. H. Glover, Miss Margaret Ray and Mrs. Dean.

Our next meeting will be in Saltese, May 23d, and a dance will be given after the meeting. The meeting at East Portal, probably in June, will be announced later.

Bro. W. H. Glover has been elected to the safety-first committee to represent the operators on this division.

"The world loves a lover but hates a quitter." Get after the nons; they are all quitters.

W. H. GLOVER, Cert. 2695, Cor.

Musselshell Division—

Bro. J. H. Cook assigned first Dolge, relieved at Kinsey by Bro. Clevenger, and he by Bro. Sharp, who bid it in. Bro. J. P. Kennedy, agent Kinsey, was relieved a few days by Sister Sharp.

Bro. L. A. Copp assigned third trick Shawmut, relieved at Terry agency by Mr. Melloy, from Miles City freight office.

J. W. LeRoy relinquished third Harlowton, relieving Bro. A. Frelick, third Roundup, and later

relieved Bro. C. L. Burke, Paragon first, East on vacation. Bro. B. Kerr assigned third Harlowton, relieved on third Shawmut by Bro. C. H. Worman while Bro. Coop was relieving Bro. E. C. Skinner at Slayton agency.

Bro. S. A. Stover bid in second and Claude Mitchell third Melstone, while Bro. Pickard and Bro. M. L. Beach are looking after their homesteads. Bro. P. C. Dedrick, second Shawmut, another homesteader, is on vacation, relieved by Bro. Stover, and he by Bro. Ray Clevenger.

E. J. Dalton, a new man, assigned third Roundup. Bro. J. H. Jesser assigned second Paragon, relieved on second Mildred by Bro. J. W. Corbett, later relieved by M. W. McLean; W. W. Glaze on first Mildred pending bulletin.

Bro. B. F. Johns, agent Calabar, on thirty-day leave, relieved by Miss Mary Corcoran. E. E. Kemp, third Ryegate, on vacation, relieved by Bro. W. A. Aasve.

Gravel work has opened up—three dispatchers put on who were laid off last fall, also three side-table jobs in Miles City office, enabling Doherty, Wells, Maile, O'Brien, Rozum, Pence, Kohlase and Kearney to get back in the limelight once more, the latter three being dispatchers. Three Miles City yard jobs and three side-table jobs now on bulletin, and the other boys who were wire chiefs and relay men when they "got the big ax" will also be taken care of. CERT. 2446.

Kansas City Division—

Bro. Gus McCarthy, of Linby, and Bro. Jimmy McCarthy, of Suburban Jct., were off a few days visiting the parental home at Sturges. Gus also visited lady friends at Laredo.

Bro. Howard Richardson, of Farson, has been granted a leave of absence on account of the poor health of Mrs. Richardson.

We should see that some of the younger operators on the line holding regular jobs get a card.

Bro. Harry Owens is still waiting to be relieved of the duties of traveling auditor.

Bro. "Fat" O'Neill is the big ticket man on second "VN" Ottumwa. Bro. H. G. Bernard, first "VN," off three weeks with the smallpox, was relieved by Bro. J. V. Tuomey, who later returned to Laredo.

While Chief Dispatcher Moore was in the hospital, E. J. Klahn acted as chief, relieved on first by Tom Nolan, and he on side table by Bro. J. V. Tuomey.

A. C. Peterson, from the I. & D. Division, is now trainmaster, vice Mr. Druen, resigned. Mr. Druen's many friends regret his departure.

Mr. R. E. O'Neill relieved at Seymour two weeks. The item in the February TELEGRAPHER that Bro. O'Neill had resigned was an error.

Ex-Bro. Ben Staufft relieved Bro. Benn at Rubio. Bro. McCarthy at Linby and Bro. Chase at Rutledge.

Bro. Kelsey, at Amana, relieved on account of sickness in family by Bro. Kay Lewis, from the C. B. & Q.

Bro. Baker, on second Excelsior Springs pending assignment, relieved Bro. Sandusky at Powersville a few nights.

Bro. Johnson, of Cone third, made a flying trip to Ottumwa recently.

The loop job at Ottumwa Jct. has been abolished. The second operator at Rutledge now works all of his nine hours there, and the agent has a six-hour trick. This arrangement is more agreeable to Bro. Adkins.

The good-natured east end lineman, Carl Liston, and John Sowders, superintendent's chief clerk, went through an attack of smallpox, but seems none the worse for it.

Bro. McCullough and Bro. R. E. O'Neill relieved at Laredo pending temporary assignments.

Recent assignments: Laredo agency to Bro. W. T. Schoonover, Elmira agency to Bro. L. B. Carson, second Ottumwa Jct. to Bro. S. A. Allen. Bro. Schoonover granted leave of absence, and has gone to Wisconsin to start a dairy farm.

Was a pretty busy man last month, and didn't get a chance to send in usual bunch of items. Will not fail again if it can be helped.

Bro. Baker on Chula second pending assignment.

Bro. Maytum, of Polo, has been making trips to Chillicothe to visit his daughter, in a hospital there on account of a serious operation.

The national editorial special that we put through to Kansas City, April 21st, was a swell train and should get the company some good advertising. A fast daylight Chicago-Kansas City train on this schedule has often been suggested, and it would be a fine thing.

Bro. George Gallagher has returned to Sigourney, after spending a good part of the winter on his fruit ranch in Arizona.

Bro. Johnstone has resigned Rathbun agency.

CERT. 2205.

S. C. & D. Division—

Bro. Baker, first Elk point, off ten days, was relieved by Bro. Morrell, formerly of that place. Bro. Diehl, third Elk Point, off two weeks on account of the death of his brother, was relieved by Extra Riedmiller. Bro. Perry, second Elk Point, who went home a few days to relieve his father, agent Platte, on account of sickness, was relieved by Mr. McGuire, who later went to Brughier Bridge, where he was relieved by Mr. Reidmiller when he went to Stickney as agent.

Mr. Egstrom, second Sioux Falls, was off two weeks recently on account of sickness.

Bro. Helvik, second Charter Oak, relieved Mr. Given four days in "DS" while off sick.

Bro. E. A. Morrell, formerly of Elk Point, is relieving C. L. Jacobs, third "BN" yard.

Bro. Kinser, agent Meckling, spent Sunday in Sioux City recently.

Bro. Hartzell, second Vermillion, while moving his family from Omaha, was relieved by Mr. Bruce, from the C. & N. W.

The depot at Elk Point has been furnished with locks on all the doors to keep the "BOs" out. It was impossible to keep it in shape with them hanging round.

If you will all put your shoulder to the wheel, this division will soon be solid. A few can not do it all. By doing your duty we can get results.

Bro. Woods has given up the correspondent's job, and this is our first attempt at a write-up. You will help us a great deal by sending all the notes of changes, etc., that you hear of.

"CU" AND "CB" at "KO."

Armour Line, S. C. & D. Division—

Bro. J. P. Wallace, Stickney, is on vacation, relieved by Mr. McGuire.

Bro. Seward has resumed at Corsica, after a siege with the dentist.

Hudson, S. D., agency on bulletin.

The I. & D. Division seems to have had better material for the Sioux Falls agency, as I have not heard of any S. C. & D. agent being offered the position.

The 2½-cent passenger rate went into effect on April 15th in South Dakota, and the interstate on May 1st.

Some restrictions should be placed on immigration from the south of Europe, Africa and Asia. Thousands out of employment are coming here every month. "Uncle Sam" will have to devise some plan to give them work until they are here the length of time required to gain a title to the land not yet taken up; otherwise most of them will starve. Most of them I know are poorer now than when they tried it out the past two or three years. Coming down to our own troubles, although we represent lots of jobs, there is no reason for taking on students. If any of you have outside business that requires your attention away from your job, quit and let some fellow have it who will run it without a student.

CERT. 15.

Dubuque Division—

Bro. Knapp, Smiths, while visiting relatives at Cedar Rapids was relieved by A. M. Yeager.

Superintendent Stapleton has returned from his trip to California, and all hands in the dispatcher's office are back on their regular assigned positions.

Mr. Fearer, second Dubuque shops, on six months' leave, and Mr. Worster bid in the trick.

Bro. E. W. Christ, agent Turkey River, is still on the sick list.

Bro. L. E. Yeager, first Bellevue, secured three new members recently—Knapp, of Smiths; Goodsell, at Cascade, and Chesterman, at LaMott.

Second Spechts Ferry closed, and a third trick put on at Reno.

Bro. Townsend has been appointed to extra work. Bro. Snure, third LaCrescent, on three months' leave, relieved by Townsend.

Local Chairman Rellihaan secured the application of McCurdy at Dubuque. We are glad "Vic" is again with us.

Bro. Webb has been doing some relief work on the north end lately.

Bro. E. W. Christ and Agent Lund have been at the Prairie du Chien sanitarium for a few weeks.

Div. Cor., Cert. 844.

C. & C. B.—In Iowa Division—

The automatic signals are now in service between Slater and Capron.

Bro. S. L. Dove, Indian Creek, relieved Mr. Campbell at Marion yard a few days.

Bro. Williams, at "NA" a few nights, returned to Mobridge on account of slack business.

Mr. Hart, Lost Nation third, is improving after six weeks' illness.

Bro. H. L. Steen, Delmar Jct., while off on account of the death of a nephew at New York, was relieved by Bro. Hutchinson.

Mr. Sorg, third "NA," relieved while visiting relatives at Hawkeye by Mr. Tobin, a new man.

The Sabula gravel pit opened April 13th, and the brothers on the east end will soon be "scratching gravel."

Bro. J. L. Miller and family, of Malrid, while visiting friends and relatives at Staples, Minn., was relieved by Bro. W. W. Key, and he on second by C. W. Marshall.

Lumber has been stored at Lost Nation to rebuild the old depot. This will be a great improvement, and Bro. E. A. Knock is to be congratulated.

Bro. B. C. Snyder, Paralta, has been on the sick list since early in March, and we learn with regret that his physicians have advised him not to return to work for three months.

CERT. 1408.

Iowa & Minnesota Division—

J. E. Liebel, second Menkota, while attending court was relieved by Extra Ogle.

Bro. Jack Mottweiler, relieving agent Cannon Falls, was relieved on second Rosemount by Bro. Kingsboro.

Mrs. R. V. Lane bid in second, and H. C. Märtz, helper Montgomery, third Castle Rock.

Bro. H. V. Pickel, third Northfield, drew Blooming Prairie second, and Bro. Finnegan, Bixby agency, vice Mr. Kirly, from the M. & St. L. Wires were recently installed there.

Bro. Barlow, agent Chester, was relieved several days by Mr. Spencer, who also relieved Bro. Gleason, first Cresco, a few days, and Bro. Platt, agent Lime Springs, a week.

We are glad to welcome J. F. Gosha, Blooming Prairie, as brother again, also Bro. C. E. Maretz at Castle Rock.

Most of the few delinquents are brothers who have been with us a long time. The committee will convene again in Chicago shortly, and we hope they will all be lined up before that time. Every time a member drops out we are weakened just that much. It is a business proposition, and a worthy one to always keep up to date. The nons are the first to grab any good thing they possibly can, and should not receive any courtesy whatever from those who pay out their money year after year to maintain our schedule.

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River Division—

Bro. John Sainsbury has taken first Hoffman Ave.; Bro. Clifford third, and Mr. Peed Chestnut St. third; Bro. Coddington going back on first there, vice Mr. Ogle returned to I. & M. Division.

Bro. Ferrier, signal tower, taken suddenly ill, was relieved by Bro. G. J. Leahy, from lower

yard, relieved by Mr. Hanson, from Canada. Bro. G. J. Leahy, while at signal tower, was sick one day; Bros. Cahill and Kenyon doubling. Bro. J. P. Leahy relieved Bro. G. J. Leahy at signal tower, who went to third South Minneapolis. Bro. Kugler, who bid in the latter, relieved Bro. Leahy at lower yard.

The brothers who have worked in the terminal district will be grieved to learn of the death of John Rogan, familiarly known as "Shanty" Rogan, who was instantly killed at lower yard on April 5th while switching cars. He was an old-timer, and well liked by all who knew him for his ready wit. His bereaved wife and children have the sympathy of all.

Bro. C. D. Galliven, of "C" office, has been selected to do the extra dispatching at Newport this summer. Congratulations. The last three promotions on this pike have been loyal brothers—nons should get onto this. The officials realize that a man intelligent enough to look after his own interests is a good one to safeguard the interests of the company.

The Western Union office at Hastings has been closed and the business turned over to Bro. Moore, which keeps him on the jump and incidentally adds to his commission.

Bro. Olsen, from Lake City, relieved Mr. Lemen, at Hastings yard, a few days recently.

Bro. Fast, on vacation a week, relieved at Hastings by Mr. Wyler, from Vermillion.

Bro. Witte, first at Wabasha, visited in the Twin Cities on Sunday, April 5th.

The new automatic signals placed in service between Wabasha and Winona, April 16th, closing Whitman entirely, taking off second man at Kellogg and possibly third man at Minnesota City.

Bro. Junkin, agent at Kellogg, will probably go into the chicken business now that he don't have to block trains. Rhode Island Reds ought to be cheap when "Junk" gets going. This chicken business is some business around Kellogg.

Local Chairman Hanson went, as routing clerk, to the Jewell Nursery Co., Lake City, April 1st, for five or six weeks during the spring shipments. Bro. Workman going on first and Bro. Olson on second. The latter relieved Bro. Lemen, at Hastings yard, on ten days' vacation.

Bros. Thayer and Olson lost out at Frontenac when the automatic block signals went into effect; Bro. Thayer going to second Weaver, and Bro. Olson to second Hastings yard. Bro. Tackaberry, at Frontenac, since losing his two operators, was furnished with a \$25 helper, making it a twelve-hour job. "Tack" says the helper can do the rough work, which helps some.

Bro. Kugler, who lost out via the new automatic signals at Wacouta, relieved Bro. Field, at Kellogg, while he was relieving Bro. Junkin.

Bro. Workman, at Lake City, is baching while his wife is on a visit to Montana.

Mr. Potter, baggageman at Minneapolis for five or six months, came back to Lake City as baggageman on April 1st.

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Prairie du Chien and Mineral Point Divisions—

Bro. Chas. Kading, first Whitewater, and Bro. A. H. Kading, agent South Wayne, spent Sunday recently with relatives at Black Earth.

General Secretary and Treasurer Derrickson called on several brothers along the division recently.

Bro. Gunderson, second Lone Rock, was relieved a few days by a Mr. Bock, a new man from Mazomanie. Wonder if an article in our schedule has not been violated?

Bro. J. J. Connell, now at Ellensburg, Wash., on the Puget Sound, called recently on his many friends along the Division.

Bro. J. J. Gallagher was assigned to Monticello agency, and Middletown is now pending bulletin.

Bro. Thurber, Muscoda, was relieved a few days recently by Extra Richter.

Agent Shipley, Cross Plains, off three months, is being relieved by Bro. Ed Coleman, of Boscobel second, now temporarily on bulletin.

Bro. Martin, second, and Vaughan, third Waukeza, have asked permission to exchange tricks and hold rights accordingly. Bro. Sprattler, Mineral Point days, on six months' leave; position pending bulletin.

Superintendent Thurber, Chief Dispatcher Agner, Traveling Freight Agent Anderson and Mitchell made a two days' inspection trip by special train over these divisions recently.

Bro. Hitchcock, McFarland second, was relieved two days by Mr. Hotaling, a student of Carroll College, Waukesha.

Chief Dispatcher Agner has requested all operators to send him their office copies of all train orders received on April 13th, criticism being made that some of them could not be read on account of using worn-out carbons, and failing to check orders. We should be very particular to check train orders, as a strict ruling to that effect was issued by the officials. Failure to do so may cause discipline.

We were pleased to learn of the election of Bro. W. C. Olson, second Eagle, to the office of assessor of that village, and wish him success.

There are still a few eligibles, and members should make a special effort to get them, and make the division solid. There are also a few delinquents who cause a great deal of correspondence for the general secretary and treasurer and local chairman. Dues are a debt and should be paid promptly like any other obligation. We should strive to have them remedy this and keep in good standing.

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Wisconsin Valley Division—

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, At the pleasure of the Great Creator, our brother, R. E. Schultz, local chairman of the Wisconsin Valley Division, has been removed from hence by death; and

WHEREAS, His services and loyalty to Division 23, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, will be sorely missed and his place in his home as a loving

husband, father and brother made vacant; therefore, be it

Resolved, By Division 23, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that we hereby extend our sincere sympathy to the sorrowing wife, son and brother, and we do commend them to the aid of the All Father for comfort in their loss; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent Mrs. Schultz, Bro. Herman F. Schultz, and also a copy to Bro. L. W. Quick for publication in THE TELEGRAPHER.

G. E. SOYSTER,
ED R. DERRICKSON,
W. N. UPHAM,

Committee.

International & Great Northern Ry., Div. No. 25.

Ft. Worth Division—

The big booster meeting held at Houston, Sunday, April 5th, was a grand success. Over one hundred were present—representing nearly every line in Texas, and all had a very enjoyable time. It is regretted that more of the members from this division could not have been present.

The telegraphers legislative board of Texas held a business meeting in the afternoon. It is now composed of nineteen members representing the telegraphers of practically every line in that State. The officers are: Chairman, E. B. Hill (S. A. & A. P.), 1027 Yale St., Houston, Tex.; secretary and treasurer, A. E. Laisure (H. & T. C.), Ennis, Tex.; executive committee—W. J. Haddon, (S. P.), San Antonio; Chas. C. Webner (I. & G. N.), Mart and P. J. Kelley (M. K. & T.), Taylor.

Our enterprising local chairman, and Bro. M. M. Mosely, secretary and treasurer M. K. & T. System, are arranging for a similar meeting at Waco, but are not yet able to make any definite announcement. Let everyone attend who can possibly do so. Bro. Webner has been keeping things alive along this division by himself about long enough. Let us show him that we appreciate what he has been doing in our behalf by lining up the nons, and give the company the best possible service, so much superior to that of the non that the officials are bound to notice it.

Bro. Reulet, High Bank, bid in first Italy; there being no bids on "HG" it was assigned to J. A. Scott, a new man on this division.

Bro. H. L. Hunnicutt was reinstated as agent Otto, and Bro. H. H. Langford bid in Mumford. Bro. R. R. McCauley is relieving Bro. Parker Pringle at Penelope.

Bro. Glen Fretwell has returned to Mart after a month's vacation spent with relatives in Arkansas. It's now Bro. "DM" there, making it solid.

Recent marriages are: Bros. J. E. Zeller, Irene; J. T. Ivey, Hallsburg; Bro. Joe Johnson, Marlin. Congratulations.

Bro. C. Hellums bid in second Marlin, relieved on third Bryan by Mr. Hatfield, who promises to line up payday.

Bro. Menger, Navasota, and Bro. Webner, Mart, attended the booster meeting at Houston.

Bro. Skelton is baching at Calvert Jct.; relieved at Bedias by Bro. H. H. Adams.

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Missouri Pacific Ry., Div. No. 31.

Louisiana Division—

Bro. G. B. Rogers relieved Mr. Lewis on second Georgetown. Later Georgetown was discontinued as a train order office, and the two operators moved to Rochelle, creating a continuous office, and the two added bulletined. Also third trick passenger depot Monroe and agency Boscoe where Bro. Elton was relieved by Mr. Neel, when assigned Griffin agency. J. W. Butler, agent River-ton, who was sick a few days, was relieved by Bro. Elton.

It's now Bro. J. W. Waggoner, second Olla again. Hope the other boys will fall in line.

Bro. H. A. Eckler, from Southern Pacific, who relieved J. O. Nettles at Griffin agency, was later relieved by T. M. Butler, from the Tremont & Gulf, and relieved Bro. A. L. Davis at Farmerville, resigned.

The two telephone jobs on the branch pay good salaries; one of the men has promised us his application. Let's see that he don't forget and get in the other phoner also.

Bro. Jack Bernard, who bid in Huttig telegraph job recently, has been made manager for the Western Union there, adding \$6 or \$7 to his salary. This is a W. U. relay point for Marion and Farmerville, and he will earn all he gets.

There are two or three offices where there is only a Western Union wire, that are handling "22" report and railroad messages. Lawson gives Eldorado his "22" daily over the Western Union wire. This practice should be discontinued.

There has been considerable trouble on the branches on account of washouts. One at Haile delaying all trains in and out of Monroe on the L. R. & M.

The writer is being temporarily relieved by Mr. Bush, a new man, on account of illness, but hopes to resume work shortly.

While our progress on this division is somewhat slow there is more interest shown right now than at any other time. Some of the boys know that we mean business, and we will soon be almost solid on all our districts. We hope the Lake Charles District members will soon line the boys up over there, and also furnish us the news, otherwise it is difficult to learn what is going on there.

We wish to especially thank Bro. Jack Bernard, Huttig, Ark., for the help he has given us on his territory. J. W. M., Cert. 1941, Div. Cor.

Wichita Division—

Chief Dispatcher Knapp, while off being made a 32d degree Mason, was relieved by First Trick Dispatcher C. E. Welch, and he by Dispatcher Larson, relieved in "H" office by Extra Dean.

Bro. J. M. Blackman, Hazelton, assigned Red-field agency.

Ernest Leedy, clerk Kanapolis, appointed agent Potwin, and J. W. Scheis telegrapher at Lyons.

Bro. Groves, from the Rock Island, who has been relieving telegraphers at Durand and Yates Center, is now at Eldorado.

Bro. Cliff Underwood, Yates Center second, attended the consistory at Wichita.

Telegrapher Young, of Eldorado, while off on account of sickness in the family, was relieved by F. H. Jenkins, and he on third by Groves.

Clearwater agency on bulletin; Bro. Blomberg, of Hardtner, being the oldest bidder. The express business there is most all handled at the Santa Fe.

Bro. Huddelson, on account of poor health, bid in Batesville agency, vice Sister L. E. Kluckhuhn, in the hospital for six weeks, but now much improved.

Bro. Kessinger has returned from his vacation.

Don't forget to call up the correspondent at Recce, or the local chairman at Haven, and give us any items that may be of interest.

G. E. T., Div. Cor.

Southern Kansas Division—

Prospects for good business is very promising, and most all the extra men are at work. The wheat crop on the west end is the best it has been for years, and business will be humming when it commences to move. The rain this month has brought out the crops fine. A good year for the company means a good year for us, so let's all pull for it.

Brothers, there are still a few nons left; find out whether the man working alongside of you is up to date, if not with you line him up. It is your business and your duty to do this, and you can do it better than anyone else because you are right there to explain to him what the Order has accomplished. With a little assistance from all concerned we will soon be solid.

A few of the brothers have been a little negligent and failed to remit their dues and their insurance is now forfeited. In order to protect their beneficiaries they should renew at once.

Let me know when a change is made at your office, and send me the relieving man's name. If up to date give me his division and certificate number. It won't take you five minutes to find this all out, and it will be a great help in keeping the division lined up. Get familiar with the schedule, and if you are not getting what is coming to you take it up at once. The management expects to pay you on this basis, and it is your fault if you let it slip by.

Bro. Threet, of Oxford, off sick, relieved by Bro. Collins, who later bid in Niotaze agency. Bro. Kennedy, third Altoona, also off sick, relieved by J. F. Connaughton.

Bro. Holleran, second Deering, was off a few days, relieved by Bro. Patterson, from the Union Pacific.

Bro. Crone, second Buffalo, relieved at Sedan while Bro. Thompson relieved Agent Jarvis, off sick.

Bro. Stroder, agent Rose, bid in second Garnett, vice Mr. Brandon, who bid in Rose agency.

It is now Bro. L. A. Martin, at Lane, and Bro. F. P. Strange, Coffeyville.

Bro. Ralph Henderson, Knoxville, Ark., formerly on second Neodesha, is visiting Bro. T. R. Henderson and family at Wauneta.

Bro. T. W. Harmon was off several days recently looking after his farm in Nebraska.

Bro. C. A. Vinson, on second Lane, was relieved a few days by Mr. Butler.

Bro. Nigh, who went to second Garnett while Bro. Stroder relieved Bro. Crites a few days at Westphalia, later relieved Bro. McCormick at Mont Ida.

No notes were received this month from anyone. I would be glad if some brother would volunteer to act as correspondent, and will publish it in next month's journal. Then all notes can be sent him, and we will all assist him.

T. F. JAMESON, Local Chairman.

Eastern Division—

Several of the boys have promised to send me news, but all I get I have to go after on the wires. Every brother that has a change of any kind at his station, please let me know about it. This will be appreciated, as it is hard to get all the news over the wires. Mail your items to third trick operator Cole Jct., as I forget half I get over the wire before I have time to write it down. Some brother on the east end send me the news from that locality, and let's have a good monthly write-up.

H. E. Pace, Sandy Hook, bid in Elston agency, vice Bro. Bahrenburg, who drew Syracuse agency, vice Bro. Phillips, Centertown.

Bro. Gragg bid in Lamonte nights, vice Bro. Sharpe, to Smithton pending bulletin.

Bro. McClain is back on third Independence. Mr. Martin left the service.

Bro. Wilmarth, first Holden, off a few days, relieved by Mr. Hendrix.

Bro. McBride, our assistant local chairman, is preparing to visit Salt Lake City.

Bro. A. S. Bryan, Sedalia yard, off a few days, relieved by Extra Willis, Centertown nights.

The block system opened on River District, April 10th, with Stanhope nights, Boonville second and Hodge nights as the only new jobs. Grand Pass nights closed, vice Mr. Best, who drew Boonville second; Bro. Hutton, Stanhope, and Bro. Keown, Hodge.

We are blocking with several \$40 men on river, but we can't help it until we get a solid bunch on this pike. Everybody tell the nons that this is the only way to get them better wages and fairer conditions.

Bro. Kresl, who opened Stanhope nights, relieved Non Hall, third Blackwater, a few days. Bro. H. L. Dare, on his sixty days' vacation, is now at Hodge nights.

Bro. O. G. Tipton, agent Buckner, quarantined a few weeks with smallpox in family, was relieved by Bro. Reavis.

Bro. Burlingame is now on second Pacific.

Bro. Bartley, third Gasconade, was off a few days recently, relieved by Bro. Rippstein, who later relieved Bro. Singleton, Eureka nights, to Kent on bid.

Bro. Keithley is back on second Washington, after a siege with smallpox, relieved by F. Davis.

Bro. Duncan, Chamois, was off a few weeks, relieved by Mr. Moade, a new man. Segler on first and Talley on second Morrison.

Bro. Lewis, third Myrick, off several weeks with mumps, has resumed work.

Our committee is soon going up for another schedule. Let's all try to get a new member, so we will be strong enough to get that \$75 minimum. There are several delinquents and nons along the line that could give us a great lift as well as help themselves by getting up to date and not be living off someone else. Remember, "No card, no favors." Don't forget the news about the 20th of each month. CERT. 2747.

Kansas City to Omaha—

Brothers, let us all get after the nons and make it 100 per cent strong.

Bro. R. E. Davis is on third at his home town, Wolcott, pending bulletin. Bro. Farrah, second Wolcott, has gone to housekeeping.

Local Chairman Williams is putting in his garden, having given up poultry-raising.

Bro. Black, third Leavenworth Jct., has his motorcycle in condition again.

Bro. Harmon, of Atchison, is relieving Dispatcher Tucker at Kansas City, who is down with the mumps. Atchison "CB" and "OY" yard offices have been closed, Bro. Herod going to third Union. Bro. Carmody bid in third upper yards Atchison. Bro. G. E. Stabler is relieving Bro. H. W. Thomas, agent Plattsmouth, attending court.

L. T. Smith, Falls City, while visiting at home a few days, was relieved by Mr. Rulon.

The non who drew second Wolcott had to turn it down because he could not give bond. If each agent would demand a bond from such men, it would not be long before we would be 100 per cent strong.

Bro. Freeder, "KI" Omaha, is lining up the backsliders on the Belt Line.

We wish to thank Bro. Thomas, of Leavenworth, for the items he sent us. If some of the other brothers would do likewise, we could have a nice write-up each month. Would like to hear from some of the boys on the K. C. N. W. and north end.

Bro. H. R. Walker is happy again. His mother and brother have moved to St. Joe, and Harry can eat mother's cooking again.

Bro. Martin, assistant local chairman, is about to quit railroad work and devote his time to his well-stocked farm.

Understand Drake, Morris, Fuller, Hayter and a few others are planning to go to Mexico, as the railroads are not organized in their line of work there.

Dispatcher Kelly was off a few days visiting friends in Omaha, and Bro. Dyer was on a trip to Kansas City recently.

Agency Paul and second Union are on bulletin.

Brothers, send me all the news you can, even if it is only one item, and I will see that it is sent to Bro. Quick.

CERT. 306.

St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern Ry., Div. No. 31.

Valley Division—

There were twenty-three present at the regular meeting on Sunday, April 12th, at McGehee, the division headquarters.

General Chairman Maxwell, from St. Louis, was present. Short talks were made by all present and much information gained.

These meetings are being well attended, and a growing interest is manifested. We hope every man on the division will make every effort possible to be present to mingle with his fellow operators, as it is the only way to see and converse with some of them. Our trainmaster, superintendent and "XD" will do all they can to make it possible for you to attend these meetings.

General Chairman Maxwell, Local Chairman Lewis and Assistant Local Chairman Barker had a very satisfactory consultation recently at Little Rock with General Superintendent Dean regarding some matters that could not be settled with the local officials.

It is now Bro. Roul and his clerk at Monticello.

Bro. Williams, Lake Village, is laid up with a bone felon.

Local Chairman Bro. Lewis has returned from St. Louis, where he has been in session with the general committee, of which he is a member, auditing the accounts of General Secretary and Treasurer Mohler, which were found in splendid condition.

Don't overlook the fact that the local chairman has warned you against signing conductors' names to "31" orders, and that if you do this and get into trouble you will have to suffer the consequences. If you are asked by the dispatcher or anyone else in authority to do this, require them to give you either a message or an order to do so.

The committee will go up in August for a new schedule and will need your assistance. You can help in this move by paying your dues promptly and seeing that all others do likewise, also by making a personal effort to line up the nons.

Some time ago it was reported that Bro. Gilbert, agent Parkdale, was a non. I am glad to correct this, as Bro. Gilbert is a good Order man, and we beg his pardon for making this error.

Div. Cor.

Missouri Division—

Bro. C. M. Lane, agent Kimmswick, off sixty days, was relieved by F. B. Phillips.

C. F. Cody, third Riverside, resigned, relieved by H. M. Stallcup. Bro. B. F. Kendall recently bought the Van Noy restaurant there.

Bro. W. S. Thompson, Hogan third, was off a few days recently.

Bro. F. J. Rozier, at Middle Brook, was off a few nights, relieved by Bro. L. P. Dozenbach, from Doe Run Jct.

Bro. G. W. Hodges, Cliff Cave third, was off a few days recently.

Bro. G. A. Phillips, Des Arc, was off several nights celebrating his mother's birthday in St. Louis.

Bro. C. S. Swan, Piedmont first, on thirty days' vacation to Los Angeles, was relieved by Bro. F. F. Black.

Bro. R. L. Drury, of Mill Springs, was called home on account of the death of his father at Ste. Genevieve, Mo. The brothers all extend him their sincere sympathy.

Sorry to hear that Bro. C. C. Courtenay, nights Hilliard, is having so much sickness in his family.

Bro. C. H. Cooper, agent Harviell was relieved several days last month by Bro. J. F. Dee, of second there. Bro. Jack Chase, third at Harviell, was off a week last month on account of sickness.

Bro. B. W. Fink, of the Cotton Belt, relieved George Johnson at Neelyville while visiting his home at Shenandoah, Iowa. Bro. Fred Biggs, second at Neelyville, has recovered from his gun wounds.

Bro. A. Carty, of Delta, bid in O'Kean agency.

Bros. S. N. and G. W. Gray, of Delaplaire nights and Walnut Ridge agency, called to the bedside and death of their father at Corning, were relieved by Bro. A. B. Ford and Mr. Davis.

V. Otey, agent Knobel, has resigned and gone to Crawfordville, on the Memphis Division, relieved by Mr. Naylor, from the Missouri Pacific.

Bro. Miller bid in Neelyville third, leaving Cadet, Mo., on bulletin.

Bro. Chas. Hall, second Knobel, while off owing to the illness of his wife in St. Vincent's Infirmary at Little Rock, was relieved by Bro. A. B. Ford. Glad to note that she is improving rapidly.

Boys, we should remit just as promptly for our cards as before the new schedule was issued. There is not an office on the division but what received enough raise over the old schedule to pay our dues and have a little change left over.

B. H. SELVIDGE, L. C. and Div. Cor.

Frisco R. R., Div. No. 32.

Northern Division—

Bro. Conover, agent Rich Hill, was off for two weeks; relieved by Bro. Dalrymple, from Lenexa.

Narcissus on the Afton sub closed as a telegraph office. Mr. Skipper bumped Rafferty at Opolis, who bumped Bro. Dalrymple at Lenexa to extra.

Bro. Gillahan was relieved at Pleasanton several days by Bro. Hartman, from Ocheltree, who also relieved Bro. Scotty, at Hammond, a few days.

Bro. Strain, second La Cygne, off a few days, was relieved by Bro. Dalrymple.

Second Miami bid in by Bro. Collins; relieved by Bro. Hullett on second Ash Grove.

Bro. Day, third at Columbus, was off recently attending court. Bro. Whittington is on first and Bro. Susong on second there.

Bro. Barry, third Olathe, is quite a regular Sunday visitor at Pleasanton.

CERT. 742.

Kansas Division—

Bro. O. Monical bid in third "SX," and Bro. Cloud, third "FR," relieved at "SY" by Agent D. L. Hathaway, as cashier, relieved by Mr. Ingles temporarily.

Bro. Hagar bid in third "OJ."

CERT. 1875.

Baltimore & Ohio R. R., Div. No. 33.*Cleveland Division—*

The following telegraphers attended the joint meeting of the B. of L. F. & E., B. of L. E., O. R. C., O. R. T. and B. of R. T., held in Lorain the evening of April 21st: Bro. E. C. Vickers, Bro. W. A. McCabe, Bro. N. M. Baul, Bro. C. F. Weaver, Bro. M. A. Stoup and A. Schieser.

The object of the meeting was to take some action towards the federating of the five railway orders, and it went on record as being in favor of federation under the Cedar Rapids plan.

An interesting meeting was held at New Philadelphia, April 24th. The new schedule and rules were the chief subject of the evening. All the boys expressed themselves as being well pleased with them. Several brothers who undoubtedly could have attended this meeting failed to do so. We hope they will attend hereafter. The division's meetings will now be held in Massillon and New Philadelphia alternately, subject to call of local chairman.

Bro. S. B. Shafer is back again after a six months' furlough on account of his health.

Bro. H. C. Chaney bumped Bro. Tope, third Canal Dover, who bumped Bro. Vickers from second, who bumped Mr. Summers from third Columbia.

Boys, we can line up practically all the nons now if we will only get after them right.

Recent applications are: R. K. Hughes, Piedmont; H. C. Chaney, Canal Dover; F. E. Jackson Stillwater; B. C. Meek, Botzum. We also have promises from several more in the near future. Keep after them, boys; only a few more left, and with a little effort on our part we can make this division solid.

Div. Cor.

Philadelphia Division—

A largely attended special meeting called by Local Chairman F. F. Sullivan, was held April 21st, in Red Men's hall in Wilmington, Del., for the purpose of explaining the recent new schedule. It was discussed at some length, and conceded to be the best the company has yet granted.

As the company has granted us this increase and better working conditions each man should do his part to help make the B. & O. a better paying road by securing freight shipments or inducing passengers to travel on the B. & O. who never used the road, or secure shipments of express, as this all helps, and no one should lose an opportunity to help along these lines. It will be appreciated by the management, and help the general committee when it goes up for another

schedule. The prosperity of the road will mean better conditions for the employees.

Superintendent Olhausen has been succeeded on this division by P. C. Allen.

H. K. Hartman, who recently took a trip to the coast for his health, has returned, succeeding J. R. Sanford as division operator, transferred.

R. W. Dill goes to first Silver Side, and R. H. Campbell to Singerly, Md., agency.

Telegraph wires were put in the ticket office at Delaware Ave., Wilmington, Del.; J. E. Hitch securing the position.

F. H. Young is on third Newark, Del.

CERT. 405.

New Castle Division—West End—

The meeting at Akron, Saturday night, April 25th, was quite largely attended despite the heavy rain. Several visiting brothers were present, including four Cleveland Division boys. Division Operator Bock was also present by special request, and he with Local Chairman Ault went over the rules in the new schedule. With this increase and fifteen days' vacation, none of the nons have any excuse at all for staying out. I understand one of them on this end says he would rather go back to twelve hours and \$45 per than to join the Order. By that statement he admits that he really knows how much the O. R. T. has done for him, and "No card, no favors" can not be used too strongly on him.

"SK" Easton second trick closed, leaving Bro. Stephenson on a long trick, but a long pay check helps to make up the difference.

Bro. Gorham has opened a confectionery and tobacco store at Nova. Success.

Bro. C. F. Adams, of Lodi, on leave of absence, is now district manager of the Ohio State Life Insurance Co., with headquarters in Cleveland.

A. L. Wolfe bid in second "MN" tower Greenwich.

Bro. Dove, "MR" tower third, was off several times lately on account of sickness in his family, relieved by Bro. Dieter.

Some class to the newest wrinkle in tonnage trains—98 cars of ore with 3 Q1 engines.

Now, boys, have no mercy on the nons. Let's see how many applications we can have for the next meeting night. Bro. Breneman was present Saturday night with one, J. W. Burch. Who will be the next?

CERT. 758.

New Castle Division—East End—

Bro. O'Connor has returned to third "XII," after three weeks' vacation.

Assignments: Bro. Garner, third "TF," and W. S. Smith, second "X."

February meeting, Akron, Ohio, was a hummer. Several new applications were received.

"No card, no favors" is a good motto, and with a little perseverance will bring the nons to time.

Bro. Artz, second "TF," was off a few days recently.

The few delinquents should pay up without further delay, as "No card, no favors" will be strictly adhered to.

Bro. Senner, second "BI," was relieved a few days by Bro. Morrissey, who relieved W. S. Smith, second "X" when latter assigned to third "VO." You brothers at "VO" get after him, and remember our motto.

Bro. Gleason, appointed agent at "BG," was relieved, pending bids, at "MN," by Bro. Morrissey.

The standing of this division is very encouraging. The boys are showing the nons the mistakes they are making by remaining on the outside, and quite a number have recently joined. Those who have been in the business for several years can readily see what the Order has done for us in the way of wages and better conditions.

Remember our motto. AUNT SOPHIA.

Pittsburg Division—

Reduction second and third closed, and this is now a one-man affair of ten hours. Bro. Mathews, third, bumped Bro. Hamilton, third Vista, who bumped Mr. Snover, second there. Bro. Gleisinger, first Reduction, has not yet asserted his seniority.

Bro. Gleisinger recently returned from an extended trip through the sunny South.

Bro. Willings, first Bessemer, on six months' leave to his home in Canada; relieved by Bro. McIlhinney.

Bros. Hubley and Toulton, of Demmler, were off several days recently.

Bro. Eiseman has departed for the South on leave.

Local Chairman Olwell, of the P. & W., was in Baltimore recently helping to divide the coin.

Our general committee has been granted a substantial increase in wages, and fifteen days' vacation each year for men in the service two years or longer, and seven days' vacation for those who have been in the service one year and less than two, with full pay. The committee certainly deserves our appreciation. The negotiation lasted about six months, but not a single extra assessment has been made, which speaks well for our treasurer. Our local chairmen have done their best to give each office its share, and no one should criticise them.

Let's all live up to the requirements of our new schedule, and the company will no doubt do the same; our local chairmen will handle any case if we are on the right side.

Boost our meetings the fourth Thursday each month, third floor Robert building, 231 and 233 Fifth Ave., Pittsburg, and be sure to attend.

I received no news from any of my assistants this month.

CERT. 159.

Monongah Division—

Bro. Jimmy Maxwell has taken Central agency.

Bro. T. A. Robinson is now on third Brydon.

Mr. Fred England bid in third Bridgeport.

J. B. Hammond is on vacation.

Bro. C. M. Baker, second "DK" tower, is on the sick list; relieved by Bro. H. L. Loudon.

Bro. W. W. Powel is now on second "GR" relay.

Bro. Ferree is on second Flemington temporarily.

Bro. W. W. Morgan was relieved several days by Bro. Raymond Cockrell.

Bro. L. W. Graham has resumed duty looking much improved in health.

Quite a number of operators have been laid off account of cutting out offices.

Recently a conductor, in violation of the rules, left his train on the main track without a full crew and went on No. 14, to a discontinued block station to clear, where no way is now provided for stopping trains. Should this occur again it will be taken up with the proper authorities. We should all look out for cases of this nature, and see that conductors are not allowed to take orders on any old thing from the back of a card manifest to a leaf of note-book paper.

CERT. 2872.

Indiana and Illinois Division—

Mr. Gray, third "RN," was dismissed, charged with giving a C. B. & Q. train a clear block causing a rear-end collision at "FN."

Chairman Mead wrote to Baltimore, April 15th, to make the distribution of our raise. We secured seven days' vacation for men one year, and fifteen days each year for those two years in the service or who have to work on Sundays; we will also receive five cents more on our overtime, which makes it 35 cents an hour.

There is not over three or four nons on this division now, including Mr. Hays, second "HN," and Mr. Higgins, at "JN."

Bro. Munie bid in "U" third.

Boys, send me some news.

E. E. PEACHEY, O'Fallon, Ill.

Chicago Division—East End—

Chicago Jct. yard office, west end, has been cut out, and the operators are working downtown in "RX."

Forshey, second "WN," tower, has taken third "NS" Cabin. Bro. P. V. Schiffer is on second "WN." Bro. J. D. Henry on third and Bro. Hollowell on first. Bros. Thompson and Etchie, on first and second, are both on the sick list. We all hope for their speedy return.

Bascom second and third closed. Bro. Zimmerman working twelve hours. Hoytville second and third closed, Bro. Walters working twelve hours. Hicksville, Pattons and Concord closed, and the boys at Concord were moved into the tower on Wabash crossing about two miles east of Concord. Pattons, Concord and Hicksville sidings are now handled by phone.

Bro. Brown was relieved of the blocking, but lost his clerk to make up for it.

Bro. Ross, first C. H. & D., Deshler, paid the brothers at Galatea a short call. Come again, old pal.

We are all glad to hear that Bro. Etchie is again on duty after quite a spell of sickness, having bid in second Fostoria tower; Bro. J. D. Henry, extra, taking third.

Bro. Geer is back on this division again from relay office Pittsburgh.

Mr. Flack is on third "J" tower; bumped by Joe Lee from second Kellars.

The new schedule is now ready for the press, and we will probably soon have the little books.

The office at Defiance has been moved from the station to the Wabash crossing, a short distance from the old haunt. It is at present controlled by gates, but no doubt in the near future there will be a big interlocker there. SIDNEY.

Ohio Division—

Our committee has finally closed with the officials at Baltimore, and a new schedule went into effect March 1, 1914. An amount of money equal to about 6 per cent will be distributed, on a pro rata basis, to each division.

All telegraphers and telephoners not relieved from Sunday duty, and who have been in the service one year and less than two years, will receive seven days' vacation annually with pay.

All telegraphers and telephoners not relieved from Sunday duty, and who have been in the service two years or more, will receive fifteen days' vacation annually with pay. It is some satisfaction to take a vacation in the hot summer months and know that your pay is going on just the same. The committee is to be congratulated on getting this.

Overtime for line offices is to be 35 cents an hour, and for general relay offices 45 cents an hour. Hours-of-service remain the same as at present. Various other improvements were made in the rules with nothing lost from the old schedules. A supplementary schedule for exclusive agents is being prepared, a large number of them being added to those already scheduled.

This is the best schedule that has been secured by any committee. Since the first of the year, the total concessions, including everything, amount to about 11 per cent.

Owing to the number and amount of concessions granted by the company, the subject of back pay was compromised, by making the schedule effective March 1, 1914, which, however, gives us about a month's back pay, which should be highly satisfactory in connection with the 11 per cent increase to start on.

Every member on this division joins with me in thanking the committee for its efforts on our behalf. It has been a long and arduous task, dating from August, 1913.

Let us not forget that the company expects something in return for these concessions, and deserves it, and we should strive to give our very best service at all times. The best we have is not too much, and every man should lend his full efforts to this end.

G. D. Brooke has been appointed superintendent of this division, vice J. D. Stack, resigned.

E. J. Correll was appointed division engineer, with headquarters also at Chillicothe, Ohio, vice H. M. Hayward, resigned. Mr. Stack, while with the B. & O. S.-W. only about four months, proved himself a capable and generous official, and the large crowd of employees who were at the depot at Chillicothe to witness his departure for Los Angeles, Cal., and bid him good-by, was evident of the esteem in which he was held.

Mr. Brooke, a young man from the Shenandoah Division of the B. & O., comes well recommended and will doubtless conduct the business on the same high standard of efficiency as his predecessor.

A joint Ohio and Indiana Division meeting will shortly be held at Cincinnati, and one at Chillicothe, for the purpose of explaining the new rules, etc. Bro. Rawlins will be with us, and we would like to see a large number present. The members will be notified of the date in plenty of time to make arrangements to attend. Make it a point to come if you possibly can, as it will give you a chance to get a clear conception of the various rules and clauses in the new contract.

Among the eleven vacancies advertised on the April bulletin is third in "CD" train order office at Chillicothe. Understand Bro. T. L. Maloney, third Greenfield, bid it in.

Anderson has been closed and three tricks opened at "RK" tower. Two tricks taken off at East Monroe, and agent-operator installed. Farmers made a two-trick office. Gravel Pit and Luh-rig "GH" closed, and two tricks taken off at Little Hocking. This put several men back on the extra board, but the majority of them are getting all the work they want.

We still have a few case-hardened nons who persist in holding off, making first one excuse and then another. Then there are a few who allow themselves to become delinquent every six months and it requires the united efforts of the local chairman and the entire local board of adjustment to get them in good standing again. These men are the first ones to inquire what percentage we are going to get in the new schedule, and don't seem to realize that they owe their present salaries and working conditions to the organization that is getting these schedules for them. Pay your dues up promptly every six months and don't become delinquent, making it twice as hard to get in good standing again. At a certain station between Hamden and Athens there are three or four men who have been doing this for years. One who dropped out at this place said that when the O. R. T. would relieve him of the clerical work he was obliged to do in connection with his duties as telegrapher, he would join again and remain in good standing. If you have a just grievance it will be taken care of in the proper manner. If you can not do this clerical work it would be better to move to some other position at the first opportunity, and stick to the Order.

Bro. W. E. Stanton, who bid in first Dundas, will be used as extra dispatcher at Chillicothe when needed. Bro. Ovid Ray, third Dundas, has

a four-wheeled track velocipede car which he uses as a conveyance between Dundas and Hamden, where he lives. With Bro. Frank Maloney now on second at this place, we have three good Order men there and that's as it should be.

Bro. C. H. Merrill, who was on second Dundas, bid in second Hamden.

Bro. S. C. Goodrich bid in first Summit.

C. J. Plumley, agent at Vigo, promised to join the last of April.

Bro. A. E. Combs is now out on the line again; Gravel Pit closed.

Bro. Berthold, first Anderson (closed), who went to "RK" tower first when Anderson closed, later asserted his seniority rights, claiming Muselman days, vice Mr. Flinn, who took third, Schooleys, vice Bro. John Bresenhan, who went back on second there.

C. C. Parker, second "RK" tower, will take out a card May 1st.

Bro. Bremigan, second Roxabel extra, has gone to Chicago.

Bro. C. L. Romine, third Midland City, while off getting married, was relieved by Bro. Tigar, "the handy kid," who later relieved Bro. Dixon a few days on third Blanchester. Hearty congratulations to Bro. and Mrs. Romine.

Here is an effusion from the pen of Bro. Tigar:

"Breathes there an 'Op' with soul so dead,
Who never to himself hath said:
'I'll get a card along with my check,
And join the ranks, 'tis best, I reckon'."

Bro. R. K. Hall, first Cozaddale, bid in second "GN" tower, and Bro. Wires, agent Cozaddale, bidding in first trick at the tower there. Bro. Wires, while off several days on account of death in his wife's family, was relieved by Mr. Hutton, who later fell from grace while on second Roxabel. We paid our insurance this month and can't afford to buy flowers.

Send in your notes to O. E. March, local chairman, Harpers, Ohio, if you wish them to appear in these write-ups in the journal. Let every brother try and secure at least one new member in the next six months, and let us all work together to make this Ohio Division the very best and strongest part of Division 33. "AN."

CORRECTION.

In the April notes from the Indiana Division, B. & O. S.-W., appears a paragraph to the effect that Loogootee, Ind., is a solid non office. This is an error. Mr. Gibson, the third trick operator, is the only non-member we have at that point. Bro. N. C. Stuckey, agent at Loogootee, has been an up-to-date member of the O. R. T. for years, long before any benefits were derived from being in good standing. Bro. W. F. Love, first trick, and Sister C. A. Montgomery, second trick, are both loyal members. In singling out the few nons we have left on the division, it is not fair to include old-time members of the Order like these in the same category with "moochers." Kindly correct.

V. B. TURNER.

C. & E. I. R. R., Div. No. 34.

Chicago Division, Villa Grove District—

Unless some others besides Bro. Smith, at Gerald, send in some notes, this district will not be any better represented in the write-ups than it has been in the past.

Let us show the dispatchers that we are superior to the nons by our strict attention to duty. There is nothing to lose and everything to gain by following such a course.

Examiner Reemstem paid his annual visit over the district recently.

We are sorry to hear of the death of former Dispatcher Harry Griffith.

We trust that our friends Lewis and Jones made good at their new undertaking.

Bro. W. S. McCoy, third Glover, off a few days, was relieved by an extra. Bro. J. R. Wilson, agent Reilly, was a recent Danville visitor.

Bro. J. J. Ferguson, first "VG" yard, has our sympathy in his sad bereavement.

Bro. V. H. Coyer, first Fountain Creek, off a few days, was relieved by J. O. Yeazel. Miss Alice Scranton, second there, resigned, relieved by J. D. Kennedy.

Sister B. M. McCammon, second Royal, in addition to her regular duties, is now obliged to hang out a large parcel-post sack for No. 28 daily. It costs us a dollar if we miss it.

Ralph Guthrie is the new car man at "CK."

Bro. M. C. Murphy, third Bryce, off ten days, was relieved by G. E. DeWitt.

J. G. McCleskey was on second "VG" tower until bid in by G. F. Chaney.

F. W. Monks, third Fountain Creek, bumped by R. T. Morton, from second "MS" tower, closed.

Brothers, send me your items by the 20th of the month, so we can have a good write-up from this district. "BO," Div. Cor.

Chicago Division, Danville District—

It is now Bros. C. R. Montgomery, second Watseka; C. L. Miller, second Coaler; T. E. Decker, agent Milford, E. Brown, first "BX" tower; H. B. Kaneen, agent Bismarck; C. P. Thompson, third "HJ" tower; and W. T. Lewis, second "YD;" P. Odum, second "NE;" W. R. Parkinson, second "DH," and a few others have promised to soon be with us. W. T. Lewis was recently reinstated through the efforts of the Order.

Bro. C. A. Payne, first Watseka, off a few days, was relieved by R. O. Ewan.

Bro. J. C. Marceau, third St. Anne tower, off ten days sick, causing Bros. Harris and Begbie to double, later relieved by F. R. Lyons, from C. H. & D.

H. E. Depue bid in first "WT," relieved on third by F. A. Jennings, who also relieved E. E. Barnes on second there a few days.

L. R. Brown was discharged for overlooking a "31" order, relieved by R. M. Abernathy.

Bro. W. R. Johnson bid in first Brewer tower, relieved on first Goodwine by Wm. Todd.

Closed on account of slack business: "WT" first and second, Papineau first, Sidell Jct., and first, second and third "MS" tower. F. R. Lyons and F. A. Jennings, extras, "blowed."

Bro. J. W. Begbie, second St. Anne, secured quite a few nons recently. The boys at "XN" and our friend "Happy" gave "Jack" a fine reception and a bridge party while in Danville.

Bro. Harris, of Division 138, first St. Anne, on a recent visit to Chicago, signing up some of the champion wrestlers.

C. L. Chaney, first "MS" tower, was off a few days, relieved by H. E. Depue, who later relieved Bro. W. A. DeWitt a few days and then went to the L. E. & W.

The station at Goodenow was broken into April 6th, and about \$20 worth of freight stolen.

C. C. Whiles, second "JV" Danville, off a few days, was relieved by Mr. R. O. Ewan.

In the March issue Sister Hattendorf, second Sollitt, was referred to as a non. This was an error on the part of the correspondent, and is regretted very much.

R. T. Morton, second "MS" tower, while visiting at Hillsdale, was relieved by E. Young.

Ralph Coyer, returned recently from Dodge's "ham factory," says the first lesson Dodge gives is about "nonism." He was relieved as night agent and clerk at St. Anne by Camille Laney, signal maintainer from Mومence.

M. A. Jones, car distributor Danville, transferred to Brazil as dispatcher, relieved by Ralph Guthrie.

H. McGee, second Brewer tower, was off a few days, relieved by W. L. Hamilton, from third "MS" tower, closed.

Assignments on bulletin: First Goodwine to Bro. J. R. Wilson, from first Reilly; third "JV" Danville to R. O. Ewan, extra, and second "VG" tower to G. F. Chaney, extra.

C. R. Tewart, first "JV" Danville, was relieved eight days by B. F. Amick.

Mr. H. D. Allen, third Mومence Jct., off a few days, relieved by Extra Telegrapher Mr. J. E. Kennedy.

Hamilton and Morton went to the Wabash wreck at Attica, while the trains of that road were being detoured via our line Attica to Veedersburg.

J. M. Johnson relieved C. E. Lewis, "DI," promoted to extra dispatcher while regular on vacation, relieved R. J. Guthrie, car distributor at Danville while he attended the funeral of his brother at Oakdale. R. G. Laws, dispatcher from the Clover Leaf, is also relieving some of the dispatchers on vacation.

Mr. R. M. Abernathy, "JV" Danville, was relieved a few days by E. Young.

Local Chairman Lottinville and Superintendent Trenary, after some four months of negotiations with the L. E. & W. have finally induced them to reimburse this company with half of the salary of the operators at Hoopeston.

The closing of the coal mines for repairs has put business in bad shape temporarily.

Brothers, don't forget to send me your items as soon as you get them. None of you contributed any this month.

Don't forget that next month is dues-paying time, and be prompt with your remittance to avoid delay and worry.

"United we stand, divided we fall."

"BO," Div. Cor., "S.A."

Pere Marquette R. R., Div. No. 39.

I have not written anything for THE TELEGRAPHER recently owing to the enormous volume of work involved in our past schedule negotiations, making it imperative that I devote every minute of my time to that work, the indefinite progress of which made it impossible for me to give out any authentic information. The committee and myself worked hard and earnestly with Bro. Campbell, our counsel, until it looked like the company did not have a single point to build its final brief, but simply asked the court to pay absolutely no attention to our counsel's statements and arguments, and his Honor ruled against us, and has tied us up with court procedure, owing to the road being in his hands.

There were over 500 pages of typewritten evidence, some forty odd exhibits and three briefs, besides the petition and the company's. We do not know of a court before taking the stand that Judge Tuttle took that the employees must come to him, as the final court of appeal, and we were forced to abide by his decision.

It is nearly four years since we had a revision of schedule, and even the small amount of money given out by the Judge could have been divided better by the committee than it was by his decision. We went to the court for redress, and what we got was 50 per cent less than what the officials offered us, and then lost our protective rights.

I am as loyal an employee as the Pere Marquette has on its line today and am boosting it all I can, but I must say the attitude of the officials toward the telegraph employees is not calculated to inspire such a feeling.

We have had "safety first" preached to us a long time. I think it is an excellent idea, and want you to help me to carry it further on, and let your slogan to the nons be: "Safety first—Get an up-to-date." If there ever was a time when we needed a strong membership it will be within the next few months. Brothers, help me to make this division solid. When your committee goes in again it must have a force behind it to accomplish results. Impress this strongly upon the nons. It is a duty you owe to yourself and to every man on the road, non and member alike, to begin this work at once. Line up your man, drop me a line and I will assist you.

Bro. Quick is offering some mighty fine prizes for securing new members. I have a magnificent gold watch I won doing this and I wouldn't sell it for any price. You can get a similar prize if you will only try.

Don't put it off till tomorrow, but begin right now with a determination to succeed, and you will be surprised how much easier it is than you thought before you had tried it.

I wish to thank the members for their many letters expressing their gratitude for what the committee had done. They were the silver linings to the big black cloud.

Not all have responded to the call for the voluntary contribution towards the expenses of the court procedure. Send it in now. Also your dues if you have not already done so.

We have lost from the committee Bro. A. A. Paterson, for several years local chairman on the Port Huron Division. He has been promoted to Alma, Mich., agency, and writes that it is impossible to continue an active member of the committee. He has been a faithful worker and the boys on that division will miss him as much as the committee.

The removal of the division offices to Detroit has given the boys at Detroit a chance to get acquainted with the different division officials. Chief Dispatcher W. H. Gunzleman certainly improves on acquaintance. He seems to know what a square deal is, and that counts for a whole lot.

The general committee has several grievances up for adjustment now, two absolute violations of the court's recent ruling, and one of our schedule. A full report on the outcome will be made later.

W. R. ADAMS,

General Secretary-Treasurer.

Petoskey Division—

We were greatly shocked on Sunday morning, March 1st, to learn that Bro. Arthur D. Clink, at Newaygo, was found dead about twenty minutes after he had left the office to get some information from the crew of Extra 279, a string of freight cars having backed over him. He had been held four hours after closing time on account of a late train, going home at 1:00 a. m., and was again called at 1:30 a. m. by freight trains.

Bro. Clink was an earnest worker in the Order, and we greatly miss him. The funeral services were held at Masonic Temple, Newaygo, March 4th, and nearly every brother on this division, as well as the officials and dispatchers, contributed liberally for a beautiful O. R. T. wreath. He leaves a wife and parents, of Capac, Mich. Bro. Maines, from second Sparta, was awarded Newaygo.

The wife of Bro. Ross, of White Cloud, died suddenly on March 2d, and a wreath was also sent to Bro. Ross, who has our heartfelt sympathy. He is the oldest man on this division, if not the road, having been employed since September, 1876.

Bro. Benton has left agency Bellaire, relieved by Bro. Don Vanderhill, who resigned recently at Rapid City. Bro. Clark has resigned agency Ellsworth to try farming, relieved by M. R. Drescher. Bro. W. A. Brannon, agent Sparta, also resigned to go farming, relieved by Mr. Crawford of Kent City, relieved by O. U. Rivett, and he at Grawn by Bro. N. C. Rhodes.

Central Lake, Rapid City and Williamsburg men laid off temporarily, and Bro. Hoyt is relieving Agent McDonald on the Chicago Division. Bro. O'Brien, Williamsburg, is assisting the agent at Honor, and Bro. Todd, of Rapid City, is at third Kaleva, vice Operator Barry, who bid in agency Berry, on Pentwater Division, and is now making his home in Muskegon, where he can take medical treatment.

Bro. McGovern, operator Kalkaska, has also been laid off.

It is now Bro. S. B. McCormick third Comstock Park. Agent Huckle will also soon be with us.

Brothers, if you have any items of news, please send them along, and see if we can not get a write-up each month. R. M. B.

Grand Rapids-Saginaw Division—

Bro. V. H. Shepard, freight agent Ionia, is at his home in Alma, owing to illness. Traveling Freight Agent Evens is relieving.

Glad to see Bro. A. A. Paterson gain promotion. He is now freight agent Alma.

Bro. T. E. Crane and wife, of Edmore, visited his parents in Lyons over Sunday.

Bro. Walter Kidd, cashier Belding, who has battled against illness during the winter, is now about O. K. again. His witticisms cause much mirth.

Bro. Will Wacha is relieving Bro. Thos Pearson, Sidney, on account of the latter's sickness.

Several students from the Grand Rapids factory are now trying to get on the P. M.

Bros. Alexander and Jakeway, ticket agent and operator, respectively, Ionia, were off duty temporarily on account of relatives' funerals.

Bro. E. D. Richner and wife of Sheridan, recently returned from a short tour.

Sister Anna Eaton, first Greenville, is a frequent Grand Rapids visitor.

Bro. C. E. Utley, of Stanton, has resigned, after being with the Pere Marquette twenty-six years. President Wilson having appointed him postmaster of that city. He will always carry an up-to-date card.

We regret there can be no means devised whereby we can get more frequent write-ups in our journal. Div. Con.

Ionia Division—

Understand Mr. Slaver, agent at Trufant, is going to move to G. R.

Mr. Hall, second Greenville, who has been benefited by the O. R. T. for the last ten years, has just received a \$2.50 per month increase, under Judge Tuttle's order. We should see that he now gets an up-to-date; also get after the "ham factory" at Six Lakes.

Car Clerk A. Madsen, of Greenville, bid in the cashier's job there and Bro. Paterson, of Silverwood, drew Alma agency.

Clerk and operator's job at St. Louis is up for bids. Mr. Mauterstock, one of the Six Lakes "ham factory" products, is relieving there pending assignment.

Agency Weidman is open for bid.

"No card, no favors" on this division. Everybody adhere to that, and we will make some of the nons sit up and take notice. CRR. 301.

Chesapeake & Ohio Ry., Div. No. 40.

Hinton Division—

A meeting was held in the Brotherhood Building, Hinton, W. Va., April 16th, which was very well attended by New River District, but there was not an Allegheny District brother present, not

even the chairman. The meeting night is each third Thursday evening. Brothers, take note of the time and place, and don't overlook the date again. We had a very interesting session, as Bro. Hicks, our general chairman, was there, as usual, and livened us up with one of his very interesting talks. Boys, you are missing a great deal by not attending our meetings. Make a resolution to attend better in the future, even if you have to make a slight sacrifice. It is very discouraging to our chairman to find such a small number present. You are certainly not satisfied with present conditions. Why not come and make your wants and troubles known to the committee? This is the best way to help our representatives to better our working conditions. Also keep in mind that we meet at 9:00 o'clock, instead of 11:00, as some of our members seem to think, who get there just about the time we are ready to adjourn.

Brothers, get after the nons in your territory, and remember, "No card, no favors." Make them see their duty. If you can not handle them alone call on some brother to help you, and double up on them. Advise every delinquent you meet to pay up at once, for should any of them get in trouble the committee can not handle any grievances for them. It doesn't cost any more to pay promptly than to wait until delinquent, and cause your chairman and secretary extra trouble, time and expense, and jeopardize the insurance you have been carrying for your beneficiaries, should you be called to the great beyond while delinquent.

Operator and pumper at Jenkins Ford on Warm Springs branch has been opened and bulletined. The general manager got stuck three hours by a break-down there recently on account of there being no office at that point. Third Quinnimont is also advertised, Mr. Gwinn, formerly extra dispatcher at Raleigh, having quit.

We are sorry to learn of the illness of Bro. Ford, second Deepwater; relieved by Bro. Hoilman. The first and second men had to double one trick.

Bro. Nichols, third "GU" cabin, was relieved a few days by Bro. Gleason. If we had a few more extra men like Bro. Gleason the boys might be able to get off occasionally for a few days recreation.

Boys, attend the meetings; get after the nons, and make our division 100 per cent solid. There is lots to be accomplished in the near future.

CERT. 373.

Allegheny and New River District—

S. F. Lively, agent Fort Spring, bid in second there; relieved by E. T. Bruce, second Deep Water, and he by L. S. Ford, second Brooks, now advertised.

Agency Clover Lick bid in by F. E. Morgan, and assistant agency and operator at Fayette by O. A. Mustain.

C. M. Noel, Brooks second, is relieving Mrs. Denning on first.

W. A. Sutherland, extra dispatcher on Piney Branch, is relieving John Gwinn, dispatcher at

Raleigh. H. E. Melton, extra dispatcher Raleigh, relieved on first Meadow Creek by E. V. Bleau,

C. C. Mustain is in Hinton Hospital with typhoid.

F. B. Green is relieving Bro. Tigrett, second Moss Run, in Hinton Hospital with appendicitis.

S. B. Anderson is relieving C. M. Perry, second Big Bend.

We were all so glad to have General Chairman L. E. Hicks with us again at our last regular meeting that we voted him a raise, thereby showing our estimate of his value. We had a good meeting, as we heard through Bro. Hicks from the entire road and other roads, which broadens and brightens us all.

Smiling Bro. Holt, local chairman, Mountain District, was there with us, also Bro. Wheatley, local chairman, New River, whom the boys and girls all know is always there.

All the old officers were re-elected, including our faithful secretary, James Rushford. Our meetings are increasing in membership monthly, but we should get together earlier in evenings and get through before morning, even a day operator appreciates a nap before going to work.

Several good talks were made. Bro. Pfadt, of Whitcomb, and Sayers, of Jerry's Run, being among the number.

Bring your ideas of improvement of service and working conditions to the meeting, display your own, discuss your brothers', adopt the best, and go back to duty re-enforced for the best possible work. That's what the company pays us for and is entitled to, and we believe is receiving in the main now, but the best is none too good for us or them.

We are practically solid O. R. T. in all the districts. Let it be the duty of each to see that his own office is solid and up to date, no excuse being taken—he who is faithful to his brother worker is faithful to his employer, and he who will stab his brother worker, will cheat his paymaster just as gleefully, and those who hire have come to know it.

Div. Cor.

Huntington Division—

It's delightful to live the life of the dreamer, but it's disastrous to wake up to the realization that while we have been indulging in this favorite pastime some of the "higher ups" have been wide-awake and doing, and we are the ones "being done." It's quite time for us to wake up and get a "jersey" on if we don't want to be classed with that animal noted for his appetite for bill boards and tin cans. A word to the wise is sufficient.

Bro. C. C. Preston goes to Branchland, and Bro. A. M. Smith to Handley; J. B. Hensley closed out at Hansford, displaced Bro. Rowles at West Huntington.

Claude Miller bid in second Barbourville.

Bro. W. L. Lossee is on first Malden again.

Hurricane agency, Barbourville third, and Cabin Creek third on bulletin.

Railroad officials argue that the roads are not paying enough dividends, and on that ground refuse their employes an increase. If the railroads have been unfortunate in speculation or otherwise the employes are certainly not responsible. The railroads take every advantage they can to increase their revenue, and are now demanding permission to increase their freight rates 5 per cent. The employes therefore should be just as insistent in their demand for increased wages.

SHAMROCK.

Cincinnati District—

On February 27, 1914, the house occupied by Bro. S. F. Reed, Cert. 1049, of Wellsburg station (Elm Grove postoffice), Ky., burned to the ground and he lost everything, including his wife and youngest child, leaving him with two children, four and six years old, and nothing. We made him a donation on the Cincinnati District, and also furnished flowers for the funeral.

G. F. WILLIS, Chairman.

CARD OF THANKS.

I wish to extend my sincere thanks, through THE TELEGRAPHER, for the floral offering and sympathy of my many friends on this district, also for the financial assistance in my sorrow and distress. I assure you that I appreciate all your kindness and assistance, especially that of Bro. D. W. Riley, assistant chairman.

S. F. REED.

C. & O. Ry. of Ind., Div. No. 40.

I received just one item in the past three months. Lots of class (?) to you fellows.

Bro. F. M. People's was one of the three live members of Division 40 to secure a prize for securing new members during the past year. We still have a few nons left which we should be able to land if the proper effort is made. The trainmen are after them now, which may make it easier for us to convince them that they should all have an up-to-date card.

Bro. U. W. Raber, closed out on third Converse, bumped back into Santa Fe agency, his old position, and Bro. Geo. Shanklin bid in Miami agency.

Bro. J. C. King, third Summit, on sick leave the past four months, returned to work May 1st. This is hard luck, as it put him back a year in his central course.

Boys, there are quite a number of members out of work now. If one of them should ask you for help, don't turn him down. A brother at Peru helped one of these unfortunates to the price of a supper and bed recently. The money was returned to him with a letter of thanks two weeks later. Of course, this would not be the case every time, but to a man who has the proper fraternal spirit the thought that he is helping a deserving man in a tight place should be sufficient reward.

Div. Cor.

Erie Railroad, Div. No. 42.

New York Division—

We had a fair attendance at our regular meeting in Jersey City, Monday evening, April 20th. Several new faces were present, but not as many of the old ones as there should have been. The weather is good now, boys, and you will have to find some new excuses to spring on us if you don't attend.

Bro. Coleman has resumed "BJ," and we are pleased to see Bro. Readdy around again, after several weeks' illness, and hope he will soon be in shape to resume work.

Owing to the curtailment of expenses, we are sorry to state that the office of division operator has been abolished, and we have lost Mr. E. J. Padien just at a time when everything was progressing harmoniously. We hope it will not be long until Mr. Padien is back with us again. A. M. Kelly, chief dispatcher, now holds the position in addition to his other duties, and Mr. Padien is back dispatching on the west end.

We had quite a good meeting in Suffern on Saturday, April 4th, but some of the boys from the west end, who came down early in the evening, had to return before the meeting started. This shows that we should have kept the hall open continuously.

Several new members have been initiated recently, and more applications are on the way. There are a large number of younger men who will join when the proper time arrives.

The towers at "JD," Highland Mills Jct. and "GD" have been closed, and the displaced men have started to bump. Bro. Earl, first "JD," displaced Bro. Bucher, first "NJ," who took second there. Mr. Lake, second "JD," took first "BS" tower. Bro. McNamara, second "NJ," goes to second Vails Gate Jct., where the men are out altogether and are yet to be heard from.

We are pleased to call Newl and Locker "brothers." CERT. 85, Div. Cor.

Delaware and Jefferson Divisions—

The towers at Rosas, Oak Tree and "CP" and "SR," in Susquehanna yard, have been closed, and it is rumored that more offices will be closed and clerks laid off. We hope the drop in business is only temporary and will revive again before we lose some good men to other roads who had promised to join in the near future.

Things look very promising for a good increase in membership. Your local chairman recently made a trip over most of the territory embracing the Delaware and Jefferson Divisions, securing promises of early returns. We hope the brothers will assist us in making Division 42 one of the leading divisions of the O. R. T. by reminding the nons of their promises to join in the near future, and give them no rest until they sign up and remit on the applications that were left with them to fill out. They know we have been helping them to better their conditions, and all that is now necessary to secure their membership is to continue reminding them of it in the proper manner.

Our only salvation is in thorough organization, and our hope for betterment in our union and the ballot box. If you forget this, you will lose everything that is dear to you.

Bro. Ed Roberts from Rosas to Oak Tree, later closed. Bro. McGoeys to second Tuston, displacing Edwards.

Bro. Mailett from "OZ" to "RJ," later to Lackawaxen. Bro. Fortner from "CP" to second Susquehanna yard. Bro. Galaway from "CP" to "SQ" third.

Bro. Bridge from Gulf Summit to morning trick "NS" Susquehanna. Boice from "SR" to "GF" third.

Lackawaxen nights closed, displacing Kinney.

Bro. Kelly, "SR" Susquehanna yard to clerk yardmaster's office.

Bro. Flaherty, of Deposit, recently visited Carbondale, Pa., to see his sister and inspect some mine properties.

Station forces reduced one man at Deposit, Hancock, Narrowsburg and Lackawaxen.

J. Ambrose loses Jefferson wire nights in dispatcher's office Susquehanna, owing to retrenchment. CERT. 186.

Susquehanna Division—

Owing to slack business, "MJ" and "XU" towers have been closed. Bros. Monohan and Welch, of "MJ," went to "VO" tower; Bro. Wezloski, of "MJ," to second "GJ;" Bro. Knickerbocker, of "XU," to second "RX;" Bro. Kelliher, of "XU," to third "RX," and Bro. Stahl, of "XU," to the N. Y. C. It has been a long time since the Erie has retrenched so much in all departments.

I am very glad to announce that it is now Bro. Chichester at "JF" tower. We hope he will be able to induce Messrs. Peck and Collins to also get in line.

The close-shop schedule recently secured on the Boston Elevated by Bro. Pierson was good work.

Bro. Meeker is now on the extra list on account of the towers being closed, and he is still making records on his motorcycle. He was recently seen on the Eldridge Park drive going at a fifty-mile clip, with a "fellow" (?) hanging on the rear seat.

We hope the brothers at "S" will hurry Mr. Brown's papers, also have a talk with Mr. Allen.

Messrs. Smith and Shaughnessey, of Owego, have not yet answered our letters. Boys, give them a reminder.

We have a supply of M. B. D. application blanks on hand. Call on your local chairman for them. Don't use the old ones. Div. Cor.

Mahoning Division—

Stockwell resigned Garrettsville agency, relieved by Relief Agent Daugherty, later bid in by Moses, from division freight agent's office.

Mitchell, third "YO," off on account of sickness. Taylor, from dispatcher's office, relieved.

Cares working second "BR" on account of shortage of men, closing "VY" as a block office.

Carney, first "DO," off sick, relieved by Extra Hegley.

Andrews, second "DY," working on new time-card, relieved by Smith, copier.

Eddy, third "FA," took yardmaster at "NE," relieved by C. G. Smith, former trainmaster at "HD."

Arnold, third "GS," off a few days visiting in Pittsburg.

E. A. Fenstermaker, third "B," now with the Cash Register at Dayton. Bailey, first "B," back from Florida greatly improved in health.

Ray, first "SA," recently spent several days in Cleveland.

Bacon, first "SP," has moved his family to Randall.

On account of shortage of operators, several offices closed to relieve operators on sick list.

The "old reliable" on April 15th changed time from central to eastern on the Ohio Division as far west as Dayton, Ohio, to comply with the different cities which changed to eastern time on May 1st. The Erie is the first to adopt eastern time.

Spencer, first "RV," is not in love with the telephone, and resorts to the "old reliable" every chance he gets. It's hard to break in an old man. It's hoped that the interstate commissioners will grant the 5 per cent increase asked by the railroads in the eastern territory. We may thereby get an increase in wages.

Osborne and Thompson, third "AB" and third "JU," traded tricks.

Several of the boys are contemplating the civil-service examination at Youngstown, April 24th and 25th, including Lewis, Owens, Hart and Fenstermaker.

Pierson, third "WA," is taking music lessons on his new fiddle.

Remember that the Order gives valuable prizes to secure new members by putting in a few spare moments on that fellow alongside of you. The local chairman has plenty of blanks. Help make the division solid; then when your committee goes in for an increase it will have the backing to a man. SLATS.

Cincinnati Division—

General Chairman Husted has returned from New York City where he has been looking after business of the Order; relieved on second Richwood by Bro. Harry Liebhard.

A fine meeting was held in Marion, Monday night, March 23d; had a good attendance and important questions were discussed. There were several operators living in Marion that were not present, while others came several miles to attend. Brothers, no one can take your place, and it is up to everyone to be present at these meetings; do not stay away and find fault with the committee if they do not happen to ask for something you want, you should be present and let your wants be known.

Bro. H. H. Holycross, of West Salem, relieved W. H. Peters, agent Richwood, pending bulletin, who has gone to agency Creston. This is the first time Richwood agency has ever been advertised, and is the result of our last agreement with the company.

Bro. W. J. Robbins, of "AC" tower Marion, is off sick; Mr. Jones relieving.

The interlocking plant at Peoria is being enlarged, connecting up more tracks, and Bros. Jewell, Tallman and Blackwell, three good union men, are there to handle the business and give the company full value for every cent they receive.

CERT. 20.

Canadian Northern Ry., Division No. 43.

Ten new members received into Division 43 in March, eight by initiation, two by transfer.

G. H. PALMER,

General Secretary and Treasurer.

Western Division—District One—

Some members on our district had the pleasure of attending the division meeting on second and third districts, Central Division, in Winnipeg on April 19th, at which eighty-five members were present, being one of the largest meetings ever held by Division 43. Bro. J. R. Williams was chairman and Bro. G. H. Palmer acted as secretary.

After routine business was disposed of Bro. G. D. Robertson, acting third vice-president, addressed the meeting in his usual logical and forceful manner, and at the conclusion of Bro. Robertson's address, Bro. D. Campbell, general counsel, in a very eloquent and masterly address outlined the principles of his work.

The telegraphers of Division 43, as well as the other divisions in Canada, are to be congratulated on their possession of the services of Bros. Robertson and Campbell, as they are efficient and command the respect of all the men with whom they come in contact.

Bro. G. H. Palmer, of Dauphin, and G. H. Vasbinder, of Gilbert Plains, are in attendance at general committee meeting in Winnipeg.

CERT. 52.

Western Division—Third District—

Bro. Dowler appointed Day Operator Calgary, Humbolt nights now open for bids.

Bro. Millman, agent Waldheim, appointed agent Meota; Waldheim agency now open for bids.

Bro. Grant, now at Radisson nights; Bro. Toop laid off account reduction.

Bro. Hamilton is on a trip to Chicago and other Eastern cities. Hope "HY" will be back again as soon as business picks up.

Vonda nights closed; business very slack just now.

A meeting was held at North Battleford on March 29th, with a fair attendance. We should have more brothers from the east end at these North Battleford meetings. Those present were: Bros. Dowler, Humbolt; Oliver Balmeny, Wilson, Radisson; Davidson, Borden; McConnell, Langham; Melkonian, Delmas; Hart, Lashburn; Fizer, Marshall; McArthur, Waseca; LeRoy, Lamont; H. J. and W. A. Fallow, Maymont and Vermilion; Shaw, Bethune; Harrington and

Douglas, North Battleford, and Local Chairman Chard, from Fort Saskatchewan, who gave us a few interesting pointers. We should have had a few more from Humbolt, Fielding, Denholm, and at least two from Warman on the east end, as these meetings are for their benefit as well as ours, and they should make it a point to attend.

Our C. T. D., Mr. Nelson, will gladly give you permission to do so.

Bro. Menzies, from the east end, has taken Lamont agency.

Bro. Henry, Radisson nights, has resigned and gone back to the States.

Bro. Nichols, Lloydminster days, is on holiday; relieved by Bro. Stephen, just returned from Pennsylvania.

Bro. A. Hughes, Camrose days, bid in Waldheim agency.

In March write-up I neglected to add the prefix "Bro." to A. O. Thomas, agent Calgary. Sorry that this happened, as Bro. Thomas is one of the oldest members of Division 43, having been in since the good Order started on this road.

Bro. Strong appointed night operator Humbolt, vice Bro. Dowler to Calgary days. Radisson days and nights on bulletin.

Bro. Gigure is at Big Valley nights, vice Bro. Strong to Humbolt nights. Big Valley days abolished, Bro. H. Bennett going to Camrose days.

Bro. Bruce acting agent at Marshall.

Bro. T. Ryan, agent Vegerville, resigned to enter business in that city. Here's luck to you, "Tom." Bro. McLaren is now at Vegerville, and Bro. Altwater relieving at Denholm.

We should have a meeting in Edmonton soon, and should have a good crowd, so all arrange to get there.

S. J. H. AND D. J. B.

Central of Georgia Ry., Div. No. 46.

Columbus Division—

Bro. Houston on third Goodwater regular.

Colgate, Ala., agency bid in by Mr. Bolt, whom we expect to have with us in a few days.

Ft. Mitchell, Ala., agency bid in by Bro. Nunn, relieved on bid at Calcis by Bro. W. D. Corley, from Colgate.

Dispatcher J. W. Casey, "SD" Columbus, off on account of the death of his brother, was relieved by Extra Dispatcher Bro. L. K. Sides, and he in "SW" by Bro. D. O. Glass, from Opelika, relieved by Bro. Shaw, a new man, from Birmingham Division, of the Southern.

Bro. Carlisle resigned Inverness, Ala., agency, bid in by Mr. Owen.

Bro. Featherston is on Macon Division for good. We are sorry to lose him.

CERTS. 478 AND 590.

Detroit, Toledo & Ironton Ry., Div. No. 48.

There are entirely too many nons on this division, and we can not expect better wages and better working conditions until they come in and help to get them.

We have a new schedule secured by good work of our hustling local chairman, Bro. R. L. Palmer, and Bro. Simmermon. A very fair contract considering—but if each one of us will see that these nons get up to date we could get a much better one.

The outlook for the company was never better under new management. Let us help out all we can, by answering the dispatcher promptly. Stay on the job awake and keep awake. Then when we go for anything it won't be so hard for our local chairman to secure it. He is a good man and doing all he can to help us out. Get after that non next to you, brother, and don't let up until he gets a card.

Bro. M. C. Williams, from the "Big Four," is relieving Mr. Matthews at "GO" Springfield; Bro. Lowery, "GO," off several days on account of being vaccinated is back at work again.

Bro. E. L. Walburn, who went to the Hocking Valley, is now at Jackson nights. We are glad to have the brother back with us.

Garfield Rankins, car distributor, is being relieved at Jackson on account of severe illness by B. M. Gibson. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

Bro. F. D. Chism, from the C. G. W., makes Jackson solid now.

Dispatcher Clyde Bloss is being relieved by Dispatcher Leslie Ogle, and he on second by O. L. Dibert, with J. H. Jones on third.

A. Y. Walters, agent Washington "CH," visited in Jackson recently with his father and mother.

The officials were over the line recently, and their report at Jackson was very satisfactory.

Bro. Mowery, first Jeffersonville, relieved several days by Mr. Matthews, later relieved by Fred Ray, from the Pennys, and returned to Greenfield. Some of you brothers who are close to these two men keep after them, and we will soon have two more members added to this division. Bro. Palmer has plenty of application blanks and wants to put them into action. When you have a man spotted drop me a card at Jackson yard and we will see that you get blanks immediately, and don't let him rest until you have his application on the road to St. Louis.

Mr. Stoll succeeded A. E. Marine, at Beaver. He should get a card now.

Remember, "No card, no favors."

Brothers, show our new chief dispatcher, Mr. Coffey, that it is the organized men who do the best work. He will surely appreciate it.

Bro. Walburn is very proud of his new desk and instruments at the depot. "FC" at "G."

D., T. & I. and A. A. Rys., Div. No. 48.

Mr. Horton, on Red Ball position in car service Toledo, has resigned; Mr. O'Bryan, cashier Toledo freight house, relieved him. We were just about to get Mr. Horton in line. Red Ball office closed. Later Mr. O'Bryan, after relieving Mr. White for a few days, went to the auditor's office as clerk.

Mr. Dickerson, days Dundee, relieved Mr. Kirby at Mt. Pleasant, who relieved Agent Oliver

at Bannister, resigned. The Ann Arbor closed one trick at Mt. Pleasant, Mr. Dickerson going back to Dundee.

Mr. Drake, dispatcher from the K. & M. at Charleston, W. Va., was offered the Red Ball position at Owosso but refused it.

Bro. Wiedman and R. C. Hawley have resigned and now gone with the G. T.

Durand third closed several nights; no operators to fill vacancy. Mr. Miller, second Durand, has promised to join, also new man on third. Keep right after them, brothers, until you secure their applications.

The motor cars have started again, but no overtime for this. Good men demand good wages when they line up in an order that can protect them.

F. W. Campbell, visiting relatives in Manton, Mich., was relieved by Bro. Lanham.

Bro. Miller, third Hallet, discovered Ottawa River bridge on fire about midnight April 11th and by his promptness in notifying the yardmaster, the engines put fire out after twenty feet of the bridge was destroyed.

Bro. J. S. Cox, operator and ticket agent Toledo, transferred from Division 97; also Bro. G. D. Lewis, from the C. H. & D., Division 21.

Brothers on the Ann Arbor must wake up and get the nons in line if we expect to improve our working conditions.

Mt. Pleasant and Ashley have been reduced to two-men positions each, on account of lack of business.

We want the brothers on the north end to send in some news, as well as those on the south end, every month so we can keep in touch with each other through this journal. Try and scrape up something for next month's publication.

Business on the Ann Arbor has fallen off somewhat, and now is the time to get all the nons lined up, so when it picks up again we can present a new schedule to the company for an increase in salary and some new working conditions; so let us all jump right in and do all we can to get more members and get back the fellows who have dropped out. Let's show them that the Ann Arbor can have just as solid a bunch of O. R. T. men as any other road and make it solid.

I regret that I did not have much time to visit the boys on my recent trip to Owosso, but I got acquainted with Bro. Tirrel, agent Dundee, and he is willing to do all he can to help the cause along, and every member should do likewise. I also saw Mr. Strong, agent Federman, who, I am pretty sure, we will call brother again before many days.

I have a copy of the revised schedule secured by the D. T. & I. boys February 1st, and I wish to congratulate them on their good work. I hope they will stick together and keep in good standing, so when they are ready to go after another revision they will be all solid. Let us try and pattern after the D. T. & I. boys, and get our old schedule revised. Let's show them that we can do as well as they did.

ORA A. McCOLLUM, Local Chairman.

Ann Arbor Ry., Div. No. 48.

Operator Rassat, Clare, while playing ball, April 1st, was hit on his thumb, causing a compound fracture, and is carrying his hand in a sling, relieved by Bro. Carpenter. Operator Grill surprised the boys at Clare by slipping off to Lapeer and returning with a bride.

Mount Pleasant third closed for a few weeks.

Boys, let's all get busy and get in the nons, so we can get a new schedule, with overtime and the concessions other well-organized roads are enjoying. If we had a schedule calling for Sunday overtime, a great many of the small stations would not be kept open for Sunday trains, which would be a great relief to some of the agents who are being made to work Sundays. F. HOLMES.

Denver & Rio Grande R. R., Div. No. 49.*First Division--*

Bro. Jess Campbell, "DC" Denver general office, has resigned to go farming, and the position is up for bids.

Mrs. Washburn, Burnham, is still on the sick list, and Bro. Morris is holding down the station.

Bro. Lively, Louviers, is on an extended visit East, relieved by W. D. Kelly, from Walsenburg. Bro. R. L. Niswonger, Palmer Lake, is also on extended leave of absence.

Agent Honnold, Huster, back after long leave, Bro. Hoffman bumping Wagoner at Littleton, who goes to Palmer Lake second, Dahlberg taking Echo nights.

F. J. Rogers enjoyed a short visit in Denver recently, relieved by F. G. Hobbs, and J. R. Easterly, Augusta, is off for a month, relieved by F. S. Miller.

J. N. Fridy, Barnes station, is on vacation. He was relieved by Fred Penny just in time to be on the "firing line" during the recent battles between strikers and militia.

Nearly all mines on the Third District are closed since the latest labor troubles in that territory, cutting down business considerably there.

General Manager Martin is still in Chicago with the engineers and firemen, and our committee will be further delayed on this account, but hope to get in action again soon. CERT. 41.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has been the will of the Supreme Ruler of the universe to remove from this life the beloved mother of our general secretary and treasurer, Bro. Roberts; and

WHEREAS, In token of our esteem and sympathy for our brother and the family; be it

Resolved, By the members of Division 49, that we extend to them our sincere sympathy and heartfelt regrets in their sorrow; and be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be placed upon the records of the division, and that a copy be sent to Bro. Roberts, also a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

F. J. ROGERS,
J. J. ROUEBUSH,
Committee.

Fourth Division--

Bro. A. Tucker, of LaVeta, was treated to a charivari recently by a bunch of railroad boys on a very large scale, owing to his recent marriage, which cost him a box of good cigars to suppress. Congratulations.

Recent new members: K. M. Jarrett, second Chama, and D. N. Phelps, Blanca.

Bro. Tucker got second LaVeta on bid.

Bro. Cummins was checked back into Lumberton. On his return from Durango he relieved Bro. Rogers at Pagosa Jct. while he was ill.

Mr. Robbins, who relieved Bro. Kuhn for a few days at Pagosa Springs, later relieved Bro. McCully at Farmington, on a sixty-day vacation visiting his old home and friends in Pennsylvania.

Bro. Ogle, relieved at Del Norte by Regular Agent Rafter, relieved O'Brien at Antonito while he was relieving Dispatchers Wilbur, Ashley and Moore for a few days each, Dispatcher Moore going to Denver for the "Scottish Rite." We are all glad to see "Pat" making good as a dispatcher. On O'Brien's return to Antonito Bro. Ogle relieved Bro. Norton, Ignacio, for sixty days, on vacation.

Mr. Rafter's recent visit to Bro. Wasson at Creede resulted in his lining up as a member.

Bro. Bailey was laid up with an attack of grippe, but O'Brien and Ogle being experienced station men, the work was kept up.

Bro. Lively, of Cumbres was a Chama visitor recently, getting supplies and coyote bait.

Work is progressing nicely on the new twelve-mile line being built from Caliente for the Hallock-Howard Lumber Co., for transportation of lumber. The new Caliente-Taos stage and wagon road is also well under way.

Keep after the few nons on the division and remember, "No card, no favors" is our motto.

"CR," Div. Cor.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank the members of the O. R. T. for the beautiful floral piece, and the kindness to us in our recent bereavement, the death of our husband and brother.

MARGARET WHEELBARGER.
ROY WHEELBARGER.

Bessemer & Lake Erie Ry., Div. No. 51.**CARD OF THANKS.**

I wish through THE TELEGRAPHER to extend my sincere and heartfelt thanks to the members of Division 51 for the beautiful floral tribute sent me in my great bereavement, the death of my husband. Especially do I want to thank them for their financial aid, and the boys of Watson Run and French Creek for their assistance during the sickness of their brother telegrapher and my husband.

Sincerely,

Mrs. J. C. SIMMONS.
Harrisville, Pa., April 28, 1914.

Southern Pacific Ry., Div. No. 53.*San Joaquin District—*

"Judge O'Neill's Day," the O. R. T. meeting and the grand rally held at Mojave on Easter Sunday, April 12th, was a grand success in every way. Miners' Union Hall was decorated with pennants and bunting. Eighteen telegraph sounders were placed at intervals on the walls and ceiling, and let out until they could be heard above all noises, 110 volts of main-line battery being used for the occasion. The key was placed on the table of the chief telegrapher, and the program was called by the dots and dashes, which proved a novel and interesting feature.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p. m. instead of 4:00, some of the brothers arriving late on account of auto trouble. After a short talk by Local Chairman Bro. Blume, everybody stood up and sang "America."

Bro. E. J. Manion, fifth vice-president of the O. R. T., then addressed the meeting, dwelling upon the great good the Order has done, is doing and will continue to do, citing as an example our own schedule on the Southern Pacific. He made it plain to the brothers that they should not make a grievance out of everything that came up, as trifling affairs of no consequence only serve to bring about discord between the Order and the railroad officials; also that it is the duty of the local chairman to thoroughly study cases brought up before him, and if there is really no grievance to drop the case. That the local chairman is elected by the division members to serve them, and they should stand by his decisions and also back him up in all his undertakings. They should help him to make the division solid and live up to our motto, "Solid San Joaquin for 1915."

Bro. Manion referred to the high standing of this division, and hoped it would be solid before 1915.

Speaking of Our Royal "Judge" O'Neill, Bro. Manion said that his name and generosity would long be remembered on the San Joaquin and especially by those who attended this grand affair at Mojave on Easter Sunday. Bro. Manion's address lasted over half an hour, during which he stated that he was glad beyond expression that he made the trip from San Francisco to be present at the meeting.

The next on the program was a solo entitled "Where the River Shannon Flows," with a piano accompaniment by Mr. Ball.

Then a poem was recited by Bro. Blume, entitled "Happy Are We Tonight."

Bro. Kenyon, former assistant general chairman of Division 53, "HU" Los Angeles, next addressed us. His great ability as an entertainer and the ready wit he interwove into his address, including several good jokes, was greatly enjoyed, especially by the ladies, who were unable to understand why he remained so long a bachelor, as his hair is already gray.

All the brothers next had a chance to express themselves on various subjects for the good of the Order, which included many past experiences of knights of the key. Among those who spoke were

Bros. Mallachowitz, Nejedly, Black, McMullen, Moorman, Whitson and O'Day.

Mr. Morgan, from the superintendent's office at Bakersfield, also addressed us, and urged the boys to study their schedules better, so they could claim the right overtime properly, etc., as some were not turning in enough and others too much, and it took a lot of work to keep it straight. Brothers, let us watch this, familiarize ourselves with the schedule, and not turn in overtime we are not entitled to, nor fail to turn in that to which we are entitled.

After a musical selection, an address was made by Sister Mrs. W. E. Blume, general chairman of the Ladies' Auxiliary, in which she pointed out the need of a strong organization of this kind, its duty and helpfulness.

This address was followed by another musical selection, after which Sister Blume recited a selection entitled "The Legions of Labor Are Marching Today."

Bro. Manion also made an interesting talk on the Ladies' Auxiliary, urging everyone to become an ardent booster for that organization.

Everyone joined in singing "The Battle-Cry of Freedom," Bro. Kenyon playing the selection on the piano.

The cigars were then passed to the gentlemen, and all adjourned to the Harvey House to enjoy the excellent six-course chicken dinner, which was served without a flaw. The dining-room was tastefully decorated with calla lilies, and everything was spotless.

Upon returning to the hall, the ladies were each presented with a pound box of best chocolates.

Everyone then proceeded to enjoy an old-fashioned good time until 2:00 a. m., when the trains arrived to take all to their respective homes, each leaving with a heart full of praise for our generous and big-hearted brother, "Judge" Jerome O'Neill.

During the afternoon and evening five different sittings of the entire party were taken by Bro. C. L. Coleman, of Mojave, and are excellent. They are 5 by 7 inches, and can be had of Bro. Coleman for 75 cents a set of four pictures (unmounted).

Those present with their wives were: Bros. W. E. Blume, M. B. McMullen, J. A. Gamble, O. D. Day, P. E. Turner, G. A. Sears, C. L. Coleman, B. C. Valer, W. L. Anderson, R. E. Hogan and H. C. Winter and son; Mesdames G. H. Frederick and E. DeMesame and Misses Hickey, E. Heath, Edna Coleman, Naomi DeMesame and Dollic Perreto. Others present were: Bros. E. J. Manion, G. H. Kenyon, M. Kronbeck, A. O. Hughes, C. Mallachowitz, C. D. Liston, I. D. Slagle, G. M. Black, D. P. and E. P. Gibson, F. L. Moorman, F. A. Nejedly, W. A. Troutman, H. E. Sharpe, F. S. Whitson and Messrs. J. E. Ross, Paton Moore, W. B. Morgan, L. F. Bennett, J. R. Sweezy and M. U. Ball. Only two members were present from the Valley, although ample notice was given in time for everyone to get relief who wished and plenty of extras to relieve those who desired to attend. It is disappointing that more interest can not be aroused among the members between Bakersfield and Fresno. How-

ever, we had one of the best meetings with the largest attendance ever held on this division.

Bro. P. E. Turner and wife also attended the festivities of home-coming week at Bakersfield.

Bro. Jerome O'Neill, night agent Searles, on two months' vacation visiting friends in Mojave, Los Angeles and San Francisco, is being relieved by F. V. Colline, a new man.

Bro. A. O. Miller, agent Palmdale, is one of our latest additions.

L. A. Sister Mrs. M. B. McMullen, of Mojave, is visiting friends in Bakersfield during home-coming week.

Our membership on this division is the greatest it has ever been, but we must bring it up to the standard adopted at the Mojave meeting: "Solid San Joaquin for 1915." Let us all work with that end in view, and we will soon have the best-organized division on the system.

Sister M. E. Heck, of Woodford, was off a few days visiting friends in Bakersfield.

Bro. W. A. Troutman, displaced on fourth Mojave by Bro. D. P. Gibson, has gone to Tucson.

Bro. Frank Nejedly was relieved several weeks at Tehachapi by Bro. Stouffer, formerly at Vincent.

Bro. E. P. Gibson is now acting as seal clerk at Mojave.

Bro. R. L. Davis relieved Bro. Sharpe on third Lang, who went on extra board.

Bro. V. L. Underwood assigned agency Clovis, relieved at Tehachapi by Bro. Slagle.

Bro. G. H. Doyle, agent Brown, relieved a few days by Bro. E. E. Eaton, from Ravenna, and he by Bro. G. H. Frederick.

We are all glad to hear that Bro. J. R. McKnight, agent Owenyo, is working again, after spending several weeks in the hospital at Los Angeles.

J. A. Cooper, of San Francisco, spent a week at Edison with his wife, Sister Nell Cooper, and daughter Naomi.

Bro. N. P. Gidley, manager Mojave, was off several days recently, visiting friends in Hanford and Los Angeles. Div. Cor.

Members Sacramento Division:

Bro. G. C. McAdow, Donner, Cal., has been appointed division correspondent. Please send him notes of changes, etc., not later than the 20th of each month. Fraternally,

L. B. DEEN, Local Chairman.

Sacramento Division Notes -

Bro. L. A. Lapoint, agent Floriston, was off a few days, relieved by Bro. C. W. Collins.

Bro. H. H. Huston, first Truckee, was off a few days, relieved by Bro. E. L. Mooney, who later relieved Bro. R. P. Bick, third there, while he took in the sights of Sacramento, and then returned to third Capehorn.

Sister G. A. Duffy, first Andover, while off to buy Easter bonnets, was relieved by Bro. F. L. Heflin. Bro. A. Bundy, second there, off a few days on account of sickness, was relieved by Bro. Mooney. Bro. W. A. Morris, third Andover, while taking in the sights of Frisco was relieved by Bro. H. S. Hockey.

Bro. E. F. Stewart, agent Summit, called home on account of illness of his mother, relieved by Bro. C. W. Collins, later displaced by Bro. Heflin. Our sympathies are extended to Bro. Stewart.

Bro. G. T. Brown, second Summit, on sixty days' vacation to his home in Indiana, relieved by Bro. T. H. Kerrigan. Bro. F. L. Rector, third Summit, has become quite an expert fireman. Mike Kennedy is on Summit turn-table days.

Bro. F. J. Dusher, second Spruce, and wife, will take a vacation about June 1st.

Bro. A. E. Miller, agent Cisco, was off a few days, relieved by Bro. Collins.

Bro. C. H. Ludwig assigned second Smart, relieving Bro. C. D. Stoval, visiting Oakland.

Bro. E. S. Leavitt, third Smart, relieved by Bro. R. E. Mitchell, who has returned with a better half. Congratulations. Bro. Mitchell is now on second Capehorn.

Bro. S. C. Barner, agent Emigrant Gap, is looking fine after the operation. We all hope he will enjoy good health hereafter.

Bro. M. McWilliams, transferred to the Salt Lake Division, assigned Fernely days on his arrival at Sparks.

Bro. J. B. Knapp, agent Blue Canon, is taking in the sights at Los Angeles, relieved by Assistant Trainmaster Allen, and Bro. J. J. Woodbury, first there, is also on vacation, relieved by Bro. M. V. Fowler, and he on second Blue Canon by Bro. H. M. Stomp. Bro. G. A. Rhubesky, third Blue Canon, off a few days on account of sickness, was relieved by Frank McCloud.

Bro. Deen, local chairman, was relieved by Bro. C. W. Manuel while on an organizing trip over the division, which resulted in several additions to the membership and an encouraging outlook for others in the near future.

Bro. F. L. Baxter, agent Walnut Grove, on the sick list, was relieved by Bro. C. Kuhn, and Bro. A. J. Stahl second Orland, was relieved by Bro. E. C. Purcell on the same account.

Bro. J. E. Bick, agent Germantown, has returned from an extensive trip through the East, relieved by Bro. C. Kuhn.

Bro. Bryan, agent Vina, was off three months, relieved by Bro. H. C. Clark.

Bro. M. P. Arenz, car distributor, is laying off, relieved by Bro. W. L. McClintock, of the Roseville yard office.

Bro. E. M. Mathews, former S. P. agent Penryn, is now manager for the Placer County Mountain Fruit Co., with headquarters at New Castle. Bro. Mathews was always a staunch member, and carries an up-to-date today.

Bro. Harry Hyde, formerly with the S. P., recently elected for a third term as mayor of Marysville, is a strong union man. He carries an up-to-date, and accredits his election to the union vote.

Bro. and Sister Mason, staff operators second and third Soda Springs, are on vacation, taking pictures in an airship, relieved by Telegrapher Bro. E. R. Allen and Staff Operator O. M. Potter.

Bro. and Sister Fisher, second and third Lakeview, on vacation, were relieved by Bros. C. D. Stoval and C. W. Manuel.

C. J. Reitenour assigned third staff operator Emigrant Gap, relieving R. E. Enscoe, extra staff man.

Under the provisions of the present schedule, the staff operators are eligible to membership in the Order, and a large majority have already joined.

There are only a few delinquents and nons now on this division. Spring is coming, boys, and it's time to weed.

Brothers, I can handle the hill from Blue Canon to Sparks, but it will be almost impossible for me to get the Valley without some assistance. Several of the boys promised to assist me, but so far I have received nothing. Let me have the news promptly.

G. C. McAdow.

"BD" General Office, San Francisco, Cal.—

E. L. King, trainmaster from Dunsmuir, Cal., has been appointed superintendent of telegraph, to succeed F. S. Rawlins, deceased. He has had years of experience in railroad telegraph business, and is generally well liked. We all wish for his success.

E. C. Smith, first wire chief, has returned after a month spent on his ranch at Warfield, Cal., putting Bro. J. D. Hoell on the extra list, grabbing what few hours overtime he can.

Jack Tehan, an old-timer, back in "BD" during March, was bumped out on Bro. L. Rosenbaum's return from vacation spent in Los Angeles and at Catalina Island.

E. F. Raymond, assistant superintendent of telegraph, was married on April 10th to Miss Lucore, of Alameda. They spent their honeymoon around Los Angeles. All of the boys extend Mr. Raymond and bride heartiest congratulations.

Fifth Vice-President Manion, who has been in the city some time, attended the successful meeting given by the San Joaquin Division at Mojave, Cal., during April.

Bro. Compton, organizer, who was with us during April, has departed for the East. Bro. Compton worked in "BD" office during 1907, returning to New York via Panama and the Central American countries. It sure is a pleasure to have these old-time brothers drop in and say "hello."

Work on the Panama-Pacific International Exposition is progressing rapidly. Any of the out-of-town brothers will be amply repaid by taking a trip to the fair grounds and see the immense structures already completed when they visit the city.

Bros. Chas. Tyler and Jim Hoell, our most ardent baseball fans have been almost regular ball ground visitors since the Coast League opened. The Seals are at the top of the list, and they hope they will stay there.

Why don't a few more of the relay offices get in and have some news in the journal? How about it, Los Angeles?

RELAY.

Portland Division—

Bro. Simpson, second West Fork, on a hunting trip, was relieved by Bro. Gaines. Bro. Crimp,

West Fork, is off thirty days taking in the sights in Portland.

Bro. Carle, third Ridge, who is on a trip to his old home in the East, has an electrical device by which it is almost impossible to overlook a train order. That place is in the canyon where trains can not be seen until right at the board.

Bro. A. S. Markee is acting agent at Molalla.

Bro. H. D. Olsen, agent Gervais, was a recent Sunday caller at his former home, La Fayette.

Bro. S. T. Johnson, agent Woodburn, attended the pioneers' banquet in Portland in honor of L. R. Fields; Bro. Johnson, who heads our seniority list, celebrated his fortieth anniversary with the S. P. on March 24th. Bro. M. C. McKercher, third Woodburn, took in the sights at Eugene recently. Bro. C. E. Deakins, from first Eugene, to his assigned Dallas. Bro. M. D. Henning, second Woodburn, attended the funeral of his wife's father at Portland recently. Bro. C. E. Deakins was relieved at Eugene by Mr. Wilkerson.

Bro. T. J. Odell, second Hillsboro, is dispatching in "C" office on the branches. Dispatcher Cantrell is visiting his old home in Indiana.

There is lots of good reading in the bulletin this road puts out, every brother should read it.

Bro. F. D. Dogart, freight office Portland, retired April 1st, and that office was then closed. We regret very much to lose this valuable brother after being with us for thirty-seven years.

Bro. G. F. King, agent Cottage Grove, was off thirty days; relieved by Bro. H. A. Tibbels, and he by Bro. McLamore, who inspected his mines in Southern Oregon, upon Bro. King's return.

Mr. Mahoney, first Grants Pass, off thirty days, was relieved by Bro. Grivey.

Bros. Noth and Fromm, of Medford, attended the baseball game between the Northwestern Colts and Chicago Giants, and got so excited they were excluded from the grounds.

Brothers, when you bid in a place you should take it if only for the time between the bulletins. If you throw up a position you bid on it works an injustice to others, who might have secured it and the company does not like it. Recently a brother with some fifteen years drew a third trick in the canyon and took it like a man, bidding out on the next bulletin. Be sure you want a position before you bid on it.

Local Chairman Boyd is settling grievances in Southern California.

Sister M. R. Rice, third Ashland, recently visited her home town at Gold Hill.

Assistant Superintendent May, who had that terrible accident at Myrtle Creek some time ago, is back again at Roseburg in his position.

Bro. I. F. Bradley, agent Comstock, was off a few days; relieved by Bro. J. R. Spurgeon.

Bro. R. A. Wilson, extra dispatcher, bumped at Roseburg by S. J. Stewart, went to Portland; also Bro. Barrett, second Roseburg side wire. R. J. Neil, city office Portland, is on thirty days' vacation.

Bro. Brunken, third Grants Pass, is breaking in a new "murder" cycle.

Bro. Walker, displaced on second Davis by Bro. Lee Dyer, displaced Bro. Porterfield on third there.

Bro. Collins, third Port Costa, taken suddenly ill while working, and third trick man at Benicia, relieved him until Bro. Alspach was sent there from Martinez.

Bro. Pennington, relieved by Mr. Colson at Suisun while off with an injured hand.

Bro. Alexander relieved Bro. Turner, third Oakland Pier, a few days.

Mr. McLaughlin, agent San Leandro, on a sixty days' trip east, relieved by Mr. Pearson, San Leandro.

Mr. Wyatt, agent Newark, relieved by Bro. Braun, of second, and he by Bro. Rouse.

The company have installed cars at Altamont for the living quarters of the operators. Some chance to reduce the high cost of living.

Recent new members: C. W. Brandt, Altamont; W. O. Cole, Vacaville; L. S. Carruth, Esparto; E. S. Smith, Pleasanton, and W. G. Rogers, agent Suisun.

It would be an excellent idea if some brother would notify the "BD" bunch when an operator or agent is taken to the general hospital in San Francisco. The "BD" boys are glad to do what they can for any brother, and it would be appreciated by the sick. A note to Bro. H. B. Segur, F. E. Barton, C. E. Neff or P. B. Bell giving name and where from would receive attention.

Understand the Western Pacific have taken off almost half of their operators. We have been rather fortunate in only having one regular telegraph office closed on this division.

The San Joaquin has adopted the motto: "Solid San Joaquin," and I can not think of a better one for the Western. Our percentage (of nons) is getting smaller each month, and we hope the beginning of 1915 will see us with a solid front. Have you written that non that is working with you day after day? Make your letter a gentlemanly one and show them we are a good bunch to get in with. Wire conversations on this subject are bad, as often times the ones you work with thinks you are trying to show them up, and more harm than good is accomplished.

Don't forget the news items. Many of the brothers contributed this month, and I sincerely hope the good work continues. We can have a good write-up if you will only drop me a line when you know of some change or item of interest.

Where other divisions are represented by local chairmen, committeemen, correspondents and assistant correspondents this division is represented by the local chairman only. We need a good write-up each month and whoever acts as correspondent should have assistance, as we have a large division, hard to cover to get the news. Some one volunteer as correspondent and I will do all I can to furnish the news from Sacramento to Oakland.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Stockton Division—

Former Local Chairman Bro. R. A. Anderson, of Merced; Bro. H. L. Downing, of Modesto, and Bro. L. L. Mullens, of Tracy, have returned from the East with brides to their tricks again. Congratulations, boys.

Bro. T. M. Boyd, local chairman from Oregon Division, was in Stockton recently acting as general chairman.

It's now Bro. L. B. Hickey, agent Turlock, and will soon be Bro. T. M. Martz, agent Modesto, and Bro. F. M. Humphreys, on second there.

Bro. M. E. Price is on third Lodi, and Bro. W. L. Reeves on third Lathrop pending bulletin, making the latter solid with the exception of the agent.

Bro. V. E. Haggard is now on the St. Louis Division of the Illinois Central.

Bro. R. R. Duncan, from the Sacramento Division, is on third "BR."

Assistant General Manager Platt was over the division recently in his private car "Miraflores."

F. J. Clifford, chief clerk to superintendent, is back from a trip to Seattle.

Bro. L. E. Needham, third Galt, was a recent Stockton visitor.

Recent assignments: Bro. H. W. McNeal to agency Raymond, relieved at Lathrop by Bro. W. Reeves; G. G. Keppler, agency Livingston, relieved at Peters by Bro. T. O. Young; H. H. Needham, agency Athlone, a new position; Bro. Peyton, third Kerman, relieving Bro. Price, who went to Lodi third, and Bro. Harlin, a new man, operator and clerk Los Banos.

Bro. T. G. Woolard, Tracy second, spent several weeks in San Francisco recently; relieved by Bro. Reeves. Bro. C. E. Wykes, while visiting friends around Madera, Fresno, Stockton and Modesto, was relieved by Bro. Hislop.

Bro. R. A. Richards, first Lodi, succeeds Bro. R. E. Denehy as local chairman, whose good work was greatly appreciated. Bro. Richards is an old-timer at the railroad game. Let us help him get in the few nons left and make the division solid.

Bro. L. L. Mullens, first Tracy, has been appointed committeeman, vice Bro. F. A. Hemphill gone to Los Angeles Division.

Dispatcher Hallinin, on the Tracy-Brighton side, is spending his vacation in Chicago, Cincinnati and Louisville; relieved by D. C. Delmore.

Madera is solid now, with Bros. A. D. Smith, agent; E. E. Leanord, first; F. D. Faulke, from U. P. Denver second, and F. D. Butler, third.

Traveling Freight and Passenger Agent Beane and Chief Clerk Tandrow and Agent Fish, Stockton, are on a trip to Boston and other eastern cities.

Bro. Richards has appointed me local secretary, and I want to make a good showing, and if the brothers will drop me the news to "KN" we can have a good write-up each month. Let me hear from all.

J. E. HANLON, Div. Cor.

Tucson Division—

On page 409 of the March TELEGRAPHER, Bro. Pierson, Second Vice-President, gives a brief synopsis of a contract recently signed on the Boston Elevated Ry., containing a provision, "That none but members of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers be employed in offices covered by this schedule." Bro. Pierson is to be congratulated on this splendid provision in the schedule, and one which we hope can be incorporated in all schedules in the future, as it won't benefit the nons, as all our schedules have done in the past. It emphasizes the strictness we should use in the enforcement of our motto, "No card, no favors." *Has the man working next to you a card? If not, find out why.* Would you pay his grocery bill? No, but you sit still and pay the debt he owes the O. R. T. without a murmur. We want every eligible man to be a brother. At present there are but three on the division. Get after them, and don't let them forget the benefits they derived from our schedule.

Z. V. Wilson, from Tucson, relieved B. S. Weiler, second Dragon, while at Sacramento, owing to the illness of his sister.

Bro. R. J. Bachman, sixth "UN" Tucson, relieved Bro. B. W. Doyle, second wire chief, who relieved Bro. Geraghty, Bowie, resigned. Bros. Butler and Stanley worked overtime a few days, till Bro. O. L. Spaulding arrived from Rasco.

Bro. D. H. Smith, agent Maricopa, returned from leave of absence. Bro. Shreve bumped Bro. G. N. Wilson from first to third, relieving Bro. V. P. Burke, assigned Wilcox third, vice Bro. A. D. Fellows, Lordsburg fourth, relieving Bro. F. S. Lewis, resigned. Later Bro. Wilson resigned, relieved by Bro. Spaulding.

Rasco second pulled off; Bro. Spaulding to Tucson. Sibyl second pulled off; Bro. Guterrez to El Paso, account sickness of wife; relieved by C. A. Olson; later Sibyl office closed, Olson to Blaisdell, vice F. A. Clark, resigned.

Bro. O'Malley, third Wellton, relieved by L. J. Foster, from the Wabash, assigned third Sentinel, vice C. F. Sage, relieving F. T. Bailey, Amado on leave of absence.

Aztec one trick pulled off, Bro. C. E. Welsh relieved. Picacho two tricks pulled off, J. W. King, second to Amado, relieving C. F. Sage, resigned; Bro. Brusha, third Picacho, resigned, relieved by Bro. Bostick.

Tucson "UN" sixth pulled off, Bro. Bachman bumped R. P. Flynn, third wire chief, who bumped Bro. Spaulding, to Maricopa. New sixth put on hours, clerical work from 4 a. m. to 7 a. m., telegraph 7 a. m. to 12 noon, incumbent Bro. B. E. Acre, chief dispatcher's clerk. Flynn expects to go back extra dispatching.

Bro. W. T. Brinley returned to fourth Yuma from sick leave; bumped Bro. Sturges, who relieved Bro. Lieux, on third, to New Orleans on vacation. "BY" office and freight house depot Yuma destroyed by fire morning April 5th. Bro. Lieux on duty. Loss only \$100 in freight. Bro. Cull lost all records, papers, etc., but saved his mill. Force now in temporary quarters there.

New members for May cost \$6.50, June \$10.50, which pays up till December 31, 1914. If you are not up to date now is the time to get in. Last half 1914 dues should be paid this month to insure you getting your new card before June 30th. Don't become delinquent. Bro. Koppikus likes to see 'em come in early.

Bro. Lewis, at Lordsburg, was the only new member the past month.

Those not referred to as brothers are either delinquents or nons. We should like to see the delinquents pay up and the nons get a card.

Will Bros. Bechtel, O'Brien, Cull, Long, Lawrence at Bowie and Cannon favor me with something for the journal next month?

General Manager Scott went over the division in April on No. 1. Lordsburg fourth pulled off; Bro. Fellows relieved Bro. Meacham on second, who relieved Bro. G. E. Wilson, Tucson "UN" fifth, who relieved Bro. O. W. Allison, Fairbank on sick list.

Bro. Larcey, formerly agent Wellton, was removed from Tucson Hospital to San Francisco General Hospital, and is not expected to live.

Bro. Welsh, from Aztec, relieved Bro. Burke, third Wilcox. Understand his destination is Phoenix, and his purpose matrimony. He has our heartfelt sympathy.

Bro. Pixley returned from a prospecting trip to Blaisdell; relieved C. A. Olson, relieving Bro. Anderson, Casa Grande, resigned.

Bro. Jack Marks and Bro. Jesse Long were recent Tucson visitors. Bro. Hettinger, from Esmond, comes in almost every day on his "Indian."

Several brothers and sisters have not paid their assessments levied last year and also several delinquent in dues for this half. This division received the highest increase in our recently revised schedule, and these assessments and dues should be sent to the general secretary and treasurer at once.

I have been given the agency for the Meco-graph and Vibroplex, by J. E. Albright, of New York, for this district, anyone in the market drop me a line. "2099 B. C."

Houston District—

Bro. R. G. Floyd, of Division 128, is a new addition to our ranks.

Bro. W. H. Holt, Waelder days, attended the big meeting in Houston on April 5th, where there were close to 150 present from all roads leading into Houston, including General Chairman Cowgill.

Bro. Lester, Schulenburg first, off on account of ill-health, was relieved by Bro. Dobbs, of second, and he by a new man from B. & O.

Bro. Fusselman bid in Waelder nights, instead of Bro. Gentles, who remains on Stafford nights.

Bro. N. C. Ney bid in Eagle Lake agency, vice Mr. Moore, who re-entered the telegraph service.

Bro. McNutt is relieving at Glidden agency now on bulletin.

Bro. Petty, Sabinal third, was off a few days; relieved by Mr. Atkinson.

Extra Dispatcher Williams, of San Antonio, off a few days sick, was relieved by Bro. Westbrook.

Bro. Stuart, agent Engle, off a few days, was relieved by Bro. Williams, Seguin third, and he by Bro. Floyd, a new man.

Bro. O'Farrell, agent Waelder, while visiting Houston and Galveston was relieved by Bro. Holt.

CERTS. 2303 and 2811.

T. & N. O. and Galveston Divisions—

Bro. I. B. Rathburn, our division correspondent, was called suddenly to Mississippi on account of serious illness of his father, whom, however, we understand is greatly improved. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery. Bro. Rathburn was relieved by Bro. Goodson.

The big meeting April 5th, in the dining-room of Hotel Cotton, was well attended by all five of the Sunset lines: I. & G. N., M. K. & T., T. & B. V. and S. A. & A. P., as well as the oil companies and commercial men, including Bros. Kelley and Moseley, from the Katy; Santon, T. & B. V.; Hungate, I. & G. N.; Laisure, of Ennis, and another good live brother from S. A. & A. P., whose name I have misplaced; Chairman Cowgill and Secretary E. B. Hill, and many of the good, live brothers gave us good talks.

Bro. Hill read several interesting letters from brothers unable to be with us, including Fifth Vice-President Manion, Fourth Vice-President Dermody, second Vice-President Pierson and several others.

The meeting organized a social O. R. T. Club, and a Texas legislative committee board, as well as increasing the membership of the Ladies' Auxiliary. The first social meeting will be held on May 10th, and one each month thereafter; dates advertised later.

Bro. Cowgill left April 22d to attend a big meeting in Ft. Worth on the 23d, taking Bro. Laisure with him from Ennis. On his return he will visit all the boys possible over the H. & T. C., and put on the finishing touches to meet the officials to start a good schedule, which we expect soon after May 1st.

Bro. Rummell was on the sick list about a week.

Bro. E. Yarbrough, of Village Mills, will move to Nome agency, secured on bid, as soon as the little ones get over the whooping cough.

Bro. R. L. Bradford, "N" San Antonio, is now on second Galveston, and his pal, "AD," from El Paso, on third Echo, while "Bill" is sick.

Bro. Hayes will see that R. H. Finney, Liberty second, will soon be up-to-date.

Bro. W. O. Livingston attended the big meeting.

P. J. Musgrove, agent Jacksonville, is now at Crandall extra.

Bro. J. W. Simpson, of Athens, can't keep from traveling. Sorry to lose such a good brother.

Bro. Chas. Hercheck, our heavy weight towerman, is on a trip to El Paso and the West.

Bro. Little, of Texas City Jct., bid in "Z" second.

Bro. P. C. Newton, of Caro, has helped us land three nons on the Rabbit this month. A few more like Bro. Newton would be of great assistance.

Bro. Clark relieved Mr. Giffie, "HD" first, off sick a few days.

I hope the boys out on the line will try and get to our meetings held each month, and take some interest for their own good.

The nons in "HQ" should get lined up for their own good, even if they are on non-scheduled jobs.

All agents who I mailed the revenue circular to, get busy, so we will have it when needed.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

T. & N. O. and Galveston Divisions, Including Dallas-Sabine District—

There are still a few who, regardless of the precepts of the Golden Rule, continue to sponge on the men who have done, and are still doing, everything possible to keep up the high standard set by the good old Order.

General Chairman Cowgill took a trip out over the Victoria Division recently, returning via San Antonio and the Houston Division, Bro. Alexander, local chairman at Port Lavaca, entertaining him on a fishing trip.

Bro. Dunlap, second Beaumont, was recently burnt out of house and home while attending the theater. We all sympathize with him in his loss.

The towermen are joining rapidly, and Houston towers are now solid with the exception of one man at tower 26, who has been very sick for three months.

Bro. Charles Hercheck, third tower 25, Houston, is on vacation.

Bro. H. G. Dunham, who bid in second Echo, vice Sanders, resigned, was relieved on second Galveston by Bro. J. L. Husted, from the Union Pacific, who also relieved Bro. Dunlap, third Beaumont, while he was getting a fresh start after the fire. Bro. Robertson, second Beaumont, was laid up a week with a crippled hand.

Bro. C. F. Strickland, who relieved E. F. Reeder, agent Port Arthur, was given a \$5 increase there.

Bro. Vincent, second Harrisburg tower, who paid us a visit recently, has a fine garden.

We are glad to state that Bro. Oliver, agent China, has returned from the hospital, Bro. R. F. Stuckey going to Nome agency, vice B. E. De-Journette. Bro. Stuckey celebrated his arrival by sending in the papers of K. C. Walker, second there.

Superintendent of Telegraph Percy Hewitt, who went six fast rounds with his motor car out on the Houston Division, has been obliged to have a small piece of bone removed from one of his legs, which was broken at the time of the accident. We hope for his speedy recovery.

Bro. Pickard, cashier at Athens, is on vacation, relieved by H. B. Weare. C. E. Armstrong, extra agent there, promises to renew his membership shortly.

Jimmy Collins, "Q" "HN" Houston, now has an up-to-date. E. M. Bush, who signs "F," should

not be mistaken for Bro. F. W. Bush, who signs "B."

Bro. Rudisill is back at Cushing, leaving Bro. Craig in charge at Crandall.

R. W. Brenham, first Galveston "Z," will show up a brother at every opportunity.

The brothers at "K" Harrisburg tower have been required, by the division signal supervisor, to clean up the yard around the tower and scrub the floor. This violation of the contract will be handled vigorously.

A circular letter was issued recently announcing that "bugs" infringing on the Coffee and Martin patents by the Mecograph and Vibroplex would be debarred from the company's wires. Bro. Cowgill went into the matter, but found there was no appeal.

The meeting held in Houston, April 5th, was a great success. The enthusiasm and great volume of business would not permit of an intermission, so we had a continuous session, replete with intelligent ideas and good, sound, common-sense discussions from 2:30 p. m. until the midnight adjournment. Owing to poor train facilities, the T. & N. O. was not as well represented as we should like to have seen it, but those who can not go each time on account of their duties can do their little task for the betterment of the Order and their own conditions right at home by being right on the job all the time.

Our committee has the promise of a date with the management some time this month in connection with the schedule negotiations. We can not all be committeemen, but we can be good constituents. A committee can be no stronger than what it represents, but merely what we make it, and must depend upon us for support. Let us not be found wanting.

Don't lay down at this stage of the game, but get that card up to date, talk unionism, get the man next to you, and we will have the "safety-first" business right up to the handle.

Div. Cor.

H. E. & W. T. and H. & S. District—

We no longer feel ashamed of our little branch of the Southern Pacific, better known as the "Rabbit," and at last feel safe to venture out and make ourselves known to the world. We have never had the opportunity that we now have, being included in the S. P. main line schedule, and everyone should take advantage of this and do everything possible to aid the organization and division in securing a schedule governing working conditions and rates of pay.

Your humble servant had the pleasure of attending the telegraphers' booster meeting at the Hotel Cotton, Houston, Sunday, April 5th. Bro. Towns, of Humble, also attended, but none of the rest of the boys were able to attend on account of being unable to secure relief. Many interesting subjects were discussed during the meeting, and very beneficial talks made by prominent and able members. I only attended the night session, as I did not reach Houston until about 7:10 p. m.

Much credit is due Bro. Cowgill, our general chairman. He is one of the most able gentlemen

to be had to handle a matter like ours, and if we all do our part and give him all information and assistance possible, we may rest assured everything will be handled properly by him. Our proposed contract was handed in to the management in person by Bro. Cowgill the latter part of February, and no doubt they will go into negotiations at an early date. We should all put forth every effort to give our employer the very best of service and show that we are worthy of better pay and working conditions, and are only asking for what is just and right and that which we are entitled to. The matter will be handled in a businesslike way by the general committee, and all we need to do is to keep up our courage and get in the few nons at "SY," "JC," "HU," "N" and "MS."

Mack Holland, our local correspondent, left us on short notice. We are sorry to lose him and hope he will drop us a card and let us know where he has landed.

Yours truly landed another new brother relieving "HW" at "SY." If there is a non in your office, show him the necessity of getting an up-to-date card. Everybody practice efficiency, and get up to the standard in every respect. There is going to be some legislation soon of the right kind. Let's get wise and do something.

L. M. LOPEZ, Local Chairman.

H. & T. C. District, First Division—

Recent assignments: Bro. Darwood, Fallon; Bro. Gormley, first Sherman; Mr. Brayer, Courtney; Bro. Bowser, Chaney Jct.; Bro. L. B. Pitzer, Howe. Mr. Drayer will soon be with us.

Boys, find out if the man working with you or next to you has a card. If not, get his application. Send his name to Bro. Laisure, local chairman, Ennis, Texas, who will also work on him. We need concerted action right now to make this line 100 per cent strong. A little activity on each one's part will do it. Remember, "No card, no favors," and let the nons know when they come to the H. & T. C. for work they must have a card.

The booster meeting at Houston was a great success, about 150 to 200 members being in attendance throughout the day and night, and more enthusiasm was shown than at any other meeting ever held in this part of the country.

Bros. Guy Neeley, Wellborn and Foster, formerly of Ferris; Laisure, of Ennis, and myself attended from this line. No. 2 running late that night made it impossible for a great many to come. I hope the whole south end will be represented at the next one in May.

Bro. Vaught, Ft. Worth nights, visited in Corsicana and Ennis recently.

Bro. Darwood, who bid in Millican, later bid in Fallon.

Bro. Chapman and wife visited in El Paso, San Antonio and Venus recently.

Bro. Hardaway, agent Melissa, while attending court in Sherman, was relieved by Mr. Brayelton. It is now Bro. Battle at Normangee.

Bro. Jackson, third Mexia, off a few days, was relieved by Mr. Grass, a new man.

Bro. Laisure, our efficient local chairman, attended the big meeting at Ft. Worth. About sev-

enty-five were present, representing all the divisions entering Ft. Worth; the H. & T. C. brothers being Latimer, Kelley, Tatum, Beene and Laisure. The more of these meetings we attend, the better men we will be. Make it a duty to attend every one within reaching distance. A little loss of sleep is easily made up. Bro. Cowgill, our general chairman, was also there.

Bro. Steele, Corsicana second, attending court at Denison, was relieved by Bro. King, from the N. P., who also relieved Bro. Laisure at Ennis while at the Ft. Worth meeting. Bro. Tatum was relieved at Ft. Worth by Bro. Frost.

Bro. Weems, from T. & B. V., relieved Bro. Billings, Dallas third.

Bro. Branson, "FN" Ennis, off sick, was relieved by Mr. Ryan.

The committee is now in session with the management at Houston. Boys, stand firm and show that we are with the committee one and all.

Don't forget that the dues commencing with July first will be \$6. Save the change being spent and get one of the first cards issued for the new period.

"No card, no favors."

W. F. DAVIS, Div. Cor.

Louisiana Lines—

Recent assignments: Chacahoula agency, F. T. McIntire (subject to protest of P. J. Boudreaux); Gibson agency, J. L. McIntire; Bouef agency, G. B. Walthers; Patterson third, J. A. Trahan; Bayou Sale third, Miss Sophia Smith; Sulphur third, C. A. Levett.

Vacancies: Des Allemands and Napoleonville agencies, Vinton second, Algiers and Bowie third, and Relief agency, salary \$100, headquarters at LaFayette, La. Be sure that you mail the local chairman copy of all applications.

P. J. St. Romain, who has been on the sick list, has returned to third Bowie, relieving W. C. Bienvenu, who went to third Vinton.

O. B. Brupbacher, second Bowie, on sick list, relieved by J. A. Trahan.

Listen for the wedding bells. Paul Champaigne, third Boutte, is fixing to join the Salvation Army soon.

O. F. St. Blanc, first Avondale, has been enjoying a few days' vacation.

D. E. Journette, third Patterson, relieved by regular assigned man, J. A. Trahan.

Labadieville telegraph office closed and telephone installed, with a clerk, making the Schriever boys relay that business over phone.

Agent C. D. Thompson, Napoleonville, resigned, relieved by J. E. Rice, one of our oldest men in the service.

The Lafayette "ham factory" must be in full blast, as Bowie has had three of the raw ones in the last two weeks.

B. F. Brupbacher, agent Raceland Jct., on sick list, relieved by his son, O. B. Brupbacher.

Albania water-tank office closed and Jeanerette nights opened.

We are glad to see so many of the good operators getting promoted. N. C. Frier, E. V. Chauvin and C. G. Moseley have been promoted to dispatchers.

A revised list of nons shows that we are nearly 100 per cent strong, and in a few more days we will reach that mark.

The Lockport branch is being ballasted, and when completed will be one of the best branch tracks on the Morgan.

Assistant Superintendent Herrington resigned, relieved by F. S. Swing. General Superintendent Hopkins has been made vice-president.

We are all sorry to learn of the death of W. Walker, who worked so long at Morgan City and Algiers.

H. L. FESKE, Cert. 2179.

Northern Pacific Ry., Div. No. 54.

Idaho Division—

All Members—Bro. R. N. McLeod, local chairman Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen of this division, has requested our co-operation in the matter of passing up train order hoops to engines in a manner that will cause as little hazard as possible to enginemen. Through representations made to the company by the B. of L. F. & E., train order "pulpits" have been placed at most stations, so that hoops may be handed up without the necessity of firemen coming down in gangway of engine to get them, and it is thought that "pulpits" will soon be installed at all stations. Complaint has been made that some telegraphers do not always use the "pulpits," which makes the catching of hoops more dangerous for enginemen. It is also dangerous for telegraphers to use the "pulpits" to handle up hoops to engines of mail trains, as the catcher arm of the mail car constitutes a serious menace to life and limb, but for all other trains, it is much better to hand the hoops up from the "pulpit," and makes it a great deal safer for our brothers in the engine cab. I would therefore respectfully request that all of our members use the "pulpit" as much as is consistent with personal safety.

It is obligatory under our schedule, Rule 6, Clause A, for the section forces to scrub and clean offices and waiting rooms, and a recent ruling by Superintendent DeForce, instructing that section forces attend to this work of scrubbing, will no doubt do away with any future misunderstanding along these lines.

If you are compelled to attend to mail on meal or split hours, or after the conclusion of your regular hours, you are entitled to overtime, or a call, as the case may be. I understand a ruling has been made on this division that "handling mail is a part of the regular station duties of an agent, for which no overtime will be paid." Rule 8, Clause A of schedule, provides that, "Telegraphers * * * required to remain more than the hours as hereinbefore provided, will be allowed overtime, etc." It makes no difference what service is required, if it is something that can not be done within your regular hours and necessitates your attention outside of such regular hours, you are entitled to overtime pay and should insist that it be allowed you.

Correct seniority list of January 1, 1914, as follows: Scratch all numbers, 121 to 136 inclu-

sive; scratch Nos. 104, 108, 111 and 118; add No. 109, Fuller K. Sims, Sept. 5, 1912. Please make these corrections on your lists, instead of writing me for new lists or for corrections, as I have not the time to attend to these matters. Seniority lists are printed and distributed about the first of each year, and corrections published quarterly in the journal, making it easy for you to keep your list corrected to date.

Some of the largest sweaters of labor have recently become very much concerned about the "rights of unorganized labor and the freedom of contract," and in order to draw the public attention from their oppression of all labor, are shouting that the unions are divesting the non-union workmen of their constitutional right to work for whom and for what they will. Such slush will fall short of the purpose for which it is used. Organized labor have the same right to speak for unorganized labor as trust-organized employers have to speak for it. Strike-breakers would not be getting fancy pay for their specialty if there were no labor organizations.

Five telegraphers who formerly carried cards and have drawn from \$10 to \$15 per month each in increased salaries under the last two revisions by dropping their membership are keeping us from having a 100 per cent membership on the main line, simply because they could not violate the schedule at will. Members should demonstrate to them, in no uncertain way, what they think of such action.

B. E. NASON,
Local Chairman.

The local fund, first quarter ending March 31, 1914, is as follows: Cash on hand January 1, 1914, \$11.50; receipts first quarter 1914, \$28.00; total, \$39.50. Disbursements—Seniority lists, \$5.25; typewriter supplies for local chairman, \$4.00; total disbursements, \$9.25; balance cash on hand April 1, 1914, \$30.25.

Dues 50 cents semi-annually, payable in advance. All members are urged and expected to contribute to this fund, which is used for the local expenses of this division. If you have not sent in your fifty cents for the current six months, please do so at once, remitting to the undersigned at Athol, Idaho.

E. S. SMITH,
Local Secretary and Treasurer.

Idaho Division Notes—

Bro. W. E. Floyd, first Paradise, off a few days, was relieved by Bro. F. K. Sims.

Non Hartman, second Kildce, sick for about a week, was relieved by Bro. Bartley, who later relieved Bro. C. O. Thompson, third Clarks Fork, who relieved Bro. Stevens at Kildce a few days.

Sister Allgaier, relieved on second Trout Creek by Bro. Barton, returned from a trip through California; relieved Bro. LaMoreaux on third Hope, to Sand Point, as night ticket clerk. Sister Stevens, third Trout Creek, on leave relieved by Sister Marshall, later relieved by Bro. Jackewitz, on account of illness.

Bro. Elver, agent White Pine, on thirty days' leave, relieved by Bro. Partridge.

Bro. Phillips, second trick Noxon, relieved a couple of shifts, by Bro. Sims.

Bro. Dierkes, agent Cocolalla, with the assistance of Bro. Nason, is getting quite a start in Wyandottes and Rhode Island Reds.

Third Kootenai has been discontinued; Bro. Woolman bumping Bro. Davidson from second. A semaphore has been erected at Kootenai yard and all wires cut into that office. Kootenai depot will be closed from 7 p. m. until 12:01 a. m., and from 12 noon to 1 p. m.; two telegraphers on nine-hour shifts will handle the office. Bro. C. A. Culler, returning from his honeymoon, relieved Bro. Griffith, on second Kootenai yard, three days and then relieved Bro. McGee on third there. Bro. King, formerly on third Kootenai yard, is relieving Bro. Lentsch, Hartline agency, on vacation.

Sister Gephart, who has been ill for some time past, is improving.

Bro. N. A. Smith, of Wilbur, was relieved a few days on account of illness by Bro. P. M. Anderson, of Creston, who was struck by the reduction in force last fall.

Bro. C. C. Hazen, second Pullman, bid in the telegrapher's position at Davenport.

Some of our brothers on the west end are on vacation, but having received no notes from that end, am unable to give particulars. Please send notes to Bro. Nason before the 20th of each month.

"Ye scribe" is indebted to Bros. Kay and Anderson for news notes this month.

The two Hartman brothers dropped out on June 30, 1913, "going to quit railroading."

"No card, no favors." Div. Coa.

Montana Division—

Bro. Gentry, third Logan, resigned, going on a ranch, relieved by Bro. Strachan, of second, and he by Bro. Jesse Rasor, transferred from the Y. & M. V., later relieved by Bro. Carleton.

Mr. Holker, agent Toston, took the visual examination recently at Livingston. Bro. Brennehan, agent Three Forks, will also have to take it.

Since the helper was taken off at Lombard the brothers are handling the gasoline elevator there in transferring to the Milwaukee, for which the Milwaukee boys are allowed \$7.50 a month extra. Our local chairman has asked for the same allowance.

Bro. Kittner, who relieved Bros. Hay and Lofgren, agents Pipestone and Waterloo, while off for visual examination, later went to East Helena third. Bro. Swanson is relieving Agent Thomson, East Helena, ninety days, with Mr. Hale on second.

Mr. McDowell is relieving Agent Welliver at Pony on account of sickness.

Bro. Perkins, in the Missoula Hospital, keeps improving, now being able to use wheel chair. Our popular dispatcher, Joe Lund, third trick west end, was very low for several days with stomach trouble and an abscess on the appendix. We are all pleased to learn of his improvement.

Bros. Bowers and Hewey relieving on Townsend first and third, and Mr. Donnelly, a new man, on third Manhattan. Bro. W. C. Bremigan, another new man, is from the B. & O. S.-W.

Bro. Boyd, agent Sappington, recently forced to go to Bozeman, has recovered from the ailment to his ear.

Bro. Duff, on Whitehall second, is going back to the R. M. Division. We hate to lose such a good man now as "WH" is solid. Patterson, a new man, on first there, while Bro. Bush visited his fiancée, and took the finishing touches of the Elks degree at Red Lodge.

New members on the west end, west of Logan: Bros. Bowers and Hewey, Townsend; Hay, Pipestone; Bush and Riddle, Whitehall; besides several transfers.

Assignments second sub.: E. S. Hale, second East Helena; W. R. McDowell, second Whitehall; Bro. D. W. Agnew, third Belgrade; Bro. A. J. Herrick, first Bozeman; C. T. Williams, third East Helena; Bro. W. L. Strachan, third Logan; Bro. L. C. Carleton, second Logan; Bro. E. R. Warren, second Bozeman; Bro. Ayerest, third Bozeman; Bro. Hewey, second Red Lodge; Mr. Linn, agent-operator Clyde Park. On bulletin: Second Belgrade, third Columbus and agent-operator Fromberg.

Mr. Montague, who relieved Mr. Douglas at Grey Cliff while sick, also relieved Bro. Dahl at Mission, while he brought his wife home from Butte Hospital, where she underwent a very serious operation. We are pleased to say she is improving since returning home.

Bro. Morgan, resigned, is now with the A. P. at Helena. We wish him success.

Bro. Harlan, Chestnut, is on his claim near Reed Point; relieved by Montague.

Mr. Farnsworth appointed exclusive agent Whitehall, to succeed Mr. Scott, transferred to Townsend, vice Anderson, resigned. This leaves Clyde Park vacant.

Bros. Turvey and Unger are planning for a business and pleasure trip east. We wish them a pleasant and successful journey.

Mrs. Hanlon and Bro. McDonald, on extra at Columbus. Sister Tayler farming near Reed Point. Bro. Warren gone to Bozeman.

Bro. Calhammer writes he is doing well back in dear old Iowa, where the corn grows so tall they have to climb a tree to husk it.

Bro. Carleton recently in Seattle owing to the illness of his sister, whom we are pleased to report is now on the road to recovery.

Ballots are out for the election of a new local chairman. Bro. Haines is filling the position temporarily. Bros. Cranwill and Haines are the only two names on the ballot—both good men.

I have no report of the meeting held in Livingston, Saturday evening, April 11th, as I was unable to attend. We should all attend these monthly meetings, the second Saturday of each month, place to be advised when other than Livingston.

The installing of automatic blocks over the Bozeman hill will be started May 1st.

Dispatchers Nichols and Powley were recently up the Shields River fishing—that's all.

Dispatcher Masters, Conductor Dan Healey and W. Bradford, of B. & B. department, were recently elected aldermen in Livingston.

The new postoffice there is an honor to the Chicago of the West, being of the most up to date type of federal buildings.

One brother says I am no poet, just as if I didn't know it; that makes me sore, and I shall write no more. SHORTY.

Seattle Division—

Sister Crandall, second Snohomish, on ninety days' leave, relieved by Bro. Trainor.

The depot at Bothell was recently threatened with total loss by fire, but, owing to the prompt action of Bro. Pearson, it was saved.

Bro. McBride, third Ellensburg, is on sixty days' leave, relieved by Bro. Brakhane, who has been relieving Bro. McIntyre, second Ravensdale. Bro. Larsen is relieving the agent at Ravensdale. It is now Bro. Davidson on first there.

Bro. Hart, extra agent, is relieving Agent Rockway at Kanaskat for ninety days.

Bro. Kelly awarded third Auburn transfer, Mr. Depue first, and second still on bulletin.

Sister Rivett, second Borup, while visiting friends on the sound was relieved by Mr. Benoit.

Bro. Silliphant, Nelsons, on a trip to Denver, relieved by Sister Leeper, later relieving Mr. Burghard, who relieved Bro. Hoffman at Puyallup.

Sister Johnson, third Upham, on leave, relieved by Mr. Cipereano.

Bro. and Sister Dawley, first and second Weston, were relieved by Sisters Leeper and Morgan during a visit of the stork. Bro. Dawley has resumed duty again.

Bro. Ackerman, Roslyn, gone to Iowa on his honeymoon, relieved by ex-Bro. Millikin. Bro. Ackerman and bride left Cle Elum amid a shower of rice.

Work on the big fan at tunnel No. 2 is progressing very rapidly and will soon be in operation.

Bro. Farrington awarded second Ellensburg, relieved at second Easton by Mr. Selvidge.

The meeting at Auburn set for the second Saturday has been changed to the third Saturday.

"HAPPY."

Tacoma Division -

Owing to being off several days, I was unable to keep up with the changes.

After a new schedule is secured it is bad policy to lose interest and neglect to pay dues, causing the local chairman a lot of extra work. We hope the brothers and sisters will not get into this habit, as we all want more money and better working conditions, and the only way to secure them is by hard work both to the company and our Order. The delinquents should get busy and pay up, and we should see that the nons who accepted the increase secured last fall, but so far have not contributed one cent, are brought to time. If they are able to purchase pianos, automobiles, etc., they are certainly able to carry an up-to-date. Instead of doing that, some of them even try

on every possible occasion to keep others from joining the Order.

So far none of the members have replied to my letter in a recent issue in regard to levying an assessment of ten cents a month, payable quarterly, for a social relief fund. We have now about \$70 in the fund, and if the members will contribute just ten cents a month, we would soon be able to meet all local expenses without calling on the members for a special donation. Please give us your views on this at once.

Bro. W. E. Yordy, second Kalama, is on a trip to Canada, relieved by W. D. McClelland, former agent at Sumner.

Bro. O. E. Duncanson, at Oakland, Ore., on the S. P., in a recent letter to Bro. Graham, sends fraternal greetings to the brothers and sisters on "Fighting 54."

Bro. Virum, who relieved Bro. Henderson, Tenino second, a few days on account of the illness of his mother, later relieved Bro. Lowery, second Yelm, who had to undergo another operation. Bro. Lowery, on return from hospital, relieved Sister Keyes, third Vader on account of the illness of her mother, later returning to Yelm, vice Bro. Cole.

Bros. Gillespie, Henderson, Ashwell, Bradbury, Peck, Wright, Sales and Hugg were called in for eye examination recently. Bro. Gillespie was relieved by Bro. Hatton, later transferred to the Duluth Division.

Bro. Carr, who secured "CN" Centralia, was relieved a few days by Bro. Swille, bumped from first Raymond by Bro. Lindel, bumped from Montesano by Bro. Richie.

Bro. Lang, from Miln, who relieved Mr. Snead, second Fifteenth street a few weeks, later relieved Bro. Peck at Hillhurst while in Seattle purchasing laundry machinery for the Peck & Sherman firm.

Bro. Lang, who relieved Bro. Matousek at "YD" a few nights while off sick, also relieved W. S. Fiske, third Rainier, and was later called into the dispatcher's office, relieved by J. D. McDonnell, from the Pasco Division.

Bro. Kuhn, third Fifteenth street, Tacoma, off during the birth of his baby girl, was relieved by Bro. Lang, who later bid in third Tenino.

Mr. Hankins was relieved on second Roy by W. D. McClelland until position was bid in by Mr. Grover.

Bro. W. G. Lowery bid in third Roy, and Mr. DeShields, Olympia days. Agent-operator Dryad not yet assigned.

Bro. Hipke, second Chehalis, off a few days, was relieved by Mr. Offitt, and Bro. Jolly, at Doty, off a few days on account of sickness, by Mr. Caples.

Bro. E. A. Collins has returned to agency Wilkerson, after sixty days' leave, vice Bro. R. B. Goodwin, relieving Bro. J. B. Graybeal, agent Bucoda, on sixty days' leave to "Old Missouri."

Bro. Dennie Powers has returned to Carbonado, vice Bro. T. H. Kellogg, relieving Bro. H. D. Patterson, agent Lakeview, on sixty days' leave.

Superintendent Albee recently made a trip over the Buckley line and all branches, and arranged the hours of agent-operators Burnett, Wilkerson,

Buckley, Carbonado and Fairfax, so that no overtime need be worked.

Mr. Hawkins relieved Mr. Waldo, second South Tacoma, while working in dispatcher's office.

Bro. Virum was relieved at second Yelm a few days by W. D. McClelland.

Sister Mullen, first Yelm, on three months' leave, relieved by Bro. Cole.

Bro. Seblist, second Tidewater, off a month, relieved by Strapan, former nights "CD."

Bro. C. E. Ashwell has been appointed agent at Tenino, vice C. H. Girardot, who relieved Mr. Thornton at Vader, who went to Raymond.

The force at Tenino are proud in having secured so congenial and efficient a man as Bro. Ashwell.

Bro. W. H. Lang, third Tenino, has been appointed division correspondent. Please send him all the changes in your office and near you.

I wish to thank all the members who have in the past contributed to our write-ups, and hope they will continue in the future to help Bro. Lang.

J. F. HENDERSON, Cert. 878.

Pasco Division—

Bro. Sigman, second "RN" Pasco yard, is now on second Wallula for the O. W. R. N., relieved by Bro. T. N. Holman.

Bro. W. C. Acord, agent Wheeler, bumped by Bro. Pierce, second Cunningham (abolished), goes to Schragg as agent, bumping Bro. Mitchell.

Bro. H. N. Crevinston, first Toppenish, is off ninety days, touring Canada.

Bro. McCormick, third Ritzville, bumped Sister Moore at Toppenish, who bumped Bro. John Tremble at Roza, who bumped Bro. Hampton, third Mabton. Sister M. French, previously bumped at Roza by Tremble, went to Glade, bumping Bro. McCay, who bumped Bro. Sigman off Kiona second, who bumped Bro. S. A. Phelps off second "RN," who goes to third Yard. Bro. Todd went to second Ritzville from Sprague.

Bro. C. H. Mockross, pitcher for the N. P. Ry. ball team, in a practice game recently, collided with the second baseman, receiving injuries to his right knee which will keep him in the hospital eight weeks. The team has been doing good work, losing only one game to Connell, with which it recently played a return game on Connell's grounds, resulting 9 to 3 in favor of the N. P. team.

Bro. E. E. LaMarche, who relieved Bro. Mockross in "PA" relay, was bumped at Granger, and denied the agency on account of traffic department officials saying they did not want to make a change. This has gone to General Superintendent Richards for decision.

Wires were taken out of Waitsburg station, giving Bro. Wilde a chance to bump.

Sister O. L. Johnson is laying off thirty days.

Bro. C. S. Chadwick is laying off waiting for wounds to heal up he received while out joy riding in his auto. Sister Chadwick, in the same accident, was not seriously hurt.

Bro. E. T. Stevens, days Pomona, was at Yakima on business.

Superintendent Coyle has returned from Los Angeles in his private car.

Chief Dispatcher Moran went over the First District, looking over points for new station and others closed recently.

Bro. Ralph Tremble, second Toppenish, was a recent Wapato visitor. Bro. D. J. Beattie and wife visited North Yakima Sunday recently.

Sister Pickard, operator Thrall, has been visiting in the East a few weeks.

Sister O. L. Johnson, third Eltopia, visited her parents, Bro. and Sister Johnson, at Vista recently.

Bro. Paul Freeman, third North Yakima, is married.

Bro. Kelly, first Kennewick, was in Pasco on business recently. CERT. 606.

Dakota Division—

Bro. Ellsworth recently appointed me assistant local chairman, and requested me to collect the items this month. It has been a pleasure to do this, and I wish to thank the many brothers who sent me the items.

Sister Jaymes, of Pettibone, has been appointed local chairman of the Ladies' Auxiliary on this division. Brothers, get your wives and lady relatives to join. Sister Jaymes is supplied with blanks, etc., and desires that anyone she has not yet written to will drop her a line and let her know that they are interested. Let's all lend a helping hand, and make the auxiliary as strong a membership as the O. R. T. on this division as far as percentage is concerned as quickly as possible. Sister Jaymes wishes to thank the brothers who helped her to be put in as local chairman, and will handle the work to the best of her ability.

The main line is now solid O. R. T., with the exception of Messrs. Moe, at McKenzie; Jolley, at Bernier, and Boyle and Rich, at "J" Jamestown, and Mr. DeVoe, at Woodworth, is the only non still left on the Pingree-Wilton branch. Boys, drop him a line and tell him of the benefits and pleasure of belonging. With our membership almost 100 per cent strong, let us put forth our best efforts in the interest of the Northern Pacific and show the officials that we are a better class of men since our new schedule. Take just as good care of offices, waiting-rooms, freight-rooms and platforms as if they were our own, and make the traveling public feel that this is the best line in the Northwest to patronize.

Write the nons or mail them your TELEGRAPHER, and call their attention to the fact that the June fee for joining will be only \$5.50.

Bro. Ellsworth will write the items next month. Send him your notes by the 20th.

O. H. UNDERWOOD,
Assistant Local Chairman.

Dakota Division Notes—

Bro. J. H. Case, second Bismarck, took a two weeks' pleasure trip to Butte and Boulder, Mont., accompanied by Cashier Kirk, of the express company. Bro. D. C. Poindexter relieved on second and Bro. C. J. Roberts on third.

Branch Dispatcher Yostie relieved on main line tricks while Dispatchers Anderson, Mock and Syler went over the line giving all the boys a glad hand.

E. C. Knoop, at Grand Rapids; J. F. Ellis, Robinson; A. F. Anderson, at Cannon Ball, and C. E. Boyden, agent Oberon, will soon be with us. It is now Bro. Fred A. Sommars, agent Mercer, again.

Bro. R. J. Bashinske, agent Pingree, relieved by F. E. Redner, Ladoga, was off for a week, accompanying his wife to Fargo for an operation, from which she is rapidly convalescing.

G. C. Leach, with the Soo Line temporarily, writes for blanks to join "Fighting 54."

Bro. W. A. Nelson, a banker at New England, visited with Bro. Rotramel at New Leipzig between trains while en route to Montana to open a new bank.

John Ireton is at Goodrich after several months' visit in the Western States.

Bro. W. E. Johnson, agent Barlow, has been rounding up butter and eggs for the dispatchers at Jamestown, and Bro. O'Hara had a corner in the egg business at Sterling.

Bro. S. F. Morse, operator-clerk Mott, has transferred from Division 71.

Bro. J. O. Wright, second Burleigh, bid in agency Driscoll; F. J. Moe relieving Bro. W. W. James at McKenzie, who relieved the man at Pettibone, on bid; gone into the creamery business.

Local Chairman Ellsworth has made several trips to Bismarck on his Excelsior motorcycle, after marring his anatomy considerably learning to keep on top of it.

Bro. G. Struekens bid in second Burleigh; relieved on second Windsor by Bro. F. Thimmech.

General Superintendent Nichols and Superintendent Strachan made an inspection trip over the entire division recently, and were well pleased to find everything in such fine shape.

Bro. Goin, second Windsor, is on a sight-seeing trip in Montana.

Bro. C. L. Gibler, second Dawson, is on a sixty-day leave; relieved by Bro. C. J. Roberts.

Bro. John Smith's wife, of Mott, called on friends at Elgin recently; also Bro. C. E. Rotramel's.

The few delinquents should pay up at once, take a lot of unnecessary work off of our local chairman's shoulders, and do justice to themselves.

Remember the motto, boys, "No card, no favors," and enforce it.

Next month when you send in your notes to the local chairman give him your ideas and suggestions on the parcel post matter, and help land the nons, and get our division solid. Read the item on page 401, headed "Maryland's New Law," and also the item regarding the new schedule the brothers on the Boston Elevated Railway just signed up, on page 409. Both in the March issue of THE TELEGRAPHER. Help to get her solid, boys, and possibly our next revision of our schedule may be made on this plan.

CERT. 1744.

Minnesota Division—

Bro. Hive is back on second Wadena after being in Brainerd Hospital for two weeks.

Local Chairman Ash off two days taking his wife to Anoka Sanitarium. Bartrun bid in third Wadena, vice Murphy gone to Tacoma. Hoppe-
man off on vacation a few days, relieved by Britz, from Perham, who later relieved Bartrun, third Wadena.

Bro. Joe Lords is in Missoula Hospital; Paul is with him. We are glad to hear that he is recovering. Paul was relieved on second Detroit by Harry Johnson.

All the dispatchers except one have been over the division recently. We are always glad to see them on these trips. Longballow, extra dispatcher, relieved them.

Several bulletins have been issued recently, and I have received no bids. If you bid on them please send me a copy of your bid.

We would like some news from the Fergus branch. There should be something doing over there soon.

Thanks to Bro. Taylor for the notes he sent from the Red River branch.

Bartrun relieved the agent at Foxhome a few days. W. O. Ash, Local Chairman.

Red River Branch—

Bro. Voight, East Grand Forks, visited at Pembina between trains recently.

Bro. Taylor, of Grattan, visited in Elk River at his home four days; relieved by Mr. Owston, agent Grafton. CERT. 1581.

St. Paul Division—

I have a revised seniority list and will be glad to furnish those of you wishing a copy.

Those of you still delinquent better get busy.

We have secured seven new members this year so far, but we have a few more to line up, and I want you to have them prepared to come in when I get out on the division, as I have to do business quick sometimes and get back for duty next morning. Let us make the division 90 per cent strong, or 100 per cent if possible. It is now Bro. J. L. Barton, agent Grey Eagle.

Bro. G. L. Blackhurst, third Philbrook, bid in third Royalton; Mr. Stickney, second Philbrook, has returned from his trip to Montana and Salt Lake City, and relieved Bro. Macey, who relieved Bro. Peters, the newly married man, on third Philbrook, while in Minneapolis purchasing housekeeping articles; later relieved T. O. Smith, third Randall, who relieved Bro. R. A. Nygaard, agent there, off with the mumps; Bro. Nygaard bid in second Cushing. Bro. Weum, agent Cyrus, visiting around Verndale and Fargo, bid in agency Randall, leaving agency Cyrus on bulletin.

Bro. E. F. Buck and Mrs. Buck, first and second Darling, off a few days shopping in Minneapolis, were relieved by Extras Larson and Johnson.

Royalton and several other offices are now solid.

Born to Bro. E. F. Bryan and wife, a boy.

CLYDE BARTER, Local Chairman.

Lake Superior Division—

I wish to thank Bros. Babcock, Spurrier and Bailey for the notes I received from them.

The vacancy caused by the death of Bro. Vesper at Wyoming agency was filled temporarily by Bro. Peterson, of second there. Mr. Brownlee relieved Curtis, second Central Ave., a few days.

Bro. Paul Ebert, at Walbridge, Moose Lake, etc., last fall, has returned from the Montana Division.

Mr. Mooney, third Groningen, bid in third West Duluth, vice Cohen, resigned.

Mr. Farmer, from the C. & N. W., assigned Maple agency, failed to pass the eye examination; relieved by Bro. Hatton.

Mr. Titus, third Rush City, resigned; relieved by Bro. James, later resigned to go west, relieved by Bro. Rust.

Bro. Ebert, who relieved Bro. Smith, at Deerwood a few days, later relieved Bro. Johnson, third Moose Lake, relieving Bro. Hovde, at Willow River.

Bro. Knedel, third Wyoming, was off several weeks on account of sickness, relieved by Bro. Babcock, who is with us again after a tour of the West. Later Bro. Babcock relieved Mr. Hamm on McGregor third several nights.

Agency Stacy bid in by Bro. Warner, from Hugo.

Bro. Russell is now on third Motley; Bro. Maupin, third McGregor, relieved Bro. O'Neal, agent Sawyer, a few days. Bro. Beall, on third McGregor a few nights, relieved Bro. Blake, third Aitkin, who relieved Bro. Johnson, second there, on thirty days' leave. Ex-Bro. Murphy, off two years on account of sickness, is on McGregor third, and will soon line up again.

Bro. Mount, agent Aitkin, on ninety days' leave, relieved by Division Relief Agent "Darby" Gray.

Bro. Bailey was relieved ten days on third Carlton by Bro. Mason, from the Rock Island, who has gone back east.

Mr. Roach, a new man on third Cromwell, will come in soon.

Bro. Russell, third Motley, resigned, going with the Burlington, relieved by Bro. Babcock.

The great number of new men coming and going makes it almost impossible to keep track of them all. If I have favored any nons with the prefix "brother," here's hoping that they will be such before long.

I hope the brothers who sent me notes this month will continue the good work. Be sure you send them before the 20th, so as to get them in the journal for the following month.

DIV. COR.

Montana Division Notes—

NOTICE.

At the recent special election for local chairman of the Montana Division, Bro. F. M. Haines, Cert. 1321, was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the departure of Bro. A. A. Wilson from the N. P.

Bro. Haines is located at Logan, Mont., and it is to be desired that every member of this division

will render him every possible assistance in continuing the good work inaugurated by Bro. Wilson. The division has never been in as good shape as it is at present. Yours fraternally,

I. N. HOLMES, Gen'l S. & T.,
Olympia, Wash.

Wheeling & Lake Erie R. R., Div. No. 55.

Toledo Division—

Porter, reopened, bid in by Bro. D. L. Ames. Bellevue operator and clerk abolished. Bro. Rinebolt bumped Bro. Lyons, first "V" Bellevue, who bumped Bro. D. L. Ames, who bumped Bro. Johnson, third Clyde, gone to Cleveland Division. Second and third Clyde abolished. Bro. Thurstin doing the ten-hour daylight stunt, and "Pap" Ayers bumped Bro. Sheridan, third Bellevue, to extra list.

Bro. F. C. Ames, third Norwalk yard, on two weeks' vacation, relieved by Extra Dispatcher Whistler.

Cleveland & Wheeling Division—

Congress Lake, Twinsburg and Stark closed. Brewster made a three-trick office, and Provident and Herrick agencies abolished.

Bro. F. M. Eby bid in third Kent.

Somerdale and Pittsburg Jct. two tricks taken off, and one taken off at Adena. Bro. C. J. Fulton, first Pittsburg Jct., bumped Bro. Tom Lucas, third Jewett, who went to Adena first. Bro. E. W. Grose, third Pittsburg Jct., bumped Bro. Butler, third Hopedale.

We are deeply grieved by the death of Bro. Wm. Glaspy, third Warrenton, forty years of age, who died of pneumonia at the Wilson Hospital, Martins Ferry, Ohio, April 10th. Bro. Glaspy has been employed on this road since 1902. He was a man of exemplary habits, a member of the M. E. Church at Martins Ferry, and a good, loyal brother. He left a wife, one child, 14 months old; a mother, three brothers and hundreds of friends and members of this organization to mourn his loss. Bros. Warnock and Shrodes, of Warrenton; Smith, of Brilliant; Bell, of Mingo; Buchanan, of Canton; Graham, of Bolivar; Fulton, of Pittsburg Jct.; Battin, of Terminal Jct., and Aby, of Yorkville, attended the funeral at Martins Ferry on Easter Sunday, Bros. Shrodes, Bell, Smith, Battin, Buchanan and Aby acting as pallbearers.

Bro. E. A. Butler is on third Warrenton pending bulletin.

Bro. J. D. Harbaugh and wife spent a week with their parents at Crooksville, Ohio.

Bro. W. K. Carr, first Mingo yard, on vacation, relieved by Bro. Fisher. Bro. Dan Healy has returned to second Mingo yard, after two weeks' illness.

Bro. B. H. Betton and Mr. Little on a month's vacation, enjoying the sights of some of the eastern cities.

Bro. C. R. Guthrie, first Jewett, attended Coxy's army at Canton, relieved by Bro. Harbaugh, who also relieved Bro. Howard Warnock, second Warrenton, while he spent a few days recently with his parents at Warnock, Ohio.

The telephones have been put in on east end from Harmon to Sherrodsville, and the wires for the phones have been strung from Brewster to Ironville, thereby displacing one set of dispatchers.

I wish to thank Bros. Ames, Harbaugh and Warnock for the above items. It should be understood that I can not furnish an interesting write-up without the support of the brothers at various points along the line. Some of you make an effort to send me a few items for the next write-up.

R. F. SMITH, Correspondent.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Our heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom, has deemed it best to call to the great beyond our beloved brother, William F. Glaspy; in manifestation of our fraternal sympathy, be it

Resolved, That the members of Division 55, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the sorrowing wife and family their sincere and heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved wife and family, a copy spread on the minutes of the division, and a copy forwarded to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

F. C. SHRODES,
H. K. BELL,
R. F. SMITH,

Committee.

Southern Ry., Div. No. 59.

Washington Division—

Brothers, suppose you were to find a man in your home or your office taking something that did not belong to him, would you invite him to come back and get another load of the "swag?" Would you invite him to come and take dinner with you, meet your family and treat him as a friend? Would you slap him on the back and tell him that he is a good fellow, or would you hold him and turn him over to an officer of the law and then do all in your power to put him where he could get no more of other people's property?

Suppose you found a man in your trade or profession taking something that did not belong to him, would you accord him the same courtesies, the same privileges and the same respect that you do to the man who is doing the right thing by you and his co-workers?

Brothers, what are you doing with that "non" you are working with? What are you doing to eliminate him? Is not the non taking something that does not belong to him—something that he has not paid for? And what have you done to show him his error?

This is a personal question of vital interest to every one of us.

Are you satisfied to continue to pay for all the music while that non enjoys the dancing more than you do? What do you carry your card for? What does it represent to you?

It is an investment, brothers, not only a financial one, but an investment in protection, in principle and in manhood (backbone). What are you doing to protect your investment?

The non is beginning to be quite a factor on this division. You should wake up to the fact and get busy.

It is a matter of personal protection for you to get everyone to carry an up-to-date.

After you have given him an opportunity to do the right thing by his fellow-workers, if he fails to do so, show him that you can no longer treat him as your friend or an honest man.

It is a business proposition for you to look out for your own interest and protection.

Will you continue to jeopardize your protection and interests by just letting things go along easy and waiting for someone else to come along and work on the nons?

Do your part; there is plenty for all to do.

If you are interested and wish to know who is who, the information will gladly be given you by either Bro. Burgess or myself upon application.

I have received a number of letters and personal requests to ask for a meeting through THE TELEGRAPHER. I am in favor of calling one, and will do everything in my power to make it a success. If you want a meeting, write Bro. Burgess to call one and tell him you will come. If he receives enough promises of attendance to warrant it, he will be glad to comply with your wishes.

The interlocking plant and tower have been moved from Bealton to Cameron Run to replace the one destroyed by fire last month. The boys at Cameron Run are unanimous in their verdict that box cars do not make good telegraph offices. Bro. Lewis found a novel way to dispose of some of the surplus interlockers of the division.

The division has been equipped with "order hoops." This is a step in the right direction, and something we have been needing for a number of years. Why not some "order boards or signals" next? With the two there would be a big saving of delays to traffic.

Cut out the playing and bad language on the wires. Answer your dispatchers and blocks promptly, and you will have enough to keep you busy. Brothers, try to locate the guilty parties and report the matter to the chief.

It should have been Bro. Lewis instead of plain "mister." Ditto Bro. Javins at Cameron Run.

Bro. L. M. Brittle, third Brandy, is taking his vacation, relieved by W. A. Dingledine, a new man, and Bro. C. S. McCleary, second Buena, is taking his, relieved by Bro. M. H. Crump.

Sister L. E. Connelly, third Coolwell, is on the sick list, relieved by Mr. Clarke, a new man.

Sister Hamm, first Barbourville, has gone to Hot Springs, Ark., with her brother, who has rheumatism, relieved by A. J. Redmiles, a new man.

Sister Robertson, first Gilberts, is on the sick list, relieved by Lewis Carichoff, a new man.

Bro. Dudley, third New Glasgöw, has resumed after a short illness. Glad to see the brother on the line again.

Bro. Roberts, first Shipman, has resumed after a short rest.

Bro. J. B. Norvell and A. E. Harrison, Arrowhead, off for a few days, relieved by Bro. Fields, Sr.

Bro. T. M. Weaver and family, of Nokesville, are on a trip to Florida. We will set 'em up if Tom don't go to sleep and let an old "crocodile" get him. He was relieved by Mr. Dingleline.

Bro. M. W. Douglas relieved Agent Mitchells, attending court.

Mr. McClung, from the general office, gets Warrenton agency, and T. G. Meredith bid in Gainesville agency.

Bro. P. A. McCleary has learned the road, expecting to do extra dispatching in the future. Our good wishes for his success.

Bro. Brinkman, the newlywed, third "CD" office, is the right man in the right place.

The Southern expects to set a precedent in handling peaches this year—about nine thousand cars in sight.

Bro. B. W. Munday attended the funeral of Mr. Faulconer at Coolwell.

Bro. Page, second Barrett, off for Easter, now sports a new straw bonnet.

Bro. M. W. Douglass bid in second Elma.

Bro. Newman, second Weyburn, off sick, was relieved by J. S. Graham, a new man.

Bro. R. D. Lewis, first Edsall, off on account of ill health, relieved by Mr. Bloxton.

Trainmaster T. P. Weston transferred to Manassas branch, vice G. R. Buddin, who comes to the main line. We are sorry to lose our genial little trainmaster.

Bro. Abbott, first Nokesville, on vacation, was relieved by Mr. McCarthy, and he by Bro. Crump.

Bro. Javins, first Cameron Run, off on account of the illness of his little son, was relieved by Thomas Sharp.

The automatic block which will be in operation between Cameron and Orange, June 1st, will probably cut out twelve or fourteen men and cause quite a lot of moving about.

Bro. Allen, of Strasburg, has promised to let us hear from the Manassas branch next month.

I wish to thank the boys who assisted me this month and ask them to come again. Unless I have your help I can not give you the doings. I have spoken.

W. E. B., Div. Cor.

Danville Division—

The last monthly meeting in Greensboro had a small attendance. I regret that sickness prevented me from being present.

Boys, those of you who have neglected to re new your cards to June 30th kindly send in the necessary amount at once. It makes it very costly to send a man over the road to get them.

Glad to see Bro. Bodenheimer, Stokesland first, lack after a severe illness; relieved by Mr. Hash.

Bro. J. L. Jacobs, Dry Fork, is off "farming;" relieved by Mr. Ray, and Mr. Fitzpatrick is relieving Bro. E. A. Lillard at "GO," who is relieving Bro. Stroud.

Bro. Knowls, Pelham Jct., while off sick was relieved by L. W. Lillard; Bro. C. J. Wright is relieving Bro. Turner, at Reidsville, on account of sickness, and W. H. Booth is relieving W. F. Baxter, at Mizpah.

Bro. O. C. Knight, who relieved Bro. J. W. Woody, at Pacoman, on vacation, is now relieving

ing Bro. Kendall, Brown Summit, N. C., relieving Bro. E. A. Lillard, relieving H. C. Coe.

W. F. Baxter, from Mizpah, relieved John Forbes, at Denim Jct., off celebrating Easter.

Dispatcher Jackson, who relieved Night Chief Faulconer, while off sick, was relieved by Third Trick Dispatcher Baxter, on first.

J. W. Lee bid in Salisbury second, leaving "MY" second on bulletin.

Send me all the notes you can, boys, and we will try and have a write-up every month.

C. M. KIRKMAN, Cert. 2819.

Memphis Division—

The telegraphers who remained loyal to the N. C. & St. L. in the trouble there about two years ago have had their wages reduced recently from \$10 to \$27 a month. They are beginning to realize now what it means to remain loyal and true in cases of this kind.

This is a different kind of loyalty practiced by the men on the Southern who make it their duty to give the company the best service they possibly can in return for a good schedule and decent working conditions.

We are glad to have Bro. W. J. Bibb with us and hope he can help us secure some of the nons who are still procrastinating, giving all kinds unreasonable excuses for not showing their manhood.

Third "DS," third "V," and second and third "MC" are now on bulletin. Bro. C. E. Uptain is at "DS" temporarily; relieved on second "MC" by Bro. Tipler, relieved on third "MC" by Extra Kimbrough, third "V," by Bro. Busby.

Keep after the extra men until they come in.

DIV. COR., Cert. 2641.

Birmingham Division, East End—

The old faithfuls are still coming out to the meetings. There are twenty-seven on this division who could come and get back in time for work. Usually only about one-third this number attend, and at the last two meetings there were not that many present. Boys, these meetings are for your benefit, and if you don't get what is coming to you don't blame anyone but yourselves. Bros. M. Jackson and W. B. Foster attended the last Sunday meeting at Tallapoosa. You can always depend on them. Brothers, the next time the committee goes to Washington the boys who have been loyal are the ones who are going to be remembered. The ones showing an interest in the cause are the ones who will reap the benefits, and the division of the harvest will be in proportion as you have sown. This will be especially applicable to those who say, "There is no good in the Order." The more you put into a thing the more you get out of it, and those are the ones who show they are interested by coming out to the meetings and keeping their dues paid up.

Some of the delinquents say, "Let the new men pay awhile;" the new men see that the old men are not paying, and says, "If there is no good in it for the old men there is no good in it for us,"

and they drop out. Then you wonder why we don't get more for our work. We are worth as much as a brakeman, and it took us longer to learn our trade, but we sit idly by and allow a few to keep up the expenses, while the brakemen make it their business to pay their dues without waiting for someone to come after them.

Bro. R. J. Williams has been assigned third Waco; relieved by Bro. Harry Foster, on second Douglasville. Bro. Curtis Johnson, extra Waco, is now up to date. Div. COR.

Birmingham Division, West End—

We are glad to hear Bro. Akins is improving, and hope he will soon be back to his post.

Bro. Stewart lost his operator and will be furnished a \$25 helper instead. This puts Bro. Thomas on the extra list. Bro. Dowdle has been allowed a \$25 helper.

Clerk-telegraph job at Cordova is on bulletin; Mrs. Downey has moved to Columbus, Miss.

Bro. O. W. Wilson, agent Drifton, Ala., made a trip to Sheffield recently.

Bro. J. R. Kilgore, second Parrish, is planning a twenty days' vacation.

Bro. J. G. Stewart made a trip over the line west of Berry recently. Bros. Bagwell and Stewart are both suffering with the "auto fever."

Mr. Williams, agent Belk, Ala., promises his application next meeting.

Thanks to Bro. Stewart for the news he furnished, and would be glad if the other boys would drop me a note or call "J" and give me the news. CERT. 253.

Knoxville Division—

Brothers—I note the appeal in THE TELEGRAPHER, March, 1914, pages 407 and 408 from Bro. C. E. Moss, now at Smyrna, Ga., R. F. D. No. 2.

This brother was for some time local chairman of this division, and served on the general committee during the year 1907. He is now suffering with consumption, and unable to work. He writes me that he only realized about \$50 from his appeal through the journal, and adds, "I believe some of the Southern Ry. brothers will do something for me at an early date, and an appeal from you would no doubt bring good results."

Bro. Moss has a family, and being unable to work we can realize just what he is up against, therefore I take great pleasure in making this statement in behalf of Bro. Moss, and believe that many of the brothers of Division 59 will contribute towards his relief. I am sending my remittance at once and anything the Knoxville Division brothers feel like doing in this cause please remit to him direct. I know same will be greatly appreciated.

If you wish to know further about it I refer you to Dr. J. A. Goodwin, of Jasper, Ala., and Dr. J. M. Strickland, of Austell, Ga., also Bro. A. L. Atkins, of Jasper, Ala., and Bro. Quick, grand secretary and treasurer.

W. H. CORD, Local Chairman.

By the promotion within the past two months of Mr. R. E. Simpson and the death of E. J. Wooten, we have lost two of the best friends the telegraphers and station agents ever had. During the time Mr. Simpson was superintendent of the division, and Mr. Wooten chief dispatcher and trainmaster the writer had considerable matters effecting the division to handle with them, and I will state that neither of these gentlemen ever turned me down in a matter of any kind, if at all consistent, whether it was something for the men or myself, and this you will agree is saying a great deal.

I will quote below a letter from our superintendent in answer to mine written him just previous to his departure, expressing our regrets at his leaving and congratulating him upon his promotion:

"KNOXVILLE, TENN., April 10, 1914.

"Mr. W. H. Cord, Charleston, Tenn.

"My Dear Sir—Please be assured of my sincere thanks for your letter of congratulation dated April 9th.

"If, as you say, I am leaving on the Knoxville Division a solid division of friends among the station agents and telegraphers, and I believe this to be the case, I do so with regret, and I do not know that I can say anything except that I wish them all well.

"I do want to say, however, that our relations, which we have had since I have been in charge of the Knoxville Division, have always been pleasant, and this is a source of gratification to me.

"Again thanking you for your letter and the many kind expressions contained therein, I am,

"Sincerely yours,

"R. E. SIMPSON."

We hope for Mr. Simpson's success in his new position as general superintendent, and know that such a reward is always coming to men of his consideration and kindness of heart to the employes.

We are glad to see Mr. Keister coming back home and know that he is glad to get back. We hope he will have a successful period as superintendent of the Knoxville Division.

W. H. CORD, Local Chairman.

Knoxville Division Notes—

The write-up in the March journal, in which the correspondent of this division referred to certain trainmen taking their own orders over the telephone has caused considerable comment by several of our conductors, because no names were mentioned. We do not wish to do an injustice to any of the trainmen, but we know who the guilty parties are, and we propose to take care of our interests just as the other classes of railway men are doing, and unless the practice is discontinued the matter will be taken up just as noted heretofore, then everybody will know just who is guilty. So far as this division is concerned, no offices have been closed as yet in order to have the trainmen do the work, but on certain railroads the telegraph operators for a

stretch of 200 miles have been let out, and trainmen are now taking their orders at those places, therefore we shall protect ourselves against the starting of the practice here, because we feel that such work is against the interests of the telegraphers without calling it by any other name. No telegrapher would ever attempt to perform any of the trainmen's duties, and when they infringe upon any of our rights they will certainly hear from us. We propose to handle the work required of us without any outside interference. We do not wish to cause any bad feeling, but if necessary, we can mention the names and prove it. CERT. 48.

Knoxville Division, Between Bulls Gap and Knoxville—

No one has sent me a single item in six months. It is impossible to furnish a write-up unless you help. Let us try to lift up our noble Order that has done so much for us in the past eight years, and do not fall behind with your dues. If we ever expect to reach the \$75 minimum, we will have to pay our dues promptly and stay in line. Our general committee can not do anything for us unless we do this.

Let other things wait and pay your O. R. T. dues first. Take warning by the case of Telegrapher Allison, first Keister, Tenn., who carried his card up to 1914, then failed to pay his dues for that year, allowing his insurance to lapse, and died on March 26th at the age of seventy-six. The insurance would have been a great help to the widow and children left to mourn his loss. We purchased a nice floral design for the funeral, nearly all the boys on the division contributing towards the \$10 it cost us. Two envelopes came with just my name and address on them, and did not say who from or what station. Hereafter, when we make a floral offering, let each station that donates sign up in full. I want to thank everyone who contributed. Your liberality is certainly appreciated. Hereafter, when a brother dies and we desire to present a floral offering at his funeral, let every member on the division on which he works donate whatever he feels able to give. This is the last thing we can do for him to show our brotherly love.

There still are several nons between Bulls Gap and Knoxville. Let us do our best to get them to join. They have no excuse whatever for remaining on the outside, as they have all been benefited by the Order more or less in the past eight or ten years. Jobs that then paid only \$35 a month now pay \$67 for an eight-hour trick. We are gaining ground every day, and by securing their applications we can get still better working conditions and more money.

Our new superintendent has taken charge of this division. Let us all pay strict attention to our duties and help him make Knoxville one of the best divisions on the Southern. His success will help us in every way.

Bro. Thomas, Mascot second, while attending the funeral of his uncle, E. J. Wooten, was relieved by Telegrapher Anderson, and Bro. E. E. Wooten, Mascot third, while attending the same

funeral. Mr. Wooten being his brother, was relieved by Bro. W. D. Keister. Bro. Wooten and family have the heartfelt sympathy of every telegrapher on this division in their sad bereavement.

Agent-Telegrapher J. O. Remine, New Market, Tenn., while attending court was relieved by F. A. Misner.

Bro. J. E. McCubbin, first Hodges, Tenn., off recently, was relieved by Bro. F. F. Remine.

Bro. Barkley, second Hodges, Tenn., while looking after the floral offering for the deceased Mr. Allison, was relieved by Bro. Rogers.

Bro. C. E. Teague, of Telford, Tenn., second, was relieved recently by Telegrapher Rich.

Bro. P. O. Byerley, Wolf Creek, Tenn., third, was off recently, but did not learn who relieved him.

First Keister, Tenn., was won by J. H. Reams. A. L. C., Cert. 65.

Between Asheville and Morristown—

The projected cut-off from Bulls Gap to this line when completed will open up more offices, and we hope it will become a fact.

Bro. Gott, Delrio second, bid in first there, and Bro. P. O. Byerley, third Wolf Creek, bid in third Bridgeport.

There is some talk of putting in the electric block, which is said to be put in between Knoxville and Morristown.

Some are now taking the vacation coming due and some are taking the money, and extra work is fairly good.

Boys, keep after the few nons along the line until we get them in. Some fell out since the first of the year, and some have never been in. When the committee goes back this time to Washington the nons will be knocked out of the raises and vacations unless they come in at once.

C. K. Calfee is now on third Sandy Bottom, vice Bro. Brown. We all regret very much to have Superintendent Simpson, who has been here so long, leave us, but glad of his promotion, and also glad to welcome back our friend O. B. Keister as our new superintendent.

The section masters recently got a raise of \$3 per month.

Boys, let's have a write-up each month.

CERT. 1632.

Knoxville Division, Between Morristown and Asheville—

Would like to see a good write-up from "up the river" each month. We have not been represented in the journal for some time. Since our regular meetings in Knoxville have been discontinued, the journal is about the only medium through which we may learn of the happenings along the line. Let us have a meeting called and see if we can't arrange to hold regular meetings in Knoxville once a month. It is very discouraging to some of our loyal members not to have these meetings. Why not have a banquet as the Asheville Division recently had at Hickory, N. C.? Meetings are the life of the organization. Let us make every effort to have one called, have a large attendance, and keep our division in good condition.

The meeting at Atkin Hotel, Knoxville, April 21st, in regard to the reinstatement of seniority of two brothers, was largely attended. Sister Bessie Stokley, second Yalu, showed her interest by attending, and it is high time for our inactive brothers to display a similar interest in our organization.

General Chairman Alexander addressed us, and his remarks were very interesting and encouraging. Those who did not attend this meeting missed a treat. Bro. R. C. May, first Yula, was also among those who attended this meeting.

Bro. J. T. Roberts, second Craggy, N. C., on his fifteen days' vacation, was relieved by Bro. G. B. Rogers, who also relieved Bro. A. B. Plemmons, second Bailey, N. C., a few days.

Bro. O. W. Craigmiles, second Rollins, N. C., has recently had some fine sport duck hunting, bagging ten ducks in one day.

Bro. John Swain, third at Delrio, Tenn., was relieved recently by B. B. Biblo. J. J. BAILEY.

Charlotte Division, North End—

Bro. Holmes has notified me that I was elected division correspondent at the meeting in Gastonia, N. C., April 16th, and I desire to thank the members for the honor thus bestowed upon me and their confidence in my ability to represent them. But in order to do this properly, you will have to assist me by sending me all the notes of interest you possibly can not later than the 20th of each month.

A certain agent-operator on this end is now taking fifteen days' vacation on full pay, secured for him by the Order, who becomes insulted if anyone asks him to join. Such people are more to be pitied than censured.

We are working for the largest, if not the best, railroad in the world, and with one common point in view—a furtherance and betterment of its interests. If it's prosperous, we in like manner prosper; and if it suffers, in like manner so do we. We should feel that we are a part of the great system and strive to improve the service of our road and secure business for it by making friends with the public and thereby gain their confidence, and watch every chance to have business routed our way.

Our president, Fairfax Harrison, is quoted as saying, "The Southern Railway is the servant of the Southern people." Truly it is for, symbolically speaking, the Southern Railway has nursed and reared the Southern people from babyhood to manhood, and now at this period of the South's maturity we should, on behalf of our company, remain their trusted public servant and friend.

The death of our brother, Hovey D. Hudson, which occurred at Paris, S. C., March 9th, was a severe shock to us all. He was highly esteemed by all who knew him. His funeral services were attended by quite a number of members of the Order, and the floral tributes furnished by the Order, with the letters "O. R. T." in purple flowers, were very beautiful.

Bro. L. L. Benson, first Paris, off fifteen days recently, was relieved by J. M. Redwine.

J. O. Coan, agent Fair Forest, off fifteen days on full pay, relieved by Bro. M. L. Laughlin. We hope Mr. Coan will soon make good his several promises to join.

T. J. Troublefield, first Greer, S. C., off fifteen days, was relieved by M. E. Ake, of the "Pennsy," who also relieved Bro. Chas. B. Wood, second Greer, on vacation.

Bro. W. B. Benson, second Juneau, was off fifteen days, relieved by Mr. Angle, from San Francisco.

Local Chairman Holmes was over the line recently getting some of the non-members lined up.

We all miss our congenial trick dispatcher, J. T. Penny, of Charlotte "DI," off on account of ill-health. We hope to hear of his speedy improvement.

All members entitled to vacation should take them instead of accepting pay in lieu thereof. The latter course, if continued, will sooner or later result in our losing that concession.

The next regular meeting will be held at Spartanburg, S. C., on May 21st. Let's all try to attend these meetings as far as it is possible.

J. F. DOWLING, Div. Cor.

"GO" Greensboro Relay—

The meeting of managers at Charlotte last month brought out many good points for the betterment of the relay service, and we should all co-operate with them toward this end. Complaint about standing the small stations off and working only the larger offices; criticism from the chief dispatcher about the delay to accident reports, yards and consists, and contending for wire should be brought down to a minimum.

Bro. Johnson, "Q," has returned after an extended trip to Baltimore, Philadelphia and other northern cities, relieved by Bro. Kendall, third Brown's Summit.

Bro. Mastin, "BO," our third trick "WC," runs down to Salisbury about three times a week, and all we can get out of him is "I should worry."

Bro. Lillard, "K," bid in third Dry Fork, Va.

Bro. Francis Coe, "HC," and wife spent Sunday recently at Monroec, Va., with relatives.

Bro. Smith, "S," had an enjoyable time in Washington a few weeks since. This office is solid with the exception of Mr. Fox, "VO."

Let's hear from the other relay offices.

"CS," Cert. 1242.

"QN" Atlanta Relay—

This office is lined up with the exception of one non, who says he will pay up in June, and two delinquents. These figures do not include Manager Peek and Second Trick Wire Chief N. L. Coleman.

It is a very bad idea to drop your card and then have to join again later, as it costs about the same, if not a little more, to do this; besides you lose your old certificate number and have to take a larger one. Then when you show your card to an "old-timer," he knows that you have not had it long, and for a man who has been in the telegraph service for, say ten years, to have a card

with a certificate number in the serials of this year looks bad. Let's all pull together, pay our dues regularly and ask our neighbor to do the same.

Bro. Morehead, "MO," was transferred to "GM" Washington relay, April 1st. We were all sorry to lose him, but he has a fine bunch to work with at "GM," nearly solid, and we are sure they will treat "MO" fine.

Bro. Alexander was in town recently, and came around to see us. We enjoyed his visit very much. He gave me a list of delinquents, on which I was surprised to see the names of some personal friends of mine, and I trust ere this they have all paid up and are carrying up-to-date cards.

The write-up Little Willie (alias "Fatty") gave us in the March issue was a corker. Come again; we won't "BK."

There is some missionary work to be done in "GS" Birmingham Relay. Help the brother in that office to get it lined up.

Sam Moore, "SM" at "XN," Sheffield, Ala., will give the first man that applies in person his application. Some good brother near there go after it.

Local Chairman Allen comes to see us real often. We are always glad to see him, and all appreciate very much the interest he has shown in this office.

When you hear the following signs from "QN" office, you know they are on the right side of the fence: "GN," "P," "S," "JR," "A," "DC," "F," "RA," "BO," "AH," "DE," "Z." And "ON" and "RX" will be with us soon.

Mr. Zellinger, "Z," who relieved "MO," has been out of the telegraph service for some years. His application is in. Cert. 2519.

Atlanta Division—

I am afraid my friends and brothers who write these "rolling" articles are prompted to do so by a selfish motive. If a man has eight or nine years' age or more, he has gotten pay for his services, and if he is much account has had some of the best jobs on the division. The job a man has with all these years to his credit is not very likely to be abolished, but if it should be, that's *one man's troubles*. The extra board is where he belongs. He has had preferred jobs long enough. There is hardly a bulletin comes out but what there is a good "warm" job open which such aged man could bid in, and the chances are he wouldn't be on the extra board six weeks. After a fellow has been chased around until he's entitled to a regular job and bids it in, he should be secure in that position just so long as he attends to business and renders satisfactory service, and our schedule should protect him. Because a fellow has been cut out of a job is no reason that he should be turned loose to root-roll and disrupt the whole division. It's not treating the younger heads right. "OD," Cert. 3248.

Atlanta Division, Coast District—

Our regular meeting was held at Lumber City in the Masonic Hall, Wednesday night, April 15th, when we had the extreme pleasure of having with us as our highly honored guests, Bro. Allen, our local chairman, and Bro. Alexander,

our general chairman. They arrived in the afternoon and were given an auto ride over the town by Bro. Barker, our assistant local chairman, the other members arriving in the afternoon also enjoyed auto rides.

The meeting was not as largely attended as was expected, and those south of Macon missed a great treat by not coming and hearing the addresses of Bros. Alexander and Allen, as well as the elegant banquet given by the members. The members greatly appreciate what Bro. Alexander has done for us in securing the minimum wage scale for the block jobs south of Macon.

Bro. W. H. Davis relieved Mr. Bennett on third "KA." We gladly welcome the exchange.

Bro. W. L. Beasley, our first V. C. T. was relieved at "WN" agency by R. E. Ponsell. We were sorry to lose Bro. Beasley.

A non on third "RG" stopped No. 1 recently. The assistant superintendent was on the train. Neither he nor the crew were able to wake him, so the office was closed and the sleeper was relieved. Good riddance.

You men with up-to-date cards remember that we want to prove to the officials that our members are faithful and careful. Don't be caught "napping."

Bro. Barnes was off a few days entertaining the stork; relieved by Bro. Pittman.

Boys, send me a few notes from along the line so we can have a good write-up every month. "Z," Cert. 2523.

Atlanta Division, North End—

Bro. Parker, Silver Creek, bid in third East Rome tower; relieved by Mr. O'Donnel, and Bro. Massingill gets third North Inman, relieved by W. W. Sawers; both reliefs new men.

Bro. J. P. McDonald, third Varnell, off a few days, was relieved by W. D. Fore, from N. C. & St. L.

Bro. W. F. Thomas, second Phelps, bid in second Dalton; relieved by T. A. Cox. C. P. Adams is on third Dalton.

Bro. J. L. Brook bid in third Plainville; Bro. L. C. Rains, third Brice, and Bro. L. C. Mullins, third Waring.

Bro. E. Middlebrooks, second Powder Springs, off sick two weeks, relieved by a new man. Bro. E. B. Stanley, while on a visit, relieved by Mr. Wooten.

We are very sorry to learn of the sad accident to Bro. J. H. Williams, first Longs, and hope he will soon recover; Nat Bulloch relieving.

On bulletin: Dalton second and E. Rome, Hiram, Powder Springs, Nickajack, North Inman and Macon terminal third.

Some very important matters were handled at the special meeting called by Local Chairman Dellinger at Rome, Ga., April 26th.

Bro. R. R. Jones, Inman yards, has been appointed assistant city ticket and passenger agent at Savannah. Bro. Jones has been for a long time division correspondent, always working for the Order, and ready and willing to do anything in his power to better our conditions. We regret

very much to lose him, but wish him great success in the passenger department.

The few who have not paid their back dues should think of what the Order has already done for them. We can't expect our committee to accomplish anything for us unless we give them our support. Pay up at once. Our committee will soon go up again, and we need your help. A "has been," you know, is in the same class as a "never was." A six months' old card gets you nothing and is poor backing for a committee. Ask the men you work with and those beside you if they have paid their dues, and if not, see that you all do your duty at once. Then you can get after the nons with a clear conscience, and help to make this a solid division. We can do it if everyone will do his part, and remember, "No card, no favors."

Thanks to Bros. Mullins and Fisher for their notes; try and get them all in by the 20th so we can have a write-up every month.

H. G. GAY.

Queen & Crescent Route (South), Div. No. 69.

N. O. & N. E. R. R.—

We are gradually forging to the front, and the non list keeps getting smaller all the time. Keep after them. Remember, we must have your co-operation in this, as well as sending in items for the write-up each month.

It is now Bro. Austin, at Hattiesburg, making that point solid again.

Bro. J. C. Burt has returned to Lumberton from his vacation in Kentucky.

Bro. Hickman has to work a thirteen-hour trick at Heidelberg now, Bro. P. L. Cooper going to second at Picayune. Bro. Tom Craig had his leg broken, and Mr. Jamison's face was badly lacerated in a recent automobile accident. Both were employed at Picayune. Mr. Jamison quit. S. R. Boykin, formerly at Picayune, is back with us again and asked for blanks to begin with. He relieved several nights at Richburg, and after relieving Bro. Walsh, in New Orleans dispatcher's office a few days, went to Ellisville.

Bro. Anthony Muller, of Richburg, relieved Mr. Griddell, at Poplarville, now in a bank there.

J. M. Dearman has returned and is now relieving at Purvis.

Thanks to Bros. Weems and Damon for news items. Come again every month so we can have a good write-up.

Bro. Will Horne, vacation relief, is now relieving Bro. G. M. Donald, at McNeil.

Dan Cupid has been putting in good time while business has been slack on the North Eastern. Bro. H. A. Marrienceaux, of Vossburg; Bro. J. B. Reed, of Pearl River, and Bro. G. M. Donald, of McNeil, being his recent victims. The latter went to Opelousas, La., on his honeymoon where he is a witness in the famous Walters-Dunbar kidnapping case. We extend our hearty congratulations to the newlyweds.

Bro. J. C. Talley, who died recently at Bogalusa, La., was for a long time our secretary.

treasurer, and at his demise had established a lucrative law practice in South Mississippi and Louisiana. His death was not unexpected, as he had been in bad health for a long time. Bro. Talley kept his membership paid up and had a thousand-dollar-policy to leave his family, which we would like to see every good member do.

M. V. HICKMAN.

N. O. & N. E. R. R. Notes—

The boys have been very prompt this term in paying up their dues, and we have but a few nons with us now. Several have promised to come in at an early date. This is encouraging, keep the work going, boys.

Bro. Cooper is on second Picayune, vice C. G. Jamison, resigned, and Mr. Poole is on third.

Bro. H. E. Damon from the Southern, Selma, Ala., is on third Carriere.

R. R. Oliver, first and manager "H" Meridian, has gone to Birmingham, Ala., to engage in insurance business; relieved by Mr. Hadoway, from the Frisco, at Birmingham. We hope Mr. Hadoway, also Boots and Oakley on second and third will soon have an up-to-date card.

Let's have a write-up every month. Any items sent Bro. Bilbo, at Meridian, or Bro. Apperson, at freight office Meridian, will be heartily appreciated.

CERT. 174.

V. S. & P. Ry.—

Mr. McIntyre, second Delta Point, who called at Mounds recently to see Dr. Yerger, has promised to soon take out a card.

Mr. Gladney and Moffat have exchanged jobs at Monroe and Ruston.

Boys, keep on the lookout for the extras now, answer "SD" promptly and give him all the information possible.

Bro. Needham, Tremont, resigned, relieved by Relief Agent Hoge. We all regret very much to lose Mr. Needham.

No one sent me any notes this month, and as I am away off where I never hear anything but the lonesome cry of the bull frogs you will be obliged to help me if you expect a good write-up.

Bro. Jarnagin was in Tallulah recently with a gentleman friend and several young ladies joy-riding and looking fine.

Div. Cor.

M. & St. L. Ry., Div. No. 71.

Eastern Division—

Bro. Gerhart has resumed at Mason City, after a long siege of scarlet fever; relieved by Bro. Butts and Mr. Stevenson.

Mr. McClintic, of "YA" (Mon. yards), has been appointed agent at Monmouth, relieving Mr. Blaney, on a tour in the northwest.

Oskaloosa "SK" is now solid.

Boys, let's get after the good men still out, and show them how they are standing in their own light, by such a course, and that they must help to support the Order. That is the only way we can ever better our conditions and secure our rights. In the meantime we must also do

our best for the interest of the company we are employed by. When we know a thing is right push it forward regardless of what the other fellow may say or do.

Rockwell nights closed, vice S. E. Wilson.

Clarence Shaner, helper at Steamboat, relieved Bro. J. E. Wells, at Sheffield a few days.

Abbott nights closed, and Bro. J. E. Donley left for Kansas City.

Agent Stanley, McCallsburg, has resigned and is waiting for relief.

Bro. L. C. Keohn, "SK" east end side table, on week's vacation visiting home folks, was relieved by Bro. Anderson.

Bro. S. F. Morse, of Hampton, is now at Mott, N. D., on the N. P., under Bro. Jno. Smith, formerly traveling auditor for this line.

Bro. Lash resigned Elrick third, relieved by Mr. McLaine, from the B. & O. Bro. Davis, at "RK," will line him up.

Bro. Kesohon, who relieved Bro. S. Anderson, on north end "SK" side table, is now back on east end. He is sure some "bug artist," with that old "Meco."

Bro. Ed Anderson relieved Agent Close a few days.

Mr. Decker, second "RK," out of service, puts Bro. Davis back on second.

Thanks to Bros. Gandner and Davis for their news items. Come again. W. C. M., Div. Cor.

Central & Western Division—

Eden Prairie has been made a nine-hour office, with Bro. Houghton as agent-operator and Bro. Wilcox second trick.

Mr. Wilkins relieved Geo. Shelp, second Chaska, three weeks while home on account of his sister being sick.

Bro. R. J. Funk has left station service and has entered train service.

E. J. Liscombe relieved Bro. A. J. Funk a few days while he was attending court.

Business is picking up, and several new positions created.

Bro. R. N. Perkins was off a few days, relieved by Bro. Murphy, and Bro. Kubis, off several days, was relieved by Mr. Bargin, of Lake Mills.

Mr. Mason, third Waseco, resigned and returned to the Rock Island.

Mr. Borgen bid in third Waterville.

Bro. Aug. Paulson, Grand Jct., has been appointed traveling auditor, and vacancy bid in by Bro. L. L. Hanson.

P. E. Miller, agent Livermore, can now be called brother.

Third tricks have been created at New Richland and Waterville.

Wm. Moss, Perry agency, resigned, relieved by Bro. Miller, of Ruthven, pending bulletin.

Bro. Hughes, third Perry, bid in Plover agency. Depots at Tara and Minburn both burned to the ground the past month.

Let every member get that man next to him, if you expect the committee to do anything when it goes in again shortly.

Jox, Cert. 29.

Chicago & Northwestern Ry., Div. No. 76.**"SJ" General Office, Chicago—**

Bro. Novak was off ten days, visiting relatives and friends in LaSalle, Ill., Gary, Ind., and Eau Claire, Ind.

Bro. and Mrs. F. F. Briening spent Sunday recently with Bro. and Mrs. Hennings, of DeKalb, Ill.

Bro. Early is taking his ten days' vacation (with pay) visiting his parents at Chesterton, Ind.

Bro. Gray exchanged hours with Bro. Browne for two weeks while serving on the jury.

Brothers, attend the Cort Club meetings and hear the "old master," Bro. Dal Jones, tell you what your organization and card stands for.

Bro. Dave Smart, our "Abe Lincoln," is on vacation (with pay), fighting Mexico through the columns of the newspapers with all the ardor of his enthusiastic nature. He expects to participate in the capture of Mexico City before he returns.

Bro. Novak recently took in the Ringling circus with the aid of Bro. Flynn's "field glasses."

We brothers of "SJ" feel that General Chairman Troy acted very intelligently in temporarily postponing the March meeting with the officials, as conditions are not just what they should be, in order to secure improvements in wages and working conditions. It will be necessary to keep after every non until we get his support. Stay in line, boys, and give the company your best efforts. The reward is bound to come. Bro. Troy recently gave us a pleasant call.

Mr. Golden and Hohman, our two nons, are unable to come in just at present on account of "hard times." Keep after them. "F."

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, to call to her heavenly home Mildred, the beloved daughter of our esteemed and worthy brother, W. J. Early; in manifestation of our sympathy, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the general office, Division 76, extend our sincere and heartfelt sympathy to Bro. Early, his wife and son in their hour of bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, a copy filed with the records of this division, and a copy sent for publication in the official journal.

PAUL E. GRAY,

J. A. ROSE,

J. D. WILLS,

Committee.

Chicago Terminal District—

Bro. C. M. Scanlan has returned, and George Ruos has resumed as telephone switchboard operator.

Bros. John E. Strande and George Kenney have been assigned to the vacancies at Clinton street tower.

Bob Crampton relieved Heiden several nights on second Sangamon street.

Bro. George E. Cone gets third Noble street, and Bro. T. P. Shiels first Mayfair on bulletin. Several more positions will soon be bulletined.

The following brothers in this territory turned out to the Cort Club meeting, April 4th: Smart, Breining, Early, Sharer, Cone, Shiels, DeDecker and Boyington. It is hoped that more will attend these very instructive meetings in future. A very cordial invitation has been extended to the Terminal members by Chairman Dal Jones to attend these meetings, and help was very generously offered in organizing the men, which will probably be accepted when the vital time arrives.

The committee will no doubt convene shortly. Keep after the nons, and remember, "No card, no favors." LOCAL CHAIRMAN, Cert. 434.

I. & M. Division—

I recently saw a schedule of the Frisco System, which is such a good one that I was surprised until I learned that the boys on that road were strongly organized. This should be an object lesson to us, as a relief from the conditions we are working under. Our express commissions have been reduced on account of the parcel post, and our railroad salaries remain the same. We should not be satisfied with present conditions, but work all the harder for thorough organization. This is the only thing that will better our conditions. We are forced to wear uniforms, which we have to pay for out of our small salaries, while other roads only require their men to wear a cap. We must do something to bring about more thorough organization. Get after the non in the office with or next to you, and don't let up until he gets a card.

Local Chairman Howard is sick in bed. He has our sympathy, and we hope he will have a speedy recovery. Div. Coa.

Sioux City Division—

Bro. DePue is now a successful auto dealer at Merville, his home town.

Our committee is due to meet early next month. Let us all do our part to make its labors successful, by building up our membership to as near 100 per cent as possible. A few more live brothers like Baker, Noe and Baskin will make nons a scarce article on this division.

E. E. Resner, Lake City nights, assigned to Lawton agency. Stadum is back as operator Sac City. Bro. Russell bid in Blencoe. Bro. Hayes decided to remain at Boyer. Mr. Alloway bid in Breda second, vice Mr. Strauss, resigned.

Bro. Haymond has returned to work. Bro. Baker is on a short hike Dakotaward. Mr. Guille resigned. Boyer installed agent Sargent's Bluffs. Mr. Brass assigned telegrapher Mondamin.

Bro. Gabrielson, now on the Omaha, at Bancroft, Neb., sends his "73" to all of the boys. Bro. Dick failed to get the postoffice at Early.

Missionary work on the Mo. Valley line might have a good effect.

Bro. Cochran, Lake View, has been allowed a helper. Every station that does any business at all is entitled to two men.

President Perham was present at the hearing in Washington during February in regard to the proposed eight-hour law. The *Congressional Record* containing Bro. Perham's address to the committee, makes very interesting reading. MICKY.

Minnesota Division—

Recent assignments: Telegraphers: Second Lewiston, Bro. W. C. Koelmel; third Waseca, Bro. A. M. Thompson; second Sanborn, F. L. McInstry. On bulletin: Third St. Charles and Lamberton; second Walnut Grove, Eagle Lake and Lewiston.

Bro. M. D. VanDarwarka, at Lamberton, on vacation, relieved by Telegrapher Lusk, from Burdette.

F. A. Wood, agent Waseca, on a three weeks' trip through the East, relieved by Bro. A. McDonald, relieved by H. Fellows, off the Frisco.

Telegrapher Kieland, from Judson second, on Eagle Lake second, pending bulletin.

T. M. Cassiday, night chief Winona, on vacation, relieved by Ray Morse.

Bro. J. F. Pierce writes from Kentucky sending his "73" to all the boys. He went to work immediately upon his arrival in the South.

Bro. F. Grundt, second Lamberton, has resigned to enter other work. We wish him success.

Herman Plath, a former telegrapher on this division, recently a traveling salesman, rented his father's hotel, the Windsor, at Dodge Center, taking charge on May 1st.

Bro. C. N. Watson, third Janesville, off a few days on account of sickness, was relieved by Telegrapher Guth, who later relieved Bro. H. F. Janke a few days.

There is one point on this division where both the first and second trick telegraphers have received increases, and one of them received his position by bulletin. We should see that these men get in line.

I want to thank the boys who sent me notes for this write-up. Your help is appreciated. It is important to keep before the boys in print. Remember, it pays to advertise.

Bro. A. G. Bosshardt, agent Dover, who had the fingers on his right hand smashed while handling a gang plow, is now managing things with the assistance of his son. He was relieved several days by Telegrapher Garver, from Eyota, whose position was closed during his absence.

S. M. Wright, first Eyota, while off on account of sickness, was relieved by G. B. Garver.

H. Jones, agent Haverhill, on vacation, was relieved by Bro. W. C. Koelmel.

Bro. A. F. Siegler, while attending the funeral of a relative, was relieved by Telegrapher Guth, from Burdette.

Bro. Small, who has been in a business college several months, is now at Walnut Grove.

L. B. Curran, second St. Peter Jct., has resigned; relieved by H. O. Souls, a new man.

Dispatcher Billie Cutler is on vacation, relieved by Dispatcher Morse. Bro. O. E. Highlen, St. Peter Jct. second, is on third side wire Winona dispatcher's office, while the dispatchers are taking their vacations.

Keep your dues, both division and local, paid up so that our treasuries will be in good shape at all times for any emergency, and remember "No card, no favors."

D. J. M.

Dakota Division—

Our division correspondent has resigned and I ask you brothers to give me your support and keep your dues paid up. The few who have not paid the first half of 1914 should remit at once and be reinstated. We need you all in order to get the best results.

Don't forget to send me a copy of your bid when you make application for jobs on bulletin, so I can follow them up.

Recent assignments: Agent-telegrapher Miranda, H. L. Engle; Lebanon, Bro. E. W. Carpenter; Northville, S. D., Bro. E. M. Bruffat, vice R. M. Walker gone to Rockham; Balaton third telegrapher, A. Lane. On bulletin: Agent and telegrapher Highmore and Elrod.

Bro. W. A. Topp, who relieved Mr. Koehler, agent Verdon, who has gone to the hospital again, and was relieved by Bro. M. E. Taylor, later went to Beresford to relieve Bro. L. D. Feathers, while getting married.

Bro. E. L. Klingelhofer, agent Doland, while on a trip to his old home in Wisconsin to visit relatives, was relieved by his helper.

W. H. Moes, agent Elrod, resigned, relieved pending bulletin, by J. D. Wholenberg, helper from Alcester.

Bro. R. W. Richardson, who relieved Mr. Nohlgren, agent Estelline, also relieved C. E. Draper, at Centerville, who relieved W. P. Bross, third Iroquois, resigned. N. Paulsen, agent Centerville, has returned after thirty days' sight-seeing in the West, relieved by Bro. Ed Finnerty, from first. Bro. G. A. Lallement, who relieved J. C. Murphy, Centerville nights, was relieved by Mr. A. P. Coyer, day caller, from Huron.

Bro. J. E. Moul checked in at Hetland agency, vice Bro. E. W. Carpenter, relieving Bro. A. H. Brodeur, at Lebanon, who, after a week's vacation, went to his assignment at Turton.

T. M. Kvedera, agent Agar, relieved by Mr. Platt, from the Southern Illinois Division.

Don't forget the meetings every month at Redfield, and as many as can make arrangements to attend. These meetings are instructive and interesting.

Brothers, if you know of any news let the division correspondent, whoever he may be, or myself, have it by not later than the 20th of the month, so we will be able to arrange and send it in before the 28th.

P. E. Long, Local Chairman.

P. R. C. & N. W. Division—

Bro. Schleckau, while off sick, was relieved at Philip by the agent there.

Agent Young, at Midland, is off with diphtheria, and sickness in his family. It will be Bro. Young as soon as he gets squared around to it.

Local Chairman Hunter, agent Wasta, was off several days with a bad cold, relieved by Mr. Smith, who also relieved Mr. Young.

Agent Casselman, of Underwood, went to Rapid City recently to consult the doctor as to his wife's sickness.

Bro. D. Brown, agent Van Metre, was recently married. Unable to learn the bride's name.

Recent rains in this part of the country has put the ground in fine shape.

The superintendent has notified us all to provide ourselves with uniforms and caps not later than June 15th. CERT. 619.

Colorado Midland Ry., Div. No. 81.

Second District—

Bro. Kincaid, Colorado City, one of the best boosters on the line has resigned, relieved by Bro. Maxwell, of Cardiff. Bro. S. C. Smith, of New Castle, assigned cashiership at Cardiff, so it still remains solid.

It is now Bro. Brewer, second Leadville, who, with "Spud" O'Brien and "Dad" Ellis, makes Leadville solid again.

Bro. Jones was relieved at Carbondale a few days by Bro. Coldiron, of Arkansas Jct., and he by A. E. Leonard, a new man.

Leadville dance committee, Bros. Ellis, Coldiron and O'Brien, have reported as to their investigation, and the general committee has decided to hold the dance, but no date has been set. We desire the support of the entire membership to make this affair a success. We are to secure the very best hall in Leadville, and look for a good attendance.

Our sympathy goes out to the families of those unfortunate members of the United Mine Workers who have paid so dearly with their lives in the brave struggle for justice in the Colorado coal fields. As soon as I learned of the Ludlow outrage I submitted suggestions to the general committee calling for a special assessment for the benefit of these brave brothers and sisters.

The undersigned has just returned from a trip into Northern Colorado, relieved by Bro. F. M. Wright, transferred from Division 126.

Mr. Borneman, of Basalt, still refuses to acknowledge receipt of our letters extending an invitation to come in with us. We need Mr. Borneman and Mr. Scandlan both, and they need us. LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Western Maryland Ry., Div. No. 82.

Eastern Division—

Bro. Cover has returned from his sixty days' vacation, relieved by Bro. Huntzberry.

Bro. Hyde bid in second "CG," making this office solid.

Bro. Yeakle gets Town Creek agency.

Mr. Matthews promised to join "soon as he gets on his feet" over a year ago when he was making \$57.50. He now gets \$67.50, and is still not "on his feet." L. L. Lugar, third "YD," is still going to "firing" or "farming." It's about time these got a card, and done their part towards paying for the benefits secured through the efforts of those that did pay their portion. These men are not doing as they would wish to be done by. We are supporting a cause that is causing improvements in the telegraph service on the rail-

roads of this country and getting them more money and better conditions. You brothers near them hand them an application blank and see that they join without further delay.

Bro. Long bid in first "G," vice Bro. Arnsperger, whom we are sorry to lose. P. C. Gardner bid in "UD" agency, and L. E. Barnes, "OW" agency.

Greendale has been closed, and Conboy, a new office, opened. "CO" Culbertson reopened again temporarily.

Bro. Danner spent a few days in Frederick recently, relieved by G. C. Angell.

Bro. Lawrence and wife took a trip to Pittsburg and Youngstown recently.

Fro. Freeze is laid up with an attack of rheumatism.

Bro. Morrison, on ten days' vacation, visited his home in Thurmont.

Bro. Bupp was off several days, relieved by Bro. G. A. Wertz.

Bro. Frank is sick, relieved by R. E. Rice.

The general committee met the general superintendent at Cumberland on April 24th and were successful in getting overtime allowances and annual vacations satisfactorily adjusted. Something is being accomplished all the time through united efforts, and more concessions can be secured when we support our representatives with a solid up-to-date membership. The few who are back with their dues should pay up and help us get in the nons.

The general committee would like to have the views of all the brothers as to how Rule 5 in our last agreement should read. Please write the general secretary and treasurer in regard to this as soon as possible.

Thanks to Bros. Lawrence and Munsen for the news they furnished me for this write-up. Kindly continue the good work, and some of the others help in this matter all you can. CERT. 2.

Bangor & Aroostook R. R., Div. No. 83.

Bro. Morton bid in agency Mars Hill, relieved at Bridgewater by Bro. Johnson, relief agent, until bid in by Bro. Crozier, putting relief agency Southern Division up for bids. Bro. Crozier was taken down later with measles, relieved by Bro. Crommitt.

Bro. Wakefield goes to "CD" Bangor, relieved by Bro. Murphy, from Mars Hill.

Bro. Tapley bid in agency Keegan, relieved on bid by Bro. Lyons at agency Masardis, Bro. Tompkins going to Jemmland.

Bro. Crommitt relieved F. Crook, agent Griswold.

Bro. Bowley, dispatcher "KX," goes to agency "WO," relieved by Bro. Johnson, relief agent.

The name of Milo Jct. Station has been changed to "Derby."

"D" office is now solid.

One of the brothers lost his raincoat recently, and wires Officer Vallyelly at "WB" to find it for him, but it was taken by mistake, and returned before he had time to learn who the "culprit" was. CERT. 141.

Texas & Pacific Ry., Div. No. 88.*Trans-Continental Division—*

I was indeed glad to see such good write-ups in the March TELEGRAPHER from the different divisions. It shows plainly that the boys are alive to the situation, and are taking an active interest in the progress of the Order. I was pleased to see that Bro. Mattingly, at Donaldsonville, and Bro. Sledge, at Grand Cane, have come in with us. I know both of these brothers, and am glad to welcome them. Let's have write-ups from all the divisions every month. It is the only means we have of keeping up with what is going on, and we should be as much interested in the other divisions as we are in our own.

The boys on the T. & P. are able, for the first time, to bid on the jobs of their choice. Denison station was recently bulletined. Whenever a position goes on bulletin, every man who wants it, and feels competent to handle it, has as much right to bid on it as anyone else, and his application will be given due consideration. Please mail me a copy of your application, in order that I may know just who asked for it, as otherwise I have no means of finding out. Please don't forget this boys, as it may be important to you.

Bro. E. C. Robinson, Detroit, off a few days on account of sickness, was relieved by Bro. W. W. Walker, from the Cotton Belt.

Bro. L. R. Anderson, first Bells, visiting in East Texas and Oklahoma, relieved by Bro. Smith, from second Bells, relieved by J. W. Wilson, now with the Frisco in Oklahoma.

Bro. F. A. Wemple, Sr., first Bonham, on the sick list, is convalescing at Durant, Okla., relieved by Bro. McGlasson, second, and he by Bro. W. O. Robertson, who was off ten days on account of his baby having pneumonia. Later he relieved Bro. C. C. Robertson, agent Hooks, on a twenty-day trip East.

Bro. F. McGlasson, second Bonham, is taking the civil-service examination at Dallas for inspector of hours of service.

Trainmaster Nash called on me recently when looking after the mails carrying for No. 33. Mr. Nash is well liked by all the men.

Several station porters have been pulled off recently, which is working quite a hardship on some of the boys.

Heavy steel and ballast is being put on this division, and we will soon have some mighty good track over here.

Boys, we must keep after the nons. If every member will try to land one within the next thirty days, they will soon be a thing of the past on this division. Show them where they stand, and don't forget, "No card, no favors."

P. O. RUTHVEN, Local Chairman.

T. S. & N. Subdivision—

About the first thing I look for in THE TELEGRAPHER is a write-up from the Trans-Continental Division, and feel that it was negligence to some extent on my part when we fail to have one. Our local chairman can not do this work without the assistance of the other members on the division.

Let us all help Bro. Ruthven, and have a good write-up each month.

We should also show our gratitude for the new schedule by discharging our duties to the company faithfully, and try to increase its revenues and show our loyalty to our organization by keeping after the nons. We still have some good material over here that should be in use. See that they keep their promises to join, and don't lag in the good work until they all come in and we have a solid line-up. We know that Vice-President Kearney will be pleased to have us all live up to the teachings of our Order.

J. W. Ballard, at Hosston, has an interest in an oil well that is making him about \$100 a month.

Mr. Johns, while attending court at Shreveport, was relieved at Ida by a Standard Oil man.

Watch your bulletin board, boys, as well as other things. W. J. S., Cert. 496.

Eastern Division—

Business has fallen off some, causing a reduction of force in all departments. Bro. McDuffie, Mesquite laid off, closing that office from 11:30 p. m. until 6:30 a. m., and requiring Agent Baker to do six and a half hours' telegraphing each day. Mr. Van De Mark bid in vacancy there.

Bro. B. B. Campbell bid in Grand Saline second, relieved on bid by Bro. Cherry, on Hallville, third. Bro. McJimsy bid in Mineola second, relieved on first Grand Saline by Bro. C. V. Rhodes, from Mineola, during Roy Walton's ninety days' lay-off. Herman Harris, second Grand Saline, bid in Gladewater second, vice Barber, from the N. P. Otis Norton, an "old-timer" now in the grocery business at Gladewater, occasionally works extra there.

Changes in dispatchers at Marshall puts Mulchay on first Longview Jct. to Texarkana, Shane on second and Berry on third. Longview Jct. to Wills Point first, Brownrigg; second, McCullar; third, Robinson; Wills Point to Ft. Worth first, Oliver; second, Trout; third, Draper. Dispatcher Spencer, from the N. P., is now night chief dispatcher at "FS." Dispatcher Roy Trout, just out of the hospital after an operation, relieved Dispatcher Howe, who takes a trick at Alexandria.

Bro. Cole, assigned Atlanta third, was off several days packing up his household goods at Gladewater.

Bro. Downs, third Forney, off a few days, was relieved by Bro. Cherry.

L. J. Mantius, agent Wills Point the past eight years, is now joint ticket agent for the H. & T. C., Frisco and T. & P. at Sherman, relieved by Clerk O. O. Lindsey until bid in by Cashier Buchanan, from Longview Jct. Mr. Lindsey, resigning to go into other business, was relieved by Bro. M. G. Aven, from the Cotton Belt, whom we are glad to have with us.

The boys on this division are coming in nicely.

We extend the hand of fellowship to Bro. Ira Sells, agent for the past twenty-nine years at Lodi, Texas; similarly also Bro. Rhodes, "AZ;" Bro. McJimsy, "US," and Bro. Cole, Hawkins. With the exception of "MX" Marshall, "RN" Texarkana and the man on second Jefferson, the

division is practically solid, as Herman Harris, at Gladewater, will be with us shortly. We have made excellent progress, and hope others on this division will soon come in and lend a helping hand.

Bro. Mulhousen, at Edgewood, attends the Masonic Lodge at Wills Point.

Bro. Walton is on the sick list. We hope for his speedy recovery. Bro. Roberts is relieving at "NC." W. R. Daniels, traveling freight agent, was at Kildare recently looking for business. Bro. Diehl gets any new business coming his way there, but he appreciated Mr. Daniels' visit all the same. His station is certainly a "beauty spot," and shows that he's quite a florist.

Dispatcher Mulachy was off a few days recently on account of the death of his father-in-law. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

Bro. Cole drew third Atlanta, relieved on third Gladewater by Bro. Barber, from the Louisiana Division.

Thanks to Bros. Diehl, of Kildare, and Barber, of Hallsville, for their items.

CERTS. 375 AND 438.

Rio Grande Division—

The ax fell recently, and Night Chief Young, Big Spring, is now working a trick, bumping Bro. Paylor, now working west of "BG." Bro. Hatchett, bumped by Telegrapher Marshall at Colorado, is back home at Clyde, waiting for something to show up, and we now have a number on the extra board.

After attending court in Abilene, Bro. Hester visited with relatives a few days, and then returned to Kent.

"DY" third closed, Bro. McIntosh going to Strawn days. Eskota nights closed, Bro. Allyn bumping Bro. Gage from Odessa third, and Bro. Leach bumped Bro. Day from Merkel second, who relieved Bro. Lindsay on Roscoe third a few days.

Telegrapher Marshall recently transferred to Colorado third, will soon line up again. He was relieved on Baird third by Extra Operator and Dispatcher Bro. Mills, which placed Bro. Bradford on second. Bro. Leace has moved to Merkel.

Bro. W. A. (Dick) Canafax, discharged about a year ago for affiliation with the Order, was reinstated April first, and relieved Bro. Baxter at Brazos. His many friends and brothers congratulated the "True Blue" on his return. The cases of the other three brothers discharged at the same time should be taken up in a gentlemanly manner with the officials, and they will more than likely be reinstated, which is justly due them.

The boys are familiarizing themselves with the contract and living up to it to the letter.

Let's make the assertion hold good on the T. & P. that "Union workmen are superior." Vice-President Kearney has stated that we are doing better work than ever before. Now that this improvement is noticeable by our higher officials, let us try to keep it up, and also try to line up every accessible non.

Bro. Stover, agent Tye, has been to Brazos recently to see home folks and—well, others. Bro. Dearman, from "SP," recently at "WF" extra, went to Baird third while the regular man there

relieved Dispatcher Stewart, now at the bedside of his sick father.

It is now Bro. Bud Tucker, agent Mingus.

Bro. S. G. Littlefield recently bid in third Cisco, placing Bro. Collins on the extra board again.

Good rains all over west Texas have made things look fine for a big year all around.

Many thanks to Cert. 290 for the items furnished. If we had a few more like him, we would have the best write-up on the T. & P. Members west of "BG," kindly mail your items to Bro. Cross, Odessa, who is handling them.

CERT. 89.

Illinois Central R. R., Div. No. 93.

Tennessee Division—

I again solicit the aid of the members in lining up the few remaining nons, so that your committee will have solid backing when it meets the management. Let us all make a special effort to secure every member possible, so when the members of the committee return they can say, "With your loyal support we have succeeded in securing many betterments both in working conditions and wages."

The canvass of the division just made by the local chairman resulted in a solid vote to sustain any action the general committee may take in securing a settlement with the management, only two men voting in the negative. This shows that the members in Tennessee are wide awake to their own interests, have confidence in the committee and will stick together until a satisfactory settlement is reached.

We are in very good shape on this division, and every member should see that the new men who will soon be coming here are transferred at the proper time, and see that those who are not members are brought into the fold as quickly as possible.

Those who have not paid current dues should do so. Remit the necessary amount at once, and everyone boost as they have never boosted before.

CERT. 332.

Illinois Division, Chicago and B. P. & T. Districts—

Bro. A. H. Arnold, who resigned third Gilman, returned east to enter the Marconi wireless service. Bro. F. McNabney, who bid in the vacancy, is on an extended leave, F. J. Dugan, Jr., relieving.

C. L. Ford, Chicago District, operator and clerk, is now with the C. & N. W.

J. H. Todd is on second Matteson. We hope Bro. Diemer can land him. He was relieved on second Otto by Bro. O. H. Schwabe on bid.

Bro. R. R. McCarty, of Farmer City, was relieved ten days by Mr. Lovan, who later relieved Bro. G. D. Cox fifteen days.

Extra Dispatcher W. H. Davis, on leave, relieved on first Kankakee Jct. by Bro. B. E. Pelstring, relieved by Bro. Schneider on third "KB," and he by Bro. O. E. Meeks on third Otto.

Fifteen members attended our last meeting at Kankakee on April 17th. Bro. Morrison, past chief telegrapher, conducted a very impressive ceremony installing the division officers, and introduced subjects of vital importance. We should have better attendance at our monthly meetings. Decisive action is taken here, important to the entire division, individually and collectively, and it is to the advantage of every one to be present and give the division the benefit of their views and advice.

Bro. F. A. Henion is relieving Bro. A. S. Hatch, Kempton station, for ninety days.

The applications of O. H. Schwabe and O. E. Meeks, second and third Otto, presented at the regular meeting April 17th were accepted and will be initiated at our next meeting. They are both new men, and their prompt action in lining up is most commendable. B. E. P.

Illinois Division, Champaign District—

Bro. C. L. Harris, of Savoy, recently visited home folks several days at Colfax:

Bro. E. O. Wooley has returned to Pesotum, having finished his duties as tax collector.

Bro. R. L. Newman, of Tolono, is trying out a new job as truck gardener.

Bro. C. O. Sharp, third Effingham, died April 4th. He is certainly missed by both operators and dispatchers on the night force.

Bro. Chas. Gammon, relieved by Mr. McFee at Laclede, went to Kinmundy tower second.

Bro. J. A. Broom was relieved for his fifteen days' vacation by W. L. Rancy.

Bro. A. F. Kile, first Odin, was relieved a week, by Bro. Pritchett, from the B. & O. S.-W.

Bro. J. B. Foster relieved Bro. O. E. Conner on account of sickness a few days at Arcola.

Recent vacancies: Third Effingham and agency Laclede. C. E. M.

Iowa Division—

We regret to have "lost out" last month, but we were short on notes and very busy. Would suggest that the brothers send their notes to me, in order that we may have a write-up each month.

Meeting at Ft. Dodge on April 11th was a lanner one. We regret Bro. Mulhall could not be present, having been called to Chicago in conference with the general manager regarding the next meeting of the committee. Matters of interest were discussed, and the whole thing was a complete success and instructive to all.

Bro. Eller, who resigned Sioux Falls, is now with the C. M. & St. P. at Austin, Minn.

Bro. A. E. Olson visited near Webster City, and Bro. Hatz and Libby visited at Sioux Falls recently.

Mr. Myers is at Barnum station pending bulletin. Bro. Love bid in Hills, and Bro. Mitchell bid in Meriden for four months.

It is with deep regret that we chronicle the death of Bro. Harry A. Chadwick, who passed away on April 14th. Bro. Chadwick had been in the employ of the Illinois Central on the Sioux Falls District for thirteen years, and was a loyal

and industrious worker for the company and the Order. He leaves a wife and two small children to mourn his death. Members on the Cherokee Division, together with trainmen and others, contributed towards floral emblem, and his remains were laid to rest near Boyden, Iowa, on the 17th.

Bro. Prange, Washta, has resigned to take up work with some wholesale firm in Sioux City; relieved by Bro. Pieffer pending bulletin.

Bro. R. T. Stivers, Correctionville, is on six months' leave looking after his farm interest; Bro. Nance received his station on bid.

Bro. "Bill" Barton, "ON," is on a thirty-day leave, the first in years; relieved at George station by Mr. Bosma pending bulletin.

Bro. Spinharney, of Meriden, is handling a branch of the Manchester Biscuit Company's business at Ft. Dodge with much success.

Bro. Barton is being relieved at Onawa by W. G. Summa.

Bro. Tiernay visited at Ft. Dodge recently. "A" Ft. Dodge, and second Ackley are bulletined. Wish some member down there would keep me posted on the changes.

Someone start a "get-together" move, let's see what we can do towards making the division 100 per cent strong. Our general committee will soon meet the officials in Chicago, and this should make us all determined to land every non on the division.

A special passed over the entire division recently, picking up all old scrap and excess supplies at various stations.

Bro. Livingston, Ticonic, has returned from leave of absence. CENT. 998.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish, through THE TELEGRAPHER, to extend our thanks to members of the Iowa Division for the beautiful floral emblem sent us at the time of our husband and father's death. It is through such kindly tokens of sympathy that we are better enabled to bear our loss.

MRS. GIBSON AND DAUGHTERS.

Wisconsin Division—

Bros. Maske, of Rutland, and Ritz, of Haldane, were recently married. Congratulations.

Haldane, El Paso and Heyworth nights have been closed on account of slack business, but the brothers who were on these jobs have nearly all secured regular positions.

Sister Anna Mead has returned to Dixon after a tour through the South and attending the Mardi Gras at New Orleans. Bro. Devaney, who relieved her, is back at Bloomington.

Bro. Sutherland is back at Kappa after a year's absence in the southwest on account of his health. We hope he will never leave to take another trip for that purpose.

Bro. Youngblood relieved Bro. Kelly at Minonk while he was in Memphis on the auditing committee.

Bro. Ewing has resumed at Oglesby.

Bro. Miller bid in Tonica, and Bro. Pilger second Mendota, vice Bro. Kamp, who worked the latter trick pending bulletin.

Bro. Gleason, of Monroe, is on thirty days' leave.

Munger agency is on bulletin again.

The suffragettes put the boots to the saloons in nearly all the towns of any size, including Freeport, Bloomington, Rockford, Genoa, Forrester and Minonk.

Bro. Helbig relieved Bro. Eickman on third C. G. W. crossing, who bid in Seward nights for thirty days, vice Bro. Dolezal going to Valparaiso, Ind., to learn the wireless.

It is now Bro. Jones on third Rockford.

Chas. Pack, third trick dispatcher, south end, was taken suddenly ill recently with appendicitis. We wish him a speedy recovery.

The Soo Line trains stopped running over the Illinois Central tracks from Harlem Jct. to Chicago the 1st of April. This makes it much easier for the brothers at Parkway.

R. C. Kiser, doing relief work several months on this division, has left again for the West.

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Chicago Great Western R. R., Div. No. 96.

Eastern Division—

Bro. W. H. Noble, Stockton, was off several days on account of sickness.

Mr. Hendrix, second Kent, resigned, relieved by Extra Welch.

First Trick Dispatcher Fisher, East Stockton, was relieved a few days on account of sickness by Dispatcher Shepherdson. Bro. Sheckler, agent Aurora, joined the K. of P. recently. Bro. Bert says "Sheck" certainly went some.

We are pleased to report that it is now Bro. Bill, second Wilkinson.

Bro. Jerry Nuss, of Lily Lake, is a recent and frequent caller at Sycamore; future disclosures will be duly noted. That place is now solid.

S. L. Gillispie, agent Wilkinson, has purchased a brand new Ford roadster and is making the chicken business pay.

Bro. F. E. Anderson, first Byron, won first prize for the best waltzing at a dance given at Stillman Valley recently.

Bro. G. M. Meister has returned to second Elmhurst. He has been absent some time owing to the illness of his mother.

R. D. Darnell, cashier Sycamore, resigned to accept a clerical position in Chicago; relieved by Mrs. G. D. Neil.

Bro. W. H. Noble, Stockton, has gone with the Milwaukee; relieved by Bro. Musgrave, from the Canadian Pacific. Sorry to have "H.N." leave.

Recent changes at "Z" puts C. E. Harrington on first, R. W. Jenkins from Texas on second, vice J. B. McCartney, resigned, and J. C. Routt from "Q" on third; second Kent and "Z" on bulletin.

Agent Ruckman, of Lindenwood, attended a Masonic meeting at Wilkinson recently.

Mrs. E. W. Fowler, wife of our chief dispatcher, we are glad to learn is convalescing at

Dubuque Hospital, where she underwent an operation recently.

Bro. George Thompson, of Egan, on leave since October last on account of the sickness and death of his father, is now in a hospital sick. He has our heartfelt sympathy and earnest wishes for a speedy recovery.

Bro. Hawkins, second Egan, was a recent Freeport visitor.

Mr. Kitchen, second Rice, off three days, was relieved by Mr. St. Clair.

Mr. Cornell, second Pearl City, was relieved by Mr. Knudson, a new man, while on a trip to Chicago.

Local Chairman Beattie reports quite a bunch of new members and promises of many more shortly. Brothers, keep after the non working with you or near you until you land him. Although seemingly indifferent and hopeless, and somewhat irksome task, don't get discouraged. You have all the argument and he has none, and you will eventually succeed.

I wish to thank Bro. C. K. Cole, third Graf, and all the other brothers for their generous assistance. "SNEUX."

Northern Division—

There is a new man on second Rochester and second Red Wing.

Northfield and Faribo are now two trick jobs.

Bro. Leiser, of Westgate, was relieved two weeks by Bro. Sam Woods, being called to Denver on account of the serious illness of his brother.

Former Agent Bailey at "HA" now on first there.

Mr. Plowman is at Morristown agency temporarily, vice Arnold, resigned.

Agent Reimer, Zumbrota, was off several days owing to the illness of his father.

R. R. Reynolds, LeRoy, spent several days at Minneapolis recently.

W. F. Causlin, Winona, visited a few days at St. Charles, Ill.

D. M. Chase, at Osage, can tell you how to get business for the C. G. W.

The C. G. W. handled the International Surgical Society special, Chicago to Rochester and return, recently, consisting of four sleepers, club car and diner. The queen of Bulgaria was reported traveling "incognito" with this party.

Our new general manager appears to be the kind of an official who will appreciate good service. Let's help him.

A good many cars of bridge timbers have already been received to improve the bridges on the Winona line.

If trainmen enter your office at night, through the window or otherwise, to use the phones, take the matter up at once. You are held under your bonds for anything that may be taken by tramps or anyone else after the place has been left unprotected by such actions.

Hampton is again open, vice Selby, resigned, relieved by G. B. Reed, who also relieved Easton at Spring Valley, off on leave.

We hope to hear of Conductor John Madden's speedy recovery from the accident at Hayfield.

He is a friend of the laboring man, and has not an enemy on the road.

I was asked by our local chairman to help with items while he was out organizing, but these were nearly all furnished by Bro. Casey, at McIntire, whom I hereby nominate for correspondent.

CERT. 65.

Southern Division—

Bro. P. H. Perry, third Marshalltown, has resigned and gone South.

Bros. Coleman and Norris have been over the system, and the following are now brothers: Geo. Dukes, agent; J. N. Northup, second, and J. I. Sell, third trick Fairbanks, Iowa; A. W. Bashaw, second East Waterloo; F. S. Giles, agent Hudson; J. W. Howard, first, and R. E. Hurd, second Reinbeck; J. W. Miller, second, and E. Z. Chase, third Gladbrook; A. H. Rokey, agent Melbourne; Clyde A. Bailey, agent Ira; J. L. Hartley, agent Mingo; W. P. Oxley, second Afton Jct.; F. J. Rokey, agent Shannon City; G. J. Jones, agent Ravenswood; G. S. Carson, third Conception; A. W. Vanderhoof, second Shops, and C. E. Grant, third Afton Jct. E. W. Gerling, agent Sheridan, and ex-Bro. J. A. Small, agent Valeria, have promised to line up pay day; and it is now Bro. J. A. Ransom, agent Afton Jct., again.

This division is now in better shape than in many a day, and we are not through yet.

Some of the brothers who promised items for this write-up failed to send them. Every brother get into the game, and let us make the Southern "the banner division" of the system.

"No card, no favors." Don't forget our motto, and live up to it.

CERT. 475, Div. Cor.

Seaboard Air Line Ry., Div. No. 97.

North Carolina Division—

We have a number of lady telegraphers on our division, and will have more of them as the years go by. Their ability on the phone averages up better even than the men, who should not allow them to show better service than men do. Most of our women are members, and we should see that those who do not belong are brought into the fold as soon as possible. A telegraph office is not the most desirable place for a woman at best, and they should be discouraged as much as possible from entering the business, as it keeps the men out of a job. The tone of the railroad phone does not sound like the tones of a piano to the tender ears of a woman, either.

Another subject that grates on our nerves is the inquiries made by mothers in the journal as to "Where is my boy?" I wish sincerely that every boy loved his mother as I try to love mine. Though she is seventy-five years of age, every vacation is spent with her, and often I rush to the mail cars to hurry a line on Friday night, so she will hear by Sunday. Those dear old hands that cared for me in helpless years are dearer as the years go on. She is the best friend I can ever have, and at the age of forty-three I feel as dependent and as closely bound to her as ever. Please pardon self-reference, but I want to impress upon the 40,000 boys away from home to

write to that dear old mother often. Let your minds go back to the old album at home, where she treasures that picture of your little self, taken in her arms, and remember the holly tree on December 25th when you were only three years old, laden with toys for your pleasure and delight by her loving hands.

Jobs are holding up well since the limited was taken off, and indications are that this condition will continue.

On bulletin: Agency Councils and second Monocure.

Bro. Scales, third "DS" Monroe, off a few days, was relieved by Bro. M. J. Cullen.

I was highly pleased to get a letter from Bro. Trantham, C. C. East, the first one from that pike in years. I hope the brother will come again. I wish I could get one from the R. & A., also C. C. West and C. & K., which would give us a good write-up each month. We have one of the best-organized divisions on the road and in the South also, and it would be very encouraging to all to pick up the journal and find out what is going on all over the division each month. Let's all furnish the correspondent with items.

I especially want to call your attention to the notes from Bro. C. G. Pepper in regard to lady operators and boys writing to their mothers.

Boys, help me out, and let's make our columns bright and breezy each issue with news from the N. C. Division.

R. H. CUNNINGHAM.

C. C. East Division—

The fertilizing season on this division is nearing a close and was one of the largest for years. This is a highly competitive point with the A. C. L. and S. A. L. Rys., and the C. C. has had all the business it could handle, but Trainmaster James and Chief Dispatcher Wroton proved themselves equal to every emergency.

There have been changes at Lumberton, but I am unable to give them, as I have been in bed all month with la grippe, and am just able to sit up, but hope to be out in a few days. I was relieved by P. A. Findlayson, and he later by Mr. Bruff, from the A. C. L.

D. E. TRANTHAM.

Ulster & Delaware R. R., Div. No. 113.

The company recently held meetings at Rondout and Oneonta for employees on the rules and safeguarding of trains and passengers. Among other things, reference was made to changes or alterations in train orders, especially the numbers. This is a very serious matter, and no order should bear any changed figures whatsoever, as it may lead to serious disaster. Brothers, if it is necessary to make a correction in your copy, ask the dispatcher to repeat the order and he will willingly do so, as he wants to be on the safe side as well as you. Always take the safe course and run no risks.

Bro. Lafferty, off a few days sick, was relieved by Bro. T. Ennist, who also relieved Bro. Klein one day.

Bro. Kunst spent several days in New York City; relieved by Bro. Winchell, relieved by Bro. T. Ennist as copier while he relieved several men along the line.

Bro. H. Ennist was off a few days, relieved by Bro. Falk, and Bro. Goodsell several days by Bro. T. Ennist.

Bro. Maxwell, off one week, was relieved by Bro. Winchell, and Agent Smith by Bro. Falk a few days.

Bro. Haines, off a week on account of the death of his father-in-law, relieved by Bro. T. Ennist, who also relieved Bro. Roosa two weeks.

Joe McDermott, of Grand Gorge, would be a welcome member.

The newlyweds—Bro. Krom and wife—have bought one of Agent Bishop's houses at Arkville.

Any brother who has any suggestions to make for our betterment should mail them to the committee to be acted upon.

Thanks to Bro. Krom for the notes he sent. Let all brothers send in a few notes by the 20th, and I will have a good write-up in each issue.

The summer rush will soon be here. If you see any nons get them in line. "Ikk."

River Division—

Bro. Brooks, "MX" tower, visiting friends in Oneonta, was relieved by Bro. Dean.

Bro. Johnson is now on the Pennsylvania Division as agent at Penn Yan.

Bro. Vandenberg, "QA" Ravena, has accepted a better position in Albany.

The question of placing the conductors or others who handle orders under the nine-hour provision of the Federal hours-of-service law is now before the courts in a test case.

Understand the Interstate Commerce Commission will shortly grant the railroad's request for a 5 per cent increase in freight rates, which will relieve the present tension. Div. Cor.

Toledo & Ohio Central Ry., Div. No. 118.

Bro. Shaffer, on third Kile several days, who was off on account of the illness of his mother at Lancaster, has resumed work at Moxahala.

Bro. Jenkins, operator and clerk Wapakoneta, has returned from his vacation.

Glad to say "KO" office is now solid.

Bro. James Devore, first Thurston, was off fifteen days; relieved by Bro. Clark, who also relieved Bro. Sanford on third five days.

We are sorry to learn of the death of Bro. Devore's mother, and offer him our sincere sympathy.

Bro. Sayre, second Findlay, took a few days' vacation recently, visiting relatives.

Bro. Poling, operator and clerk Pleasantville, now has his new card.

Mr. Artz bid in Kile agency.

Understand the telegraphic block system on this road is a sure thing.

Boys, post up on the new wire test as changed January 1st, and then we will know you have the new card. I like to hear a quick response to the test.

If we hope to get better working conditions we must get in the nons. We are very thankful for our good showing of 75 per cent, but need a better one. Remember, "No card, no favors."

Get up all the news items you can every month and mail to me on a postal or by letter not later than the 25th. Div. Cor.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Almighty God and all-wise Ruler of the universe, to call to her reward the beloved mother of our brothers, W. B. E. E. and R. S. Doughty; in manifestation of our grief and fraternal sympathy, be it

Resolved, That the members of T. & O. C. Division No. 118, extend to the sorrowing brothers and members of the afflicted family their sincere and heartfelt sympathy in this, their sad bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved brothers, a copy spread upon the minutes of this division and a copy forwarded to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

W. M. SCHNEIDER,
H. L. POLING,
H. F. SANFORD,
Committee.

CARD OF THANKS.

MOXAHALA, OHIO, April 21, 1914.

To the Members of Division No. 118, T. & O. C. Ry.—

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to our brother telegraphers and friends for the beautiful floral design at our dear mother's funeral.

DOUGHTY BROTHERS AND SISTERS.

Soo Line Ry., Div. No. 119.

Chicago Division, Northern District—

Ore will soon open and this will open up a few jobs for the summer and keep some of the boys at work.

Positions now on bid: Third and second at Ironwood, days Hoyt, third Ashland and agent Eau Claire.

Mr. Schoemeck relieved Mr. Frederickson, at Medford, on his wedding trip. Both these boys have promised to take out cards in the near future.

Bro. Gonia, second Mellen, was relieved by Bro. Teschner for several weeks' vacation, taking in Chicago and the opening game of the White Sox.

Bro. Zivney was relieved by Mr. Olson while off to be married. Congratulations.

Bro. Schubert relieved Mr. Korb a few days in Stevens Point yard office.

Bro. Ludowise relieved Mr. Row, relief agent, at Milladore, relieving Mr. Disher a few days, and then relieved Mr. Lockerby, at Eau Claire, resigned to take up government duties. Bro. Ludowise, was relieved at Spencer by Mr. Cera, third Phillips, vice Bro. Yaegers, resigned. We miss him, but all wish him success in his new work.

Bro. Metzger, first Spencer, was relieved few days to try his luck at fishing.

Hillcrest and Stanberry nights closed for this year; Bro. Daggett relieving Bro. Harsh, third Colfax; Bro. Wenzel, Hillcrest, bidding in Phillips.

Bro. Owen was relieved a few days by Mr. O'Connell, of Glidden.

Recent new members: Wenzel, of Phillips; C. A. Anderson, Chelsea, and McDonough and Korbs, Stevens Point, making the yard office there solid. There were perhaps others whom I have not heard of. I wish all the boys would jot down items as they hear them and send them to me so we can have a good write-up every month. "Buck."

Chicago Division, First and Second Districts—

Bro. Arends, off a few days on account of sickness, relieved by ex-Bro. Tucker.

Bro. A. K. Satterfield, third Lake Villa, off several days, relieved by J. McDonald, and he on second Honey Creek by J. R. O'Brien, from the "Big Four."

Bro. Nieuhaus, first Burlington, visited at Allenton, his former home, recently.

Bro. Henry Shryer bid in third Rugby Jct., relieved on third Burlington by Bro. H. S. Day, who decided not to remain there, and the latter again on bulletin.

Bro. E. E. Clemens, first Fond du Lac, on short vacation, relieved by J. McDonald.

P. J. Weber relieved in "FN" a few days.

Bro. Bloom decided to remain at Colgate, withdrawing his bid on Vandyne agency, and Bro. H. L. Lepinski bid it in, relieved on second Fond du Lac by C. L. Larson on bid.

Bro. H. S. Day was relieved on second Nelsons by Bro. B. L. Polson, and relieved at Hilbert Jct. and South Oshkosh before going to third Burlington on bid.

Bro. L. L. Larson, second Stockton, off a few days, was relieved by R. N. Smith, who later went to Camp Lake nights, and then resigned.

J. R. O'Brien, second Honey Creek, and Agent Prentice, of Forest Park, promise to line up soon.

The item in April issue relating to Karr and LaPoint should have read Rugby Jct. instead of West Bend.

Bros. Tyler, Leek, DeLong, L. L. Larson and Nieuhaus sent in items this month. Thanks.

JACK FROST, Cor.

Minnesota Division—

Bro. B. J. Iverson recently visited between trains at Valley City.

Bro. V. J. Munt, agent Bordulac, is back from a three weeks' vacation visiting home folks at Enderlin, and on a business trip to Montana, relieved by Bro. B. J. Iverson, who then relieved Bro. Chas. Hammer, at Velva, on vacation.

J. H. Kenney, agent Drake, was obliged recently to consult a physician at Harvey about his health.

A. B. Overstreet, side wire Enderlin, checked in as agent Ambrose, vice J. E. Winters, resigned.

Bro. S. A. Law, agent Sawyer, on vacation, relieved by F. L. Marshall. Understand Bro. Law is to be congratulated on his return.

Bro. Geo. Wood, agent Burlington, who has been down with typhoid fever several weeks, we are very much pleased to note is back on duty again.

Bro. R. Owens, agent Cathey, Sundayed in Enderlin recently.

Harvey, Kenmare and Portal have had their forces restored to three telegraphers each. There are also three operators now at Flaxton relaying the branch business.

Messrs. E. L. Lukes, W. H. Shannon, F. G. Speilberger at Drake, E. O. Beckstrom and L. C. Grinney at Velva, W. L. Hall at Voltaire, S. J. Boyle at Kensal, G. H. Carey, H. Johnson at Bowbells, J. W. Parker at Ambrose, R. R. Spoder at Donnybrook, now have their applications in for membership. The helper at Balfour was held up recently by two men, who presented arms with a demand that he open the safe, but after learning that he was not the agent and did not know the combination were satisfied to depart with the small amount of change in the cash drawer. A similar incident happened recently at Drake when Bro. Speilberger was confronted by the hold-up gang who got sixty dollars and his watch.

S. Voorheis, wire chief at Enderlin for several years, has resigned and was relieved by Bro. E. M. Warburton.

Bro. S. J. Doyle recently visited friends at Flaxton, relieved by E. Enge, who later went to Enderlin side wire for a few days.

Bro. J. E. Son wishes to call attention to the danger of climbing up on draw bars when necessary to remove placards, and advises the boys, from experience, to stay on the ground.

N. G. Fisher is visiting at Big Lake, Minn., relieved by Mr. Henderson, a new man.

R. P. Welton, agent Foxholm, has returned from his honeymoon at his home in Wisconsin.

M. P. Ward transferred from cashiership Hankinson to cashiership Kenmare.

Bro. G. H. Carey, agent Bowbells, is a busy man, being station agent, mayor and president of the school board there, and also farms with a gas tractor.

C. M. Evjen has resigned Hamel agency to take a trick at South Haven, relieved by Bro. J. A. Schroeder, formerly cashier at Carrington.

C. Berg, a new man, is relieving H. T. Sherman on second Kenmare, on vacation. Bro. L. N. Field is on vacation in Minnesota, relieved by A. R. Wilson, who is coming in soon.

J. E. Sox, Cert. 720.

C., R. I. & P. Ry., Div. No. 126.

Chicago Terminal & Illinois Division—

Our meeting at Rock Island, Saturday evening, April 18th, was very well attended. Bro. Brown, our general chairman, and Bro. Soyster, general chairman C., M. & St. P., were with us.

On motion, it was decided to send a man over the line about May 15th to secure the applications of the few nons still on this division.

It's now Bros. Fera, LaSalle; Timmins, Seneca; Hendricks, second West Davenport, and Burke, third Chillicothe.

Bro. E. P. Chouinard, Toulon, resigned, relieved on bid by Bro. J. A. Bowman, from DePue agency, bid in by ex-Bro. R. J. Swindel, who promised to line up May 1st.

Green River and Annawan agencies are up for bids.

We expect a hearing on the removal of Bro. Crist at Green River on Mr. Rourke's return, May 1st.

Only a few nons left now on the main line of the Illinois Division. You all know who they are, and I ask you all as a committee to write each of them a letter and, if possible, see them personally, and let us get them all cleaned up before June 30th.

Bro. Wagoner, of the R. I., and Bro. Whitson, of the C. & A., have arranged to hold a joint meeting with the E. J. & E. and M. C. brothers at Joliet, Saturday evening, May 9th. Look out for an account of this in our next write-up.

We extend our sympathy to our new brother, A. C. Hendricks, second West Davenport, in the recent loss of his brother.

We are in receipt of a letter from ex-General Secretary and Treasurer W. J. Edwards, who is now in the insurance business with the Mutual Life Insurance Co., Smith Building, Topeka, Kan. It's always a pleasure to hear from "Billy."

Bro. Woolfin relieved Bro. A. B. Reinhart, first Bureau, vice I. E. Diefendorf, called South by the serious illness of his father. We have the promises of two ex-members at Bureau, and hope we will soon hear from Ives in regard to coming back into our Order.

None of the notes that I expected from brothers along the line showed up. C. D. W., Cert. 309.

General Offices—

Chicago (GO)—Bro. Kososki has gone back to Blue Island, as all the regulars have returned.

Second Chief Dispatcher Patterson has returned from an inspection of his farm in Washington.

Bro. Powell, cut off at Topeka, bid in here when direct Herington circuit was put on.

Bro. Asper is back again, after a week's "swell" time with mumps. He goes on vacation May 1st.

All solid here now except the wire chiefs.

Goodland (GD)—Manager W. C. Lipton off a week.

Bro. Hamilton, from Haileyville, on extra.

Bro. Brown succeeded in having Bros. Gillispie and Jones reinstated. The O. R. T. can do greater things yet with a full house.

Bro. Harding's wife is visiting in Chicago.

Bro. Snyder has his 2 by 4 garden in, but is limping with rheumatism.

Bro. Lloyd, transferred from St. Louis Division, was sent to Burlington second.

No. 40 sets out the diner in front of our office here most every night. We get a fine perfume, but don't get the "cats."

El Reno (NO)—The trick recently taken off was put on again, and Bro. Blevins is filling in pending bulletin.

Bro. Hayes is at Amarillo as relief dispatcher Mr. Rippon, "F," filling in here.

Bro. Melbourne is planning for several weeks vacation back to his boyhood woods in "old Missouri;" Bro. Barnard contemplates ninety days vacation to Mexico with a Mexican who did him a bad trick years ago, and Bro. "Z" is getting homesick for Canada.

The "bug" (Morkrum) is still idle sixty per cent of the time and bulling the business the other forty per cent. The brothers taken off recently owing to force reductions were replaced by "printer operators."

Mr. Welliver and his assistants expect to have our switchboard completed within two or three weeks.

Bro. DeGarmo, recently cut off in "KI," called on us en route to Haileyville, where he bid in a vacancy. Z. W. D.

Fairbury (F)—Bro. Russ Graham is off thirty days relieved by Bro. J. R. Tucker on bid, who is sporting a fine coat of tan.

Bro. Walt Graham has gone into the chicken business.

The telegraph office has been moved to its new location, the old yard changed and tracks laid so differently one would hardly recognize the place after an absence of a few months.

Herington (RI)—Bro. Pearsall is spending his honeymoon in Montana. Congratulations. Bro. Ford relieved him on the night trick. He and Bro. Ingram, third trick chief, are trying for a place on the city baseball league. Mr. Woolen, from Fairbury, is on extra.

The banquet at Bro. Ingram's residence, March 27th, was a decided success. Bro. Jones, Lost Springs, violin; Bro. Bonecutter, Herington, cornet; Bro. Powell, Topeka, flute; Mr. Harris, editor Herington, trombone, and Mrs. H. A. Ford, pianist, furnished excellent music for an orchestra having had no rehearsing. Bros. Brown, Ford and others gave a few vocal selections, which were well received. We should try this again later, as some of the local members were unable to attend on account of observing Lent.

Topeka (KI)—Bros. DeGarmo and Powell, victims of "the reduction," went to Haileyville and Chicago respectively. We were all sorry to lose these good boosters.

Bro. Stover and wife accompanied our general officers and their wives to the Trenton banquet, March 28th. That Missouri Division bunch was "right there with bells on." Bro. Stover says: "They had some fair speaking, fine cats, and the best-looking lot of babies in the world."

Bro. Ehrhart was off a week the first part of May.

Four of the six delinquents in the relay service will be with us again May 15th. Keep after them, boys, and let us have a clean slate. RELAY COR.

Missouri Division—

Mrs. E. W. Budworth bid in Lineville nights.

Bro. R. M. Moore, Nahant, while off account sickness, relieved by J. K. Cox.

Bro. R. G. Fox relieved Mr. Flynn, at Centerville, several weeks.

Bro. V. A. Hank, relieved by H. R. McGuire at Leavenworth a few days owing to a death in the family.

Bro. W. L. Woolwine relieved by J. K. Cox at Belknap account death in family.

Bro. M. J. Fox, Princeton, on account of sickness in family, was relieved by D. R. Luse.

Bro. R. J. Price, Jamesport, off account being sick, relieved by J. K. Cox.

R. H. McGuire relieved A. E. Gibson at Stillings several days.

C. I. Kane took ninety days' leave and did not return.

Bro. H. H. Potter, Centerville, while ill, relieved by D. R. Luse.

Bro. M. A. Hillyard, Allerton, relieved several days by Bro. L. J. White.

Third Troy abolished; Bro. J. Manice relieved D. E. Nicholas at Beverly.

D. R. Luse relieved E. M. Stone, who relieved A. C. Keemle, Seymour, a few days.

Bro. C. C. Robertson, Clarksdale, off a few days, relieved by L. E. Price.

Bro. J. F. Greenland, Nahant, off a few days, relieved by F. D. Ochs.

E. M. Stone, loaned temporarily to Des Moines Valley Division, will retain his rights on this division.

It is now Bro. Aberline, at Belknap. Welcome into the fold.

Bro. P. V. Cox, Mercer agency, at Kansas City a few days on company business, relieved by Bro. D. E. Cox, nights.

Bro. W. K. Cousins, Clio agency, relieved on his vacation by L. E. Price who promises to line up again soon.

Congratulations to Bro. Potter, Centerville, married March 25th.

Spickards nights bid in by Bro. C. C. Potter, Allerton third by A. C. Keemle, and Winston agency by Bro. L. J. White.

Bro. P. V. Cox and L. E. Price attended the meeting at Trenton, April 28th.

During this month we have had the pleasure of securing the applications of H. H. Potter, Centerville; E. L. Cummings and O. G. Edwards, Muscatine, and F. W. Fields, Rushville. This nice work on the part of the membership is certainly appreciated. Let us get the remaining non-members.

Don't forget our meetings at Trenton the third Saturday night in each month. Be sure and be there.

W. H. PLUM.

Arkansas Division—

New members secured recently on this division are: C. E. McGugan, Heth; W. W. Adams, Palestine; E. S. Petway, Biscoe; M. C. McKay, Kerr; J. E. Mitchell, Havana; E. B. Richardson, Haskell; H. D. Ellison, Newport, and E. B. Matkin, Gregory. This is a pretty good record for the last thirty days. Every brother on the division should see that the man next to him carries an up-to-date, and if he does not, keep after him until he comes in. Anyone who claims

that their working conditions were not bettered by our recent negotiations with the company will be found to be those who failed to furnish the committee at Chicago the information it had requested to show that they deserved more money.

W. A. Clark, agent Roland, is still long on promises and short a card. He always bids on the best jobs when he wants a change, and we should see that he or any other man on the division with a permanent position without a card gets one without any further delay. The division is in better shape than it has been for over two years. Now, let's make it the best on the system.

Local Chairman McAnich has appointed the following brothers assistant local chairmen on this division; L. E. Greer, Cotton Plant; A. H. Jones, Palestine; J. W. Formy, Lonoke; H. Inglis, Danville; G. W. Minich, Roland, and F. R. Collins, Haskell. Give them your hearty support. If there is anything you wish to know call on them and they will gladly help you out.

Bro. A. H. Jones bid in Havana agency; Bro. W. P. Bargion, agency Germania, and Bro. G. D. Lee, agency Proctor.

Bro. W. P. Bargion has returned from the Oklahoma oil fields. G. D. LEE, Cert. 185.

Kansas Division—

Quite a few of the delinquent brothers paid up this month, and several of the nons will soon join, making things look better on this division. Let the good work continue.

Bro. J. B. Burham, "CH" Wichita, is now with the Wichita Terminal Association. "BA" at "UD" sounds good.

Bro. C. S. Farber, who relieved Mr. Smith at "CD" while the latter's wife was in Wichita Hospital, later relieved Bro. M. W. Shaw at Herington yard, and then took the Lincolnville agency, pending assignment, vice Bro. Pearsoll, gone to Montana with the Great Northern.

Bro. G. L. Johnson is now a full-fledged dispatcher on the south end nights.

Bro. L. M. Tucker has taken the "280" job in the dispatcher's office, leaving Morganville station on bulletin. Wellington first is also on bulletin.

Agency Lincolnville assigned to J. A. Jones, first Wellington.

Bro. M. W. Shaw was off a few days on account of the death of his nephew.

Boys, be careful, the woods are full of spotters, and there are plenty of operators to relieve you.

The banquet at Herington, March 27th, was a success in every way. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Meador, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Powell, Mr. and Mrs. Halpin, Mr. and Mrs. E. Pringle, Mr. and Mrs. F. Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Bonecutter, Mr. and Mrs. Harris of Herington, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Ford, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Ingram, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Hedrix, and Messrs. Lowe, Shanklin, Pearsoll, Shaw and Jones of Lost Springs. A very enjoyable evening was spent with orchestra music by Mrs. H. A. Ford, Messrs. Powell.

Meador, Bonecutter, Harris and Jones, after which all enjoyed refreshments, and departed for their homes well pleased.

Bro. C. O. Lowe, "SI" Herington relay, was off a few days recently.

Bro. H. A. Ford, Herington relay, changed tricks so he could enter service in the "Twilight League" baseball party. Bro. H. A. Pearsoll, of Herington, was recently married. Congratulations.

A. H. Sheets, third Volland, resigned to enter the store business at Memphis, Mo. Bro. D. D. Leonard bidding in the vacancy. The latter relieved Bro. W. E. Pearsoll, third Dwight, while he went to Council Grove.

Bro. C. C. Cassidy, second White City, was relieved a few days by H. H. Woolsey.

Bro. O. W. Emerich, second Dwight, while at Council Grove a few days, was relieved by F. Girdner.

Bro. W. S. Griggs, second Willard, is said to be the champion croquet player there.

Received no news from the Clay Center line this month. Wish some one over there would mail me the items from there to Box 24, Volland, Kan.

Boys, keep after the nons and make them come in. If they can't pay the small amount necessary to get an up-to-date, they have no business on the R. I. CERT. 1016.

West Iowa Division—

Every brother should take a little more interest in our monthly write-up and send a few lines to me or Bro. Kuhns. We have not had one for several months. Note the Chicago general office write-up in the April number. Let's try and have one as good.

The meeting at Des Moines on April 14th was well attended, and the West Iowa and "MS" office was well represented. Some of those attending along the line were: Bros. L. E. Hubbell, second Anita; J. H. Toller, agent Menlo; F. H. Grotte, second Neola; C. Hubbell, agent Dexter, and a few from the East Iowa, in all about thirty.

The meeting was called to order by Bro. Bylander, chairman of the club, and Bro. M. J. Collins, secretary.

Bro. Brown gave a very interesting talk on the closed-shop question, and Bro. G. E. Soyster, general chairman C. M. & St. P., a thirty minute talk, which was very much appreciated. His heart and soul are sure deep in the work of lining up the nons.

We then heard from Bro. A. L. Coleman, general chairman, and Bro. C. E. Norris, general secretary and treasurer, from the C. G. W.

L. A. Nichols, formerly chief dispatcher, also made a talk which was very interesting and much appreciated. He is on several months' leave, trying out the buttermilk proposition, which he thinks is going to be a great success, and we all hope it will be.

Several good jobs recently bulletined, we are glad to note, were all filled by up-to-dates. Bro. C. M. Peasley, Stuart second, bid in Underwood

agency; Bro. F. R. Kuhns, second Iowa City, Exira agency, vice Mr. Nancarrow, "hopping clods." He will not have to take out a card to do that, any "old sod buster" can run a plow, but we wish him success anyway.

Bro. H. M. Hanson bid in Atlantic third; Bro. W. R. Larimer, Casey agency; F. V. Varner, Guthrie Center second; Bro. C. W. Coffin, first Homestead; Bro. A. G. Hauge, agency Metz. Several other changes have taken place, but without assistance I was unable to get them. Please send me a line once in a while, and let me know what is going on, also try to make the nons let loose of some of that money we have gotten for them and get an up-to-date.

L. E. H., Cert. 1449.

Minnesota Division—

C. T. U. Bro. M. G. Cashett, second Northwood, relieved by Bro. C. V. Sniles, returned to Winnipeg.

Bro. C. R. Bauman, from Northwood, goes to Mason City first, in freight depot, relieved by Leonard Stone, from Arkansas.

Bro. Frances, of Kensett, relieved Lemon, gone to "WB" second.

Bro. C. J. Shanger, father of Bro. M. J. Shanger, first Northwood, is now agent at Grundy Center.

Bro. J. J. Flynn, relieved at Mason City by Bro. Bauman, goes to Cedar Falls.

Recent bulletin appointments: Bro. S. W. Barry to first Cedar Falls; Bro. M. H. Chuker, second Rockford; C. Raynes, third Grundy Center; J. H. Rister, third Allendale; M. Anderson, third "JU" Manly; N. K. Thompson, second Kensett; A. R. Nelson, third Northwood; C. V. Snile, third "AO" Iowa Falls.

Bro. M. H. Chuker relieved his brother at Wellsburg a few days.

The spring inspection train passed over the main line of this division recently.

CERT. 266.

Colorado Division—

There should be a marked improvement in business from now on. Guard the company's interests so that your comparative statements can show as near the standard figures in earnings for the month as possible, and show that you are capable of giving first class service.

Bro. N. O. Faison received agency Arriba, vice Bro. T. J. O'Brien, resigned, in California.

Bro. Haworth, agent Stuttgart, is off ninety days on the farm near Haswell, Colo., relieved by Bro. Mellor, relieved by Bro. Robb, who recently relieved Bro. Sarvis, several weeks at Colby.

Bro. Geo. W. Von Hartman, on ninety days' leave to Virginia, was relieved by Bro. Prettyman, recently displaced on Falcon second, owing to reduction.

Bros. B. J. and F. A. Brown, of Prairie View, on sixty days' leave, were relieved by Bro. Judd and Sister Holtz, on bulletin.

Bro. Steffy bid in second and Bro. Johnson third Rexford, vice Bro. Brown, resigned.

Sister McGee is now on El Paso Division.

Frank Blakeman, Jr., assigned Ramah agency sixty days on bulletin. We should see that he renews his membership.

Third tricks up for bids are: Clayton, permanent; Stuttgart, sixty days; Dresden, ninety days; Gem, sixty days; Burlington, thirty days. Those bidding in these positions at the expiration of the time limit are returned to former positions.

Bro. Girvin is on third Clayton, and C. W. Green on third Gem, pending bulletin.

Bro. Johnson is taking civil service examination under the hours-of-service law.

Only one non on the east end now.

Every man on the division needs the protection of the organization, whether an extra or a regular, and 100 per cent membership would give us the needed strength as a union to carry on our work, so it is up to the stauncher members to secure the applications of those yet on the outside.

Bro. J. C. Jones, reinstated April 1st, is on third Burlington, his old position at Kanorado was abolished in the recent reduction. Bro. Gillaspy has also been reinstated to his former position at Limon with seniority intact—thanks to the good work of the division committee, and too much credit can not be given to Bro. Brown, the general chairman.

Dispatcher Creighton, of Goodland, was on a recent trip on the Iowa Division, when the wife of a telegrapher died on the train before they reached his destination. The brother was unable to pay the expenses incident upon such an occasion and Mr. Creighton volunteered his aid, and at the next larger city got off the train with the brother and his wife's corpse and stood responsible for the undertaker's bill. This act was no surprise to Mr. Creighton's acquaintances on this, his home division, where his kindness of heart is so well known.

Bro. E. C. Lloyd relieved Bro. Marquis for a few days on Burlington second.

Bro. Chas. F. Judd, home from Kansas City visiting his parents at Prairie View, and Gem, Kan., will probably return to service on this division.

Bro. T. J. Murphy returns to third Roswell, vice Bro. Steffy, to Rexford second.

Remember that individual effort will eliminate the few nons on the division, especially those agents west of Goodland.

Div. Coa.

Dakota Division—

Mr. Ballou, agent Rowen, has returned from the coast. Bro. Patterson relieved Mr. Densmore at Germania for a few days, and then went to the Des Moines Valley Division.

Bro. J. F. Kerens, acting agent at Watertown during Mr. Mitchell's absence, was relieved by Mr. Sibley, now relieving Bro. Alrich, gone to Texas on vacation.

Bro. Kinseth, agent Conger, was called in to Chicago on company business, relieved by Mr. Kreuger, helper at Armstrong.

Mr. Densmore, agent Germania, on ninety days' leave, has gone to Wilmont, in the newspaper business, relieved by Bro. Sturdevant, relieved on third there by Calmer Anderson.

After a trip to Chicago, Bro. A. A. Kreger returned to Brandt as agent.

Bro. Ramsey, of Melvin, was confined to his home several weeks on account of smallpox, relieved by Helper Payne, of Lake Park.

The Iowa Falls-Sioux Falls line is now solid with the exception of A. O. Beck, third Emmetsburg, and Mr. Vasey, agent Granite, and we hope to line these men up this month. The latest additions to the O. R. T. are: Jett, Clarion, Horswell, Harris and Landmark, of Lester.

The meeting held at Estherville the night of April 16th was attended by thirty-five brothers. Bro. Brown gave us a good talk, which we certainly appreciated.

We are planning another meeting there, and also one at Iowa Falls. When you hear the date for these meetings, ask the superintendent for permission to be away and for transportation. Mr. Rosser has said that he will gladly grant such requests, so you have no excuse for not coming to these meetings. They will do you good and make better union men of you.

Some of the brothers on this division seem to be a little slack in sending their dues in for the current term. This only makes more work for the local chairman and for the general secretary and treasurer. It does not cost any less to wait the two months of grace. When you get the notice for dues for term ending December 31st, let us be on time. See if we can not get all of them in before July 31st and not later than August 31st, and don't forget the M. B. D. to be sent to Bro. Quick.

Understand the gravel pit will be opened May 1st, which will make more work for some of us.

Wish some brother on the Gowrie Line would send me some notes of the happenings over there, also someone on the Watertown Line.

Div. Coa.

Amarillo Division, C. R. I. & G. Ry.—

Bro. Koeninger, agent Vega, has resigned, relieved by Bro. J. J. McLean on bid, who recently returned from a visit to his mother at Salt Lake City, who was very sick but is now getting well.

We hope the few brothers who have not paid their dues for the current term will attend to this at once.

B. L. Summers, agent Adrian, Tex., the only non on the division, has bought an auto. We hope he will appreciate the increase of \$10 a month that he has been receiving, which now amounts to \$270, and come in now, making us 100 per cent strong.

Bro. B. E. Clapp, who was seriously injured at Shamrock, February 11th, is getting along nicely, but will not be able to work for some time. We sympathize with him.

Don't forget to do as Mr. Gruhlkey said in the magazine—help our superintendent so that he may carry off the banner when he leaves this division, and everyone help to make the service better.

M. H. KEASLER, Local Chairman.

L. S. & M. S. Ry., Div. No. 129.*Western Division—*

Our committee, including Local Chairman Graham, is still in Chicago with the United States Labor Commission, trying to make a settlement with officials.

Bro. Witter was off several nights recently, on sick list.

Bro. Meisner is now on second "NX" South Bend, his home town.

Bro. Pratt visited a few days recently with his parents at Logansport.

Bro. Longee, third L. E. & N. Crossing, La-Porte, was off sick recently.

It is now Bro. Krathwohl, second "RO."

Bro. King bid in "FS" first.

Bro. Messick, third Otis, has resigned, relieved by Mr. Lee pending its assignment. Mr. Lee bid in Chesterton second, and Bro. Harmon, second Pine, landed first Indiana Harbor, vice Bro. Sabin, now clerk in the superintendent's office. Indiana Harbor third closed, Bro. Whitehead taking night ticket clerk's position, twelve hours.

Bro. Dole, second "BR," resigned.

I can not get all the changes unless the brothers will advise me of them on or before the 20th. Pay up your dues and special assessment, stick together, and don't get discouraged.

"No card, no favors." "BILL, Cert. 10.

Eastern Division—

Bro. "Jack" Frawley was off a few days, moving. Bro. Clarence Crawford, Bay View, off several days, was relieved by Bro. J. L. Zeebe.

Bro. J. F. Henry, Bro. Zeebe and J. L. DeGorris posted up at P. & E. interlocking plant recently.

P. K. Pickard, "ON" Cleveland, takes second Erie depot, displacing Bro. C. M. Smith, and C. J. Swietzer is at Erie yard days. The latter, with his wife, is on an extended trip in Virginia.

Bro. T. J. Clancy, P. & E. Crossing, while visiting friends and relatives in Westfield and Buffalo, was relieved by Bro. G. D. Miller.

"Jack" Dight, on Erie yard nights, while off sick was relieved by Fred Gardner, extra passenger "braky."

Bro. Sidney Shepard, of Bay View, has been resting up a few days.

Otto Hass, "W" tower, off a week, was relieved by T. H. Miles.

Bro. Joseph Schroeder relieved Bro. G. D. Miller on third North East, who goes on extra list.

H. Bonnell was off several weeks with a line gang.

Bro. Streets, Lake View, off sick a few days, was relieved by Bro. L. H. Graney.

Bro. F. A. Wright, Wesleyville third, off sick several days, was relieved by T. H. Miles, and Bro. Del Beideck, Buffalo Creek, while off sick was relieved by Bro. P. L. Seivart.

Bro. J. F. Henry is a recent new member.

The recent assessment of \$3 mailed all members of Division 129 should be paid promptly, as it is needed by our committee to help carry on negotiations with the management. Brothers, you can figure this as money well spent when you remem-

ber what the O. R. T. has done for us in the past and what it will do again. Pay up and keep in good standing. According to our constitution, this assessment is compulsory and must be paid to keep from being suspended.

Remember our motto, "No card, no favors."

Div. Cor.

C., B. & Q. R. R., Div. No. 130.*Relay Division—*

Another wave of retrenchment hit this division April 1st, resulting in Bro. Saul, Galesburg, bumping Bro. Glenn at Wymore, and Bro. Critchfield, Beardstown, and Bro. Howard, Hannibal, bumping Bro. Jones and Mr. Coker at Aurora. Reduction in dispatchers at Beardstown, Mr. Thiehoff bumping Bro. Edie at St. Joe Relay, transferred to Brookfield a few weeks. Bro. Williams, cut off at Beardstown, transferred to lines west, extra, and Bro. Coats, Galesburg to Lincoln.

Bro. Young, phoner Galesburg, is enjoying a leave of absence in Florida. Bro. Dahlberg, "GT," is back on the job after a three months' leave. Bro. Brown, "GT," who has been relieving third wire chief, has been laid off, but anticipates bumping the Morkrum operator, Bro. Swanson.

Bros. Clendenin, Denver and Jones, Brookfield, visited the boys in "GO" the latter part of April.

Mr. Butler, third trick "WC" at Omaha, has been assigned first trick "WC" at Ottumwa. Mr. Lacey, second trick "WC" Ottumwa, resigned, and the position is now on bulletin. Div. Cor.

Aurora Division—

Bro. A. E. Sandy, third Riverside tower, on a three weeks' vacation to New Orleans, Jacksonville and other southern places of interest, was relieved by Bro. Brockway, of Aurora.

Bro. Tom Gorman, second Hinsdale tower, was relieved a few days by Bro. Brockway, who later relieved Bro. Anderson, third there.

Bro. Beardsly, third Montgomery, has been protecting one of the tricks at "D" tower Mendota.

Bro. E. G. Riegel, who has been sick the past year, expects to resume on first "D" tower in the next ten days. Glad to hear he is getting along so well, and hope he is now strong enough to hold out.

Ex-Bro. John Stroud, of Leland, Ill., has sold out his interest in his store to his brother-in-law, and expects to return to telegraphing. He will join again as soon as he starts to work.

A. J. Ranger, second Somonauk tower, was in Chicago recently, taking the civil service examination for Federal inspection hours-of-service law.

Bro. Selanders goes to second Leverman trick at "SY" Aurora, Sister M. E. Hills bidding in the vacancy thus created on Sandwich second. Bro. E. G. Noack, third Sandwich, visited friends in Aurora recently, and Bro. W. H. Dillon and wife, of Somonauk, visited Aurora the first of the month.

Mr. Peoples, second Plano, on thirty days' vacation, was relieved by Mr. Thompson, of Biggs-ville, Ill.

Hope some good brother on the west end and C. & I. and east end will send in a few items to the local chairman about the 20th, so the entire Aurora Division can be heard from. C&RT. 14.

Beardstown Division—

Whitehall is again operated with two nine-hour tricks, Bro. G. Ventrees on days and Bro. H. B. Anderson nights. H. Farr has gone home, after seven days' hard work.

Beardstown yard office discontinued. Bro. C. Hanks bumped Bro. Spence, second Chapin; Bro. Danford bumped Clayton second Block 107, and Bro. H. Clower bumped Bro. Haist, third Bader.

Bro. T. Nelvis is relieving Bro. McCoy, third Vermont, on account of sickness.

F. C. Knapp, agent Brighton for several years, bid in third East Alton, relieved by Forrest Haist pending bulletin.

Thanks to Bro. Anderson for these notes.

Other positions abolished: Virden, three men; Waverly and Franklin days, one trick Browning and Metropolis, two at Baden, Sesser, Adair, Litchfield, Christopher, Block 107, Herring Jct. and Herrin station; three men Keyesport, three tricks Centralia yard, and Block 104 three dispatchers; and Ayers station closed entirely. Bro. Renfro, dispatching south end, has returned to relay office. Bro. Williams, relay office Alliance, Neb., from Beardstown relay.

Local Chairman Frazier bid in Brighton, relieved at Rockbridge agency, pending bulletin, by A. D. Haist.

Bro. Critchfield went to Aurora relay on account of Bro. Renfro returning, and W. Nelms, from Bader, relieved C. W. McCoy on third Vermont on account of rheumatism.

Bro. Beekman, laid off at Litchfield, went on a vacation with his wife to Yellowstone Park and other Northwest points. We wish them a pleasant trip.

Bro. E. C. Kitner, from the C. P. S. T. L. at Athens and Lockhaven, has gone to the Northern Pacific at East Helena, Mont.

Bro. Wharton, Franklin days, bid in Atwater agency, and Bro. Dooley, Youngstown agency, vice Bro. Costley, bumped to second Metropolis.

Brothers, the schedule we have now in regard to reduction in force, the youngest man will be dispensed with first, and the fellow with seniority has the chance to get what he wants when positions are made vacant or new positions created. Let us strive to keep this part of the schedule in force, and remember, "No card, no favors."

D. K.

Galesburg Division, Quincy Branch—

Spring weather makes it hard to stay inside, but don't forget your wires, men of the O. R. T. Remember, duty first, last and all the time; play after the work is done.

We are mighty glad to hear Bro. Herron back again, after his long siege of rheumatism.

Those who did not attend the big meeting at Galesburg, April 18th, missed a very interesting and instructive session. Bro. Carder read the draft of the new schedule to the members, and it was discussed in detail. The next meeting will

be at Quincy, usual time and place, on Sunday, June 21st. Never has the O. R. T. enjoyed such prosperity and growth as at present on Division 130. Get to the meetings, men, and learn the vastness and importance of your Order.

Recent changes on bulletin: Bro. Kynion, to second Denrock; Bro. Duffy, to third Bardolph, later to agency Norris; Bro. Mullen, to first "YD;" Bro. Westbay to third Lynn; Bro. Botkin, to third "YD," later to agency Rushville; Bro. Eighns, to second Lynn; Mr. Fling, to second Barstow; Bro. Duncan, to third Bardolph; Bro. Clayton, to second "YD;" Bro. Chinn, to third "YD;" Bro. Weller, to first Rushville.

It is gratifying to note only one non among the changes. They are becoming scarce on this division.

Positions closed: Second Prairie City and third St. Augustine, Farmington and Maquon. The brothers shut out can displace the youngest man on the division, in accordance with schedule, making their wants known to Mr. Hibbs and advising the local chairman of their action.

Bro. E. C. Fisk is on second Portal pending close of bulletin.

Vacations are now in order, and, with the number of extra men on the division, we should have no trouble in getting relief. Don't forget to commence to lay away that dues money for June 30th. Don't wait until it becomes necessary to spend a lot of your money in postage to remind you of your duty.

Galesburg Division, General—Bro. J. L. Dollison, Elmwood, is laid up with inflammatory rheumatism, relieved by Bro. Sherman.

Bro. C. E. Walker, Yates City, off a week, relieved by Bro. E. L. Ventrees, who also relieved Bro. A. F. Theilen, third Canton, while visiting relatives.

Bro. T. P. Ogle recently returned from his fruit farm at Corpus Christi, Texas, relieving Mr. Conner at Knoxville a few days, later relieving Bro. Hendricks, Ipava, on account of the death of his uncle.

Many thanks to Bro. Root for items. Get into the habit of sending in the news. If your name is left out of these columns, it is because you have not advised your correspondent. C&RT. 492.

Galesburg Division, North End—

Bro. Weller worked two weeks at Barstow. Mr. Fling, of Rushville, bid in second, and Bro. Westbay, second Lynn, third there.

Joslin agency on bulletin, Bro. Mattison, the agent there, going into the grocery business.

Bro. Carroll, agent Hillsdale, was off two days, relieved by helper from Lyndon.

Considering the very light business at present, we have no excuse for having a dirty office or soiled windows.

We regret that more of the brothers were not able to attend the Galesburg meeting, April 18th. Both Bros. Carder and Graves made very interesting talks.

How many brothers have made any effort to secure new members since January 1, 1914?

Bro. Vincent, agent Warner, off a few days, was relieved by Bro. Waite. C&RT. 1851.

Q. O. & K. C. Division—

Bro. Carder was over the line last month for the first time, made many new acquaintances, and raised the spirits of those downhearted.

Our friends, the dispatchers, going over the line learned things they never new, and extensive visits were made at Durham, Weatherby and Avondale.

Several vacations will take place this month.

We look for many changes before the last of June in the way of wages and working conditions, something that has been a long time reaching us.

Div. Con.

La Crosse Division—

Bro. P. V. McCue received third Diamond Bluff. Day operator put on at Lynxville temporarily, also understand one will be put on at Desoto on account of double-track work.

Bro. C. J. Nelson, Dubuque, has gone West on six weeks' vacation, relieved by Bro. Fitz.

It is now Bros. C. C. Howard, Crawford first; L. G. White, Stoddard third, and C. M. Kemp, Oakland, and will soon be Bros. Olson, Lane and Irwin. Several more applications in. Looks good for a near solid line-up by the last of the year, if all will keep up the good work.

Bro. Gilliland, Savanna yard days, off on account of sickness, was relieved by Bro. Flanagan formerly of La Crosse. We hope for a speedy recovery.

Don't forget the flower fund; it is a good thing and concerns us all.

Our unpaid list is very small and will no doubt soon be cut down to two or three, which shows that all are interested. With the promises now in, we should have 130 by another month.

Bro. J. L. Scobee, laid off during the cut, visited his folks in Missouri, and then relieved Mr. Irwin at Blake.

Bro. Bill Bright is on first Lynxville, and Bro. Randall on second pending bulletin.

Bro. Baker was off a few days, relieved by Mr. Irwin.

Bro. Dyer, "CD" third, goes to Desoto.

Bro. Unangst, agent Whitton, has some fine chickens.

Bro. Gilbertson relieving W. D. Johnson, Crawford, several weeks.

Bro. Rogers passed over the division recently.

Bro. W. B. Tarrt, first Prairie du Chien, on sick list, was relieved by Bro. Otis Sands, who later relieved Bro. Graves, "NA."

Four more work trains put on between Charme and Lynxville keep the brothers hustling.

Would like to have some notes from more of the brothers on the north end.

Bro. Hartman, who relieved Bro. E. G. Nash, on six weeks' vacation to Baker, Mont., was later relieved by Bro. Huth, bidding in Prescott second.

Bro. Sands relieved Bro. Hitchcock, agent Pullman avenue.

Bro. Huth, extra, relieved Bro. Granke, second Cochran; Bro. Zepp, East Winona, and Mr. Sparling, Trempealeau.

Remember, when bidding in a "temporary" job this summer that the trick you vacate will be bul-

letined as a *permanent* job, and after temporary job is discontinued you will have to go on the extra list and bid in something else. There seems to be some misunderstanding in regard to this. The word "temporary" is used to let all concerned know that it is not to be a permanent job, so be governed accordingly.

I wish to thank those who helped with this write-up and would like to get some notes from each one of you every month. We could then be well represented. W. B. SCHRUNK, L. C.

Brookfield Division—

Bro. Mahoney, third Callao, who fell and sprained his wrist going to work, was relieved by Mr. Leary, later by Mr. Hughes.

Bro. Hoover, second Lentner, was in Moline several days with sick relatives.

The entire east end boys enjoyed a vacation and full time, taking in the sights at Paris, Mo. We enjoyed the trip fine, and the writer especially wishes to thank the Katy brother for his kindness.

Boys, let us know what is happening on the division. Get after that non next to you and give him no rest until he gets a card. A brother from the west end has promised us some items for next month. The rest of you boys keep me posted on the news, and get that non.

CERT. 3044.

Hannibal Division—

Every man in the United States who handles express should tip his hat to the man or men who compiled our new express tariff. It is simply fine in every respect. The freight rates could also be put in three books, and do away with 999,999 nonsensical documents called freight tariffs. We trust Billy Sunday or some other 400-batting evangelist, will pray that this may be done.

Bro. B. B. Gregory worked a couple of nights extra at Bellflower the last of April.

One man with an up-to-date, full of booze and giving poor service, does the O. R. T. more harm than six nons doing the same thing. "No card, no favors," and respectability as one of the requirements to get a card is a good slogan.

The nons continue to enjoy our schedule with all its rights and benefits, and "pay their dues" with wisdom by telling those who paid real money to secure these things how to run the O. R. T.

Account of sickness, Bro. F. C. Palmer, agent LaGrange, was off a few days, relieved by Relief Agent Anderson.

Bro. M. P. Gough, agent West Alton, bumped by Bro. Roberts, third Montrose. Latter position discontinued, and Bro. Tal Gray, second Orchard Farm, bumped by Mr. Wing, from Helton, discontinued. Sister Opal H. Gray, third Orchard Farm, off a few days, was relieved by Bro. Gray, who later secured second there, vice Wing, resigned.

Bro. King, third Machens, on three weeks' vacation, relieved by Bro. Jarman, and he on the agency there by Relief Agent Anderson.

Bro. Beck, second Machens, is greasing up his Overland to enter the races at Indianapolis next month.

Bro. Hart, third Old Monroe, off a few days sick, relieved by Bro. Trihey, of Firma.

Bro. L. E. Williams, off two weeks owing to the illness of his little daughter, was relieved by H. M. Anderson.

Bro. Wiilburn, of Peruque, on vacation, relieved by relief agent.

F. Miner, agent Winfield, off a few days, was relieved by Mr. Jackson.

We would be glad to hear from some of the brothers on the north end. We have asked a number for items, but only one or two responded.

Div. Cor.

Burlington Division—

It is now Bro. Clark, at Roscoe; Bro. S. M. Wilson, at Swan, and Bro. R. L. McGruder, helper, at Pleasantville.

Only one delinquent on this division this term. That is good, keep it up.

Bro. Severs, assistant agent Oskaloosa, has gone to the division office at Ottumwa, relieved by Bro. M. J. Cummings.

Ed Stout, in telegraph position Oskaloosa, relieved at Stockport by Mr. Porter, a new man, from the Santa Fe.

Bro. J. L. Clark bid in Lomax station, vice Bro. Osborne.

H. M. Smith is at Winfield pending bulletin.

Bro. McKay, agent Packwood, is back after thirty days' vacation, vice Bro. W. C. Moore, going to Danville, Iowa. CERT. 8.

Centerville Division—

Bro. L. G. Potter bid in "DX" dispatcher's office. Let's all do our best to make his work as light as we can, as he has a great many wires to handle, and when he has to call ten or fifteen minutes you are taking his time from the other wires.

Bro. D. E. Paint bid in Hale agency on the K. C., relieved by Bro. Poffenberger at Clearfield, relieved by Bro. Holbrook at Brazil.

It is now Bro. Phillips, at Ellston, and Davison at Granger.

The few members who have failed to pay up their dues will be dropped if they don't pay up at once. Don't allow yourself to become a non again.

I hope when I send in my next write-up there won't be a delinquent on the Centerville Division.

Lancaster depot was destroyed by fire morning of March 1st, and Bro. Wilson, like the writer, is now residing in a box car.

Brothers, get after the nons next to you and give them no rest until you get their applications. You can get blanks from Bro. Buckles or myself.

Div. Cor.

Creston Division—

Bro. Rose, Pacific Jct., off few days account sickness, relieved by Bro. Poindexter, from second Cromwell, relieved by Foner Heflin, from second,

and he on second Nodaway by Bro. Fredrickson. Bro. Poindexter later bid in first Bedford.

Bro. Knight, third Corning, bid in second Glenwood, relieved by Mr. Hainey, from Creston relay.

Bro. Farrell, third Villisca, off several weeks, relieved by Bro. Hodges, first Shenandoah.

Foner Seabloom, acting agent McPherson a few days, laid off on account reduction in force.

Bro. Conley, who bid in third Corning, vice Mr. Hainey, who bid in Arkoe agency, later returned to his former position at Stanton, which is now on bulletin. Div. Cor.

Ottumwa Division—

Bro. A. H. Ostrich, agent Batavia, spent a nice, long vacation in sunny California, relieved by Bro. O. A. Parks, of second, relieved by Extra Jacobson.

Bro. J. M. Stevenson, West Burlington cabin, relieved the ticket clerk at the union depot Burlington, while in Minneapolis having an operation performed.

Bro. E. P. Browne, third Mt. Pleasant, relieved by Bro. Wilkins, La Crosse relay, went to Norfolk agency until bid in by Bro. E. S. Morey.

Bro. J. W. Walsh is back on second Burlington yard; his relief, Bro. C. C. Carson, to third "UK" Ottumwa.

Superintendent Cummings has decided that the agent at Gladstone can not work the express from No. 3 each morning without a violation of the law. It will hereafter be made at Burlington. Loss to ex-Bro. Houston, \$9.00.

Bro. D. Smitherman, transferred from Grand Division, assigned third Murray.

L. A. Wagner, of the G. R. & I., Vicksburg, Mich., spent a few days this month with Bro. F. L. Carpenter, Albia passenger, being old boyhood chums on the Pennsylvania. Bro. Carpenter had Mr. Wagner in the right state of mind about a card when he left.

A. E. Mangle, Santa Fe, was assigned third Maxon, as no applications were received for it.

Mr. Mangle is a brother of Bro. A. W. Mangle, third tower 307, and we have his application.

Bro. O. S. Hatcher, agent Milo, has returned from his all-winter vacation on his fruit farm in California; Bro. F. E. Hull was his relief.

Bro. C. F. Fisher, Albia, has resigned to go into the auto livery business for himself. When in Albia look up Bro. Fisher and his classy Overlands. We wish him success.

Bro. Carpenter, third Albia, owing to his ability as a leverman, has been kept at Maxon and tower 307 nearly a month relieving sick men. Bro. J. W. Greely and myself both being on the sick list at the same time. Bro. J. M. Carr, third Melrose, also helped out; Bro. J. M. Kane, relieved Bro. Carpenter, and Bro. Carr's position was closed, owing to shortage of men.

Bro. A. W. McDonald, second Melrose, off a few days sick, relieved by Bro. E. W. Putz, third Woodburn.

Extra Dispatcher Tulloss is relieving the dispatchers for their annual vacation, putting Bro.

C. A. Walters on the chief clerk's desk, relieved on second "UK" Ottumwa, by E. A. Gustavson, with Bro. Carson on third.

Bro. J. M. Kane relieved Bro. C. W. Small, third Monmouth, a short time.

R. C. Carpenter, second Afton, recently lost his four-months-old baby through death. Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter have our sympathy.

We have only two members on the delinquent list, and both were benefited by the last schedule and know where we stand at the present time in regard to a new schedule. Any member on the east end who will help me out with these cases can have their names upon request.

I am indebted to a number of the boys for assistance with this write-up. Thanks for the interest shown, it being an especial help this time on account of being on the sick list and off the division most of the month.

T. R. CRANDALL, Local Chairman.

St. Joseph Division—

No one responded with items this month except Bro. Fields, at Fairfax. Some of you brothers on the main line should be able to send some in.

Your humble servant took three weeks' vacation this month, making a trip to South Dakota and Florida; relieved by Extra Agent C. E. Ledgerwood, who went to Forest City on my return.

The boys on the southern roads are all well organized and are coming to the front.

Bro. W. E. Stouffer, third Hamburg, while taking his first Masonic degree at Fairfax, was relieved by Bro. P. A. Fewson.

It is now Bro. Weight, at Craig, and Bro. B. F. Whiting, Folsom.

There are still a few out of line, but they are waking up and getting wise.

Send in the news next month and let us be well represented. L. J. MILLEN, Coin, Ia.

Wymore Division—

We have not gathered in the number of nons we should have in the month just passed. Let us see before the real hot weather starts in if we can not make a clean-up of every non on this division. Keep right after them, day after day, until we round them up. While most of the boys have paid up their dues, we still have a few holding back. This makes it look bad for the division. The local chairman will gladly furnish you the names of either nons or delinquents if you are interested enough to work on them, and will ask for the list. Don't you want to try it?

It is now Bro. J. T. Clark, at Kesterson.

Bro. E. Miller, third Rulo, called away account of the death in his family, relieved by Mr. J. R. Heilman.

Bro. Hicks, DeWeese, off with an attack of mumps, relieved by Mr. Van Dusen.

Bro. J. A. Milbourne, agent Graf, is out for nomination for sheriff, and Bro. Nibbe, Crab Orchard, wants to be county treasurer. Both these

men carry up to date cards in Division 130, and should be remembered whenever the opportunity presents.

Bro. Allsman, Falls City, on vacation, relieved by Bro. McIntyre.

We regret that Traveling Auditor Peters has been transferred to the Sheridan Division. Mr. Peters has made many friends by his fair and open way of treating the men, and we can heartily commend him to the good will of the Sheridan Division boys.

Bro. Filley, Bostwick, and Bro. Hart, Hardy, attended the Knight Templar services at Superior, Easter Sunday.

Chief Dispatcher Murdock and Dispatcher Miller recently gave the operator's examination to the boys on the west end and High Line.

Our earnest appeal for items last month did not set any of the brothers working overtime to furnish them. Glad to note, however, that three or four of the boys are still alive and interested in the write-up, and trust they will come each month with a handful of news.

Remember the non and the delinquent. "No card, no favors." Div. Cor.

Alliance Division, West End—

Bro. H. C. Williams, Beardstown relay, bid in an Alliance relay trick. Welcome to our midst, brother.

A. W. Parker, second trick dispatcher, Deadwood, passed a very pleasant vacation back among his old friends at Monmouth, Ill., the first of the month.

C. M. Mackey, Alliance, has been promoted to third trick dispatcher at Sterling, relieved as extra dispatcher by J. L. Biedermann, and he on first Deadwood by A. W. Parker, relieved on second Deadwood by Bro. Frank Brunkhorst, of Alliance relay. All are deserved promotions, and we congratulate the boys.

Bro. Ed Shields, Alliance relay, visited old friends and relatives at St. Joe recently.

Bro. V. H. Ough is relieving Bro. Jesse McKinnie, agent Hecla, while he, Mrs. Mac. and little Sammy are visiting the former's father and mother, and taking in the sights of Arkansas.

Bro. L. Z. Young relieved the agent at Mystic a week.

Bro. C. E. Seybolt, second Crawford, has ordered a 1914 model Indian motorcycle with an extra seat on the rear. What for? Wait and see.

Bro. Harris relieved Bro. Fiske a few days on third Belmont.

Bro. Frank Brunkhorst was the only one to contribute any news this month. Brothers, it only takes a few minutes to send in your items, and helps us out wonderfully.

This part of the division is solid, with one exception. We hope to bring him into the fold shortly. CERT. 2309.

Sheridan Division—

Bro. Arnold, second Parkman, was relieved a few days by Mr. Roan, a new man, who later relieved at Corinth and Hardin.

Bro. Haworth, agent Parkman, was off several days, relieved by Bro. Heywood, second Clearmont.

Bro. Lowe was relieved three or four nights at Corinth by Mr. Roan, and spent several days in Sheridan.

Judging by the number of telegraphers on this division that failed to pass examination, it would seem that more study should be given to the book of rules, more especially to its applications.

Second Clearmont and third Gillette on bulletin.

Lucerne station opened May 10th for wool business, with Bro. Best as agent temporarily, and will not be bulletined.

A helper has been put on at Greybull to handle increased business.

It is now Bros. E. R. Songer, relieving Mr. Cordua at Felix, and Bro. K. C. Fortner at Ionia. Mr. Cordua has promised to come in as soon as he returns from vacation.

Business in general on this division is some better, but not yet back to normal conditions. Operators asking for work are seldom given any encouragement.

Boys, it's now time to pay our semi-annual dues. Let's see how many can pay up before the end of the first period. It is just as easy to pay one time as another, and a great deal of extra work and expense can be saved our general secretary and treasurer by paying up promptly. We have only two members delinquent, but I do not like to have any member drop out, especially just when we are about to send our general committee before the management.

Bro. Sullender, second Arvada, on vacation, was relieved by Bro. McCully, from "SA" Relay, later bumped by Telegrapher Howard, from La Crosse.
J. E. WHAM, Local Chairman.

McCook Division—

Bro. Spahn, who relieved agent Darnell while attending his sister's funeral, was relieved on second Culberson by Mr. Dillman.

Bro. Curran relieving at McCook Relay, relieved at Haigler by Mr. Mallory. Bro. A. I. Cole, agent Haigler, relieved a few days by Bro. Westmoreland, and he by Bro. Rickhard, of McCook Relay.

Bro. Weyl, agent Laird, was a Holdrege caller between trains.

Bro. E. Johnson, third Otis, was off a few days, relieved by Mr. Mallory.

Bro. Hitt is back on second Roggen, Bro. Vennerri going to third Hudson.

Bro. Taylor, agent Parks, made a trip to Benkleman recently and visited the brothers at "NA."

Bro. Peterson relieved Mr. Hawley at Derby. He is so near Denver that he could run in any time to the O. R. T. meeting and get an up-to-date.

Mr. Wallace, agent Oxford, was off a few days, relieved by Mr. Weiser. Wake up, boys, and land these old-timers.

Bro. I. O. Primer secured Dispatcher Stewart's new Ford car.

Bro. A. V. Bloom, first Oxford, was off several weeks, going to Texas to look after his land near the coast.

Regardless of what happens, stay to a man by your committee, and we will win in our schedule revision. The committee is just as strong as you make it by your backing. C. R. HUNT, L. C.

Atlantic Coast Line R. R., Div. No. 132.

Lakeland District—

The scribe had the pleasure of attending a called meeting of the general committee in Jacksonville, Fla., April 21st and 22d, where many important questions were discussed, every local chairman being present, as well as the general committee, and much important business transacted.

We are about 95 per cent strong, but want to reach the 100 per cent mark. Brothers, get the few nons lined up for your benefit as well as theirs. Let's all go after them with a new vim, explaining the benefits of being members of our Order, and what the Order has already accomplished in the past and can do in the near future if they will come with us.

Find out from the local chairman who the delinquents and nons are. It is time to ask for more money and better working conditions, and, in order to do this, we must go at it in the right way, and we can do it provided you will all give us your support.

D. D. McCall, agent Croom, is off sick, relieved by Relief Agent J. W. Dickson, Second Division. Mr. McCall promises to join shortly.

Bro. W. R. Lott, second Trilby, while visiting relatives in Georgia, relieved by R. E. Carleton, a new man, who did not remain with us long.

Bro. J. E. Long, third Croom, off a few days, was relieved by V. H. Griffin, who also relieved Bro. Lott, second Trilby, while attending the meeting of the general committee in Jacksonville.

J. H. Jordan, Montbrook nights, has gone with the Southern, relieved by T. E. McDonald, from Ohio.

Bro. O. L. Stubbs, Arcadia, is now in the dispatcher's office at Rocky Mount. We regret very much to lose him. He was relieved by Bro. Brown Kilpatrick, from Croom agency.

CERT. 1265.

Richmond District—

Bro. Brown, agent at Gary, was relieved several weeks by Bro. Sandford, relief agent, who also relieved Bro. Dunham, agent Pleasant Hill, a few days.

Bro. Jeter, third Jarratt, resigned, relieved by Bro. Harrison, from the N. & W. Later Bro. Harrison went to the Southern at Emporia. We are sorry to lose these good brothers.

Bro. McLeod, second Emporia, while attending court was relieved by Bro. Meade, who went on extra list when Halifax closed 11:00 p. m. to 6:00 a. m. Bro. Meade later relieved Bro. Crowder, second Stony Creek, a few days.

Bro. Watkins, first Jarratt, while attending court at Emporia, was relieved by Bro. Spiers, agent there.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Grigg in the death of their little baby. The Richmond District telegraphers gave a very nice design, which was very much appreciated.

Bro. Hopkins, first Washington street, Petersburg, was relieved by Bro. Sanford, relief agent, while off getting married. Congratulations.

C. W. Langford, third South Emporia, while on the sick list was relieved by C. W. Orange, from the Western Union.

Bro. Lowery is on second Shops, and Bro. Hamlin second "CY" tower while Bro. Taylor is relieving at "B" tower. MACK, Cert. 1067.

Savannah District—

Bro. A. R. Jones has been transferred from Division 54. After learning the plant at Moncrief, he relieved Bro. Miller on third "CN" yard, Jacksonville. Bro. G. A. Ford has also been transferred from Division 54. We are glad to welcome such men as these two brothers. The latter is now relieving Bro. Boyd at Folkston.

Bro. G. A. Young, first Central Jct. a number of years, who has been off sick some time, is now convalescing, and will soon be able to resume his duties.

Bro. Mullinax spent several days recently seeing the sights in and around Savannah.

We are glad to chronicle the recovery from an attack of yellow jaundice of Bro. Fred Foster, who has again resumed his duties.

An interlocking plant has been erected at Burroughs Crossing, in charge of Bros. Herring, Colbert and Strickland.

The winter blocks were abolished April 5th, and we are again back to a regular schedule basis.

Bro. Jim Leigh, while attending court at Fernandina, is being relieved by Bro. Dan Stauter.

Bro. Fletcher, Walthourville, has placed his child in Savannah hospital for treatment. We trust the desired results will be accomplished.

It is our duty to keep bad men out of the Order when the fact is known.

When you have the opportunity of saying a good word for a brother, say it.

A united membership with a good constant supply of well-directed energy is bound to succeed.

If you show no interest in your Order, how can we show an interest in you?

We regret very much to learn of the death of the infant daughter of Bro. Boyd, of Folkston. He has our sympathy in his bereavement.

Let our ambition be a solid membership. Ideals are like the stars—we can not reach them with our hands, but, like the seafaring man, we can make them our guides to reach our destination.

It was interesting to note in the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER that Bro. Pierson, vice-president, had signed an agreement with the Boston Terminal which provided, among other things, that a man accepting a position with that company has to be a member of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers. Just another step nearer the goal. The agreement was with the O. R. T., and not "a committee representing the employees."

The following brothers have been returned to their regular tricks, after having worked temporary jobs during the winter: G. W. Murray to Southover yard, A. L. Bunch to "SF" Savannah, A. R. Smith to third Jesup, and J. M. Clements to dispatcher's office Savannah nights.

Bro. Clements worked a trick in the dispatcher's office during the winter tourist season, also Bro. Barefoot, now relieving Bro. Howard Calhoun, days "DE," visiting relatives in Florida.

F. E. Blackburn, assigned second "SF" Savannah should now get an up-to-date.

Let us not rest on what the Order has already done in the past, but be up and doing, looking to the future, and make our noble Order even more glorious.

Every brother is not an angel, but he has at least some good features. Be slow to use the hammer; hock it and lose the ticket.

TIM O'SHEA.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Our heavenly Father, in His infinite goodness and wisdom, has deemed it best to remove from this earth our beloved brother, G. A. Young, and while we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things for the best, and

WHEREAS, We realize that in his death we have lost a true and loyal brother; therefore, in manifestation of our sorrow and fraternal sympathy, be it

Resolved, That the members of Atlantic Coast Line Division 132, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the sorrowing members of his relatives our heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved relatives, a copy spread on the minutes of this division, and a copy sent THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

W. A. HOLLAHAN,

J. H. WILLIAMS,

Committee.

"Big Four" Ry., Div. No. 138.

Cincinnati and Sandusky Division—

Local Chairman Armstrong has resigned after serving us faithfully for several years. We are greatly indebted to him for the benefits secured through his good work. Bro. W. L. Shearing is his successor.

C. E. Shearer, our former night chief, is now with the Indianapolis Switch & Frog Co., at Indianapolis.

Several good jobs are up for bids.

Bro. Chas. Evans is on an extended trip through California.

Bro. Rose bid in third East Sharon, relieved on bid at second East and West Sharon by Bro. Colway. Sullivan bid in second Sharon yards.

T. M. Harper, first Rox, off a few days, was relieved by J. B. Glenn, who also relieved Biri-histle, East Sharon, while attending court.

Bro. Garret relieved at west end by Mr. Yazell. Dispatcher Mulquiss, while taking his trip over the division, was relieved by D. A. Fawcett.

Mr. Offenbacher relieved Mr. Riner at Miamisburg during the illness and death of his wife.

Lad closed; J. Hildebrand bumping F. M. Harper from first to second Rox, vice J. B. Glenn, second Carlisle Jct., putting Shaw and Hurtt on extra.

W. Angenbright, second Lad, took third Myers, vice F. M. Hadley to second Shale, vice J. Holtzman. Cavanaugh and Beem to extra list.

Our rivals, fine looking chaps, right from the factory, have been assigned to different towers along the line.

The night yard master has been taken off at Dayton yard, putting the work on the yard clerk and operator.

It sounds good to hear the boys blocking on the wires instead of listening on the fone.

Bro. Pickering, located at Milo, Mich., sends his "73."

Let us start that "No card, no favors," and work on the nons.

I am determined to have a write-up every month. It will only take you a few minutes to send an item or two. Mail them to W. H. Alge, Franklin, Ohio. "BILL," Cert. 1619.

Chicago Division, West—

Mr. Tipton, third Earl Park, discharged for sleeping on duty.

Bro. J. R. Huges, while attending court in Lebanon, was relieved by Bros. Harris and Wert.

Bro. M. M. LaReau was off a few days, relieved by Mr. Sayers, who later went to "PK" pending bulletin.

A. F. Jacobs and C. E. Woodington will take that two weeks off with pay, and go fishing. We hope they don't catch any fish, unless they take an up-to-date along.

Bro. G. B. Harris, while wrestling with a Bohemian, received a bad sprain in his right shoulder.

Quite a few of the boys turned out to the meeting on the 23d. If you want to know the particulars of the "Hoosier Club" call "OX" at "MI."

Bro. Wert has been relieving at so many different places lately that all the section men know him by his first name.

It is now Bros. Taylor, Sloan and Boyle, and Sister Stewart. If any of you fellows want application blanks I have plenty on hand.

We have received a tentative agreement, calling for an appropriation of \$45,000, which will raise our pay checks about six per cent. You all have a general letter giving you this information, also calling for a special assessment of \$3 to defray the expenses of the conference. It is up to you now to get busy on the nons in your office. Don't wait for your local chairman to get over the line. Don't write me and tell me where there is a prospect. You are entitled to work on them as well as I. I know where everyone of them are, and why they won't join, but I can't lose time and make a thorough canvass of the division. I have been doing it, but it is your duty to help this thing also. If they put up the old story about not being able to join, remind them when they draw their pay checks that it was the O. R. T. that got them this increase, and keep after them. There is no reason in the world why there should be a non-member on this division after the 31st of August. The money

they will secure under this new schedule does not belong to them any more than does the money the trainmen secured in their last schedule belong to them. Get busy now, boys. Let's make this division 100 per cent strong. Any time you want any help or advice write me and I will help you all I can. BARNEY.

St. Louis Division, East—

Two tricks at Avon, Delmar, Carbon, St. Mary, and all tricks at Alma, Burnett, Waver, "GM" Midland, have been closed.

Bros. Nichols and Stanton have been off since they were bumped.

It is now Bros. L. E. McCarty and V. H. Turner, by good work of Bro. Moore.

Word was just received that the committee reached a tentative agreement with the company whereby we were granted a 6 per cent increase and a few changes in working conditions, but it would not go into effect until the C. I. & S. and Lake Shore had agreed.

Bro. O. F. Murphy was off a few days on account of the death of his father.

G. C. W., Cert. 981.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Our heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom and goodness, has deemed it best to call to the great beyond, the beloved brother of our Bro. L. R. Martin; in manifestation of our fraternal sympathy, be it

Resolved, That the members of the St. Louis Division of the C. C. C. & St. L. R. R., Division No. 138, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the sorrowing brother and family their sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved brother and family, and a copy to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

CHAS. FITZPATRICK,

E. R. WINDSOR,

W. H. SEILER,

Committee.

Cleveland Division—

Bro. W. O. Triplett, second Huff, was off a few days, Bro. Pearl Ford and Fred Greetham doubling. Former Bro. F. Greetham, third Huff, off a few days, relieved by Extra Long, from third Galion.

Bro. Rose Shiloh, off a few days, relieved by Bro. Griefinstine. Lewis Center has been made a day and night office, and the manual block system installed between Delaware and Fifth Ave., Columbus; Bro. Griefinstine and Extra Detwiler working position until filled by bid.

Extra McKinley bid in third Vernon.

Assistant Trainmaster Burrows has moved his family to Galion, where he is now stationed.

Bro. F. Bombarger, third Longville, off a few days, relieved by Extra Predmore.

Bro. J. Bazzle, second Cardington, off a few days on account of the serious sickness of his sister, relieved by Extra Burke.

Extra Long, third Galion, is doing the relieving, relieved by H. A. Gallagher, third Cardington.

Bro. F. L. Powers, agent Leonardsburg, off a few days, relieved Bro. Rollins. Bro. Bill Elliott, Ashley, off several days, relieved by Agent Bro. Kiefer.

Bro. Joe McCartney and B. M. Smith, second and third Galion, still on the sick list.

Your local chairman was off a few days, relieved by H. A. Gallagher.

The bridge over the river just west of Shelby Jct. has been remodeled and widened, and is now better able to withstand the high water.

The brothers should remember that the O. R. T. dues should be sent to Geo. Lavengood, Alexandria, Ind., and the M. B. D. assessments to Bro. L. W. Quick, St. Louis. Watch this and don't think because you have paid your \$5.00 dues that you are in good standing in all departments. When new members are making out their papers see that they answer every question in full; about half of the papers have to be returned for correction.

The meeting at Cleveland, April 8th, was well attended, as the brothers are taking a great interest in the new schedule negotiations; quite a number of new men are coming in, some of them old hold-outs, and we are in far better shape than ever before. Brothers, let's get after the few nons left and give them to understand that we expect them to help pay for our new schedule, and that we intend to stick to our motto, "No card, no favors." CERT. 1123.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, to remove from this earthly sphere, Bro. Fred T. McAninch, of the Big Four System, Division No. 138; and

WHEREAS, We realize that the Order of Railroad Telegraphers has lost one of its most efficient and zealous workers, and Division No. 138 a true friend and faithful member; therefore, be it

Resolved, That Big Four System, Division No. 138 extend its heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family in this their hour of sorrow; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to his family, a copy spread on the minutes of this division and a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

B. W. BROWNE,
E. P. JENKINS,
J. W. WHITE,

Committee.

Maine Central R. R., Div. No. 140.

Mountain Division—

We were all very sorry to hear of the death of Bro. E. A. Longfellow, agent at Whitefield, who had been on the road fifteen years. He failed to rally from an operation for an abscess

performed at the Morrison Hospital, Whitefield. Bro. M. P. O'Connor, of Fabyan, is acting as agent at Whitefield until Bro. J. E. Crepeau, who has been assigned to that agency, can be relieved at Jefferson Jct.

Bro. Whittaker, of Glen, went to Mascos, near the washouts below North Stratford, where a temporary office has been installed.

Div. Cor.

Eastern Division—

Bro. Dennis, of Danforth, is acting as agent at Oldtown, and Bro. Lewis as agent at Danforth until Bro. Dennis returns.

Bro. McTague is on second Danforth, relieved on third Vanceboro by Bro. Rand.

Several of the brothers will take the U. S. civil service examination for inspector of hours of service.

Second Bancroft was reopened after being closed a week, Bro. Faraday returned there.

Bro. Springer has been appointed agent at South Orrington, succeeding Bro. Maddocks, transferred to New Gloucester.

We are pleased that Bro. Wright is again at work, and has landed agency at Bucksport Center.

An interesting meeting was held at Vanceboro on April 4th, and matters pertaining to the revision of the schedule were discussed.

Time and a half for all overtime, a ten-hour day and a salaried general chairman, were the chief topics.

Div. Cor.

Portland Division—

R. G. Delano, second Burnham, resigned; relieved by Bro. E. M. Beame while on bulletin; later assigned to clerk-telegrapher Bowdoinham, relieved by L. E. Wood.

Telegrapher Oakes, second Gardiner, bid in Waterville yard, relieved by J. J. McCarty while on bulletin. Sister Mildred E. Little, Bowdoinham, bid in Gardiner second, relieved by Carl Douglass, later relieved by Bro. Beame.

Moore's agency, a winter station on the Kineo branch, closed, and Bro. F. X. Lavalley, now on spare, is relieving Agent Anson indefinitely.

Bro. W. E. Durgin, first Brunswick, on pleasure trip with wife and little junior, relieved by J. J. McCarty.

Bro. H. M. Harris, agent Pejepscot Mills, recently visited his old home in Detroit, Me. Bro. Edwin C. Brown, third Brunswick, on a pleasure trip in Boston recently, was relieved by Bro. Hodgkins, former agent Oldtown.

A note from any of you boys each month will be greatly appreciated by the undersigned. Any one near to Bro. W. E. Durgin, Brunswick, may submit items to him.

Bro. J. E. Fardy, third Richmond, has been appointed secretary of the local baseball team in that town. Bro. L. T. Ames is relieving Bro. Conly, first New Gloucester, on two weeks' vacation. W. S. McGeech, System Cor.

S. A. & A. P. R. R., Div. No. 141.*Waco Division—*

Bro. J. J. Sedlmeyer, on vacation, was relieved by Bro. R. W. Powell, from the "Big Four."

Bro. F. G. Hines relieved Chas. Thompson, second Cameron, a few days.

Bro. John Phelan has resigned and is now in Kansas City.

Bro. W. A. Alford from Rosebud to Flatonia Jct. third.

Bro. Trantham and Sooy attended the meeting at Houston, and had a good time.

Bro. Cherry, at Rockport, is in the market for a few good pianos. CERT. 177.

Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic R. R., Div. No. 146.*Birmingham Division—*

Am glad to see the nons getting in line.

Bro. Green bid in clerk-telegrapher "W," relieved on bid by Bro. Awbrey on second "RK," leaving Cragford agency open for bid.

Bro. Williams, who bid in agency Puritan, off several days visiting his father, who was slightly injured, was relieved by Mr. Oldham.

It is now Bro. W. F. Barnes, nights "VN."

Boys, send in some news for the write-up, and get busy with the old heads who are not up to date. CERT. 960.

Delaware & Hudson R. R., Div. No. 151.*Saratoga and Champaign Divisions—*

We are now working under a schedule in effect April 1st. Rules and rates of pay have been changed to a point where we compare favorably to that of any other railroad in the country, considering present conditions. Our committee did splendid work, and we should now show our appreciation by remitting promptly to the general secretary and treasurer an amount equal to that of our first month's increase, and see that the rest of the brothers do the same; also see that the nons "come across" as they agreed to.

Regular meetings are being held at Mechanicsville, in the K. of C. Hall, at 6:15 p. m., on the third Wednesday of the month. This date should be kept in mind, as your attendance is expected monthly.

At the meeting held April 15th a report from the dance showed that the affair had netted us about \$200. Not so bad for the first. Now let's see what we can do in the line of a "field day" some time during the summer.

We are glad to state that Bros. Parkis, Brink, Van Pomer, Leonard and McCormack have never yet missed a meeting, and are in hopes that "GY," "GV," "KN" and "JA" will continue to have a delegate at these meetings.

Jobs bid in recently: Bro. F. T. Whalen, first "XN;" Bro. J. Parkis, first "GW;" Bro. J. Fitzpatrick, third "XO;" Bro. F. Sullivan, third "WY;" Bro. J. Whalen, second "BA;" Bro. R. Bassitt, second "XO," and Bro. H. Leonard, "FH."

Bro. Andres spent his two days in New York this month. Bro. Galico, of "QA," also spent his two days in the metropolis.

Bro. G. Sullivan, who recently relieved Bro. Williamson for a week or so, also relieved Bro. W. J. Cassidy a few days.

The singing of Bro. Jorden, with the assistance of Bro. Brown at the piano, was quite a treat for the brothers at the March meeting. We hope at the next meeting Bros. W. J. Cassidy and J. E. Walsh will be present, so as to form an O. R. T. quartet.

Bro. T. E. Welch has a wireless station in good working condition. All the brothers are invited to inspect it.

Bro. Callahan was detained an hour at "WY" recently on account of "hoboes" holding main track in yard, but "Bill" succeeded in getting a ride to "XO," thus avoiding trouble.

Bro. J. Norton intends to spend his next two days off at Dennamora.

Bro. Hughes, first "RX," has promised Bro. Andres to keep the hook cleaned in the future.

Bros. Hickey and Connors have not been noticed at the meetings lately.

Bro. Parker, with us last meeting, was fishing up the Lake recently. Glad he had such splendid success.

Bro. Eric R. Hayes, second Essex, is to be married soon.

Bro. Lucia, of Chazy, has been relieving third track man at "RO" on account of sickness.

Don't think it would take much trouble to get Telegrapher Barron to fill out the necessary papers, as his father and brother are very good brotherhood men.

Understand there are some telegraphers at Plattsburg who would like to get a card. Don't be bashful in sending the application blanks.

To make ours a progressive division we must keep an eye out for the non, keep our dues paid up to date, pay our first month's increase promptly, and, above all, don't be a *knocker*. If you have a grievance, come to the meetings, place your facts before us, and things will be explained satisfactorily to you there. Div. Cor.

Virginian Ry., Div. No. 154.*First and Second Divisions—*

We were all very sorry to have to give up our local chairman, who had served us so long. Bro. Wooten was a faithful officer, and one who studied our interest. Bro. Williams was elected his successor, but declined, and our general chairman called another meeting, which was held at Ponce de Leon Hotel, Roanoke, Va., on Saturday night, April 18th. The meeting was quite a success, Bro. Compner, second Roanoke, being elected local chairman. We feel that Bro. Compner is the right man in the right place, and assured him that he has the good wishes of all the boys on this end, who will give him their co-operation in every way and on all occasions.

Bro. Carper, who was operated on for appendicitis, we are glad to say is getting on nicely, and all indications are that he will be out soon.

Bro. Boone, first South Norfolk, has just returned from a "splurging" trip to St. Augustine, Fla., and other southern points. We imagine that a trip to "the ancient" St. Augustine would be very interesting, as it is the oldest city in our country.

Bro. Holland, third "SK," left us very unexpectedly, causing Bro. Strickland and Mr. Marks to double two days. Vacancy filled temporarily by Bro. Clark, relief agent.

Bro. Bryson has been appointed agent Seneca.

Bro. Vaughan, off a few days, was relieved by Mr. Bosserman, who promises to get a card soon.

It is now Bro. Maxson at Huddleston, and Thompson at Kenbridge.

Bro. Herring bid in third Sewall's Point, leaving second Carolina on bid.

Dispatcher Smith has been spending a few days in the "Old North State."

Dispatcher Pedneau has been visiting the "chickens" in Roanoke recently.

Thanks to Certificates 63 and 130 for the notes. Come again. "R&D."

Deepwater Division, West of Princeton—

H. H. Williams bid in first Micajah.

Sister S. S. Riddick relieved Bro. Preston on first Herndon, while he was rusticated in the East.

Bro. B. F. Parrish, third trick copier at "SO," off a few days, was relieved by Bro. H. L. Booker.

Bro. J. A. Abbott is relieving Bro. L. A. Collinsworth, chief staff at East Elmore.

Bro. H. L. Booker, third Clarks Gap, is being relieved by W. Howerton.

Sister S. Riddick, second Slab Fork, was off a few days recently.

Bro. R. V. Snyder, third chief staff East Elmore, has moved between Mullins and Elmore.

Bro. H. W. Gross was assigned agency "X," and Bro. G. B. Daniel, east end, assigned agency Tams, vice H. W. Gross.

We are glad to hear Sister A. E. Hardy, third at "VN," and Bro. R. L. George, third at Kegley, back to work again, having been called home by the serious illness of their mother at Buffalo, who is reported better.

We are very sorry to hear that Bro. J. W. Parrish, second "D," had his foot cut off by the N. & W. shifting train near his home at Christiansburg, Va. He is being relieved by L. L. Abbott.

Our new office at Kegley was bid in by Bro. J. S. Gravelly, agent; Bro. T. W. Williams, second, and Bro. R. L. George, third.

Bro. J. E. Stone bid second in at Herndon, vacated by Bro. Williams, and first Taft, vacated by J. E. Stone, was bid in by Bro. W. H. Long. C. G. Bishop bid in third Taft, vice Ivan Lusk, who bid in Slab Fork third.

Bro. H. S. Spraddling has disposed of his property at Clarks Gap and invested in a fine property near Christiansburg, Va.

Bro. H. Trent has returned from his vacation, relieved by Bro. Poythress.

Local Chairman Davis was a recent "RO" visitor.

The stork recently visited in the home of Bro. T. C. Rutherford, agent Pax.

Bro. C. J. Ross, third at Herndon, was relieved a few days by C. Parsons.

Micajah and Pax first on bulletin. Bro. C. W. Riddick is back again at "BF" agency.

We still have a few nons, and as we want to revise our schedule shortly, every member should do his best to secure their applications. Don't wait for the local chairman to do it all, but get their names and locations from him and get busy. Don't forget that you violate your obligation if you allow students in your offices and are liable to be expelled for it. Do the work assigned you, and if unable to handle it, apply for more help. Cut out the student game and see that others do likewise, or make a report of the matter to the proper officials of the Order.

Boys, send your items to the local chairman, so we can have a good write-up every month.

CERT. 117.

Boston Elevated Ry., Div. No. 156.

Solid O. R. T.

Our local chairman, Bro. Barringer, deserves credit for making Boston Elevated (Division 156) solid.

We sure all enjoy the day off with pay, and hope the other roads will take notice and get liberal.

The legislative committee on day off with pay reports progress.

Bro. Moody paid us a short visit, and will stick with Division 156.

Bros. Tuttle and Griffin still on sick list, relieved by Bros. Wadrape and Shuman.

Bro. Lucas, in the hospital for operation, reported doing well, and out of danger. We all hope to see him back on his old job soon.

New line-up on account of day off: Bro. O'Connor got relief job; Bro. Pressey, tower "C" second; Bro. Trask, tower "D" third; Bro. Roughside, Jr., tower "P" second; Bro. J. J. Murphy, split trick tower "D."

Brothers, organized labor is based on the principle of live and let live. Ask for the union label.

There is some talk of using the telephone instead of telegraph, but nothing definite yet.

When the Western Union and Postal Companies substitute the telephone for the telegraph we may begin to think the fone is the best, but not before.

Government ownership of the railroads means that the little shipper gets the same service as the big shipper, and that you will be able to buy a one month's ticket at the same rate as a three months'. It also will mean that the net profit will go to the up-keep of the road. And also that the telegraph will be used instead of the telephone.

Lots of the brothers who have worked here have gone west. If any of you will drop us a letter we will be pleased to mention your address, etc., in our write-up.

There is quite a rivalry to see who will get the smallest Cert. number for next semi-annual card. Quite a number have already paid their dues, hoping to get No. 1.

Would like to get all items for THE TELEGRAPHER by the 20th of each month. Please send them in so we can have a good write-up.

Officers installed at the night meeting March 28th: Robert H. Buxton, chief telegrapher; Lewis L. Hunt, second vice-chief telegrapher; James Melville, secretary and treasurer. The following appointed: William T. Roughside, marshal; William E. Roughside, sentinel, Wilbur E. Tensell, scribe.

The following resolutions were passed at the meeting on March 21st:

Resolved, That Division 156 go on record as extending a hearty vote of thanks to our general vice-president, Bro. T. M. Pierson, and the committee, Bros. E. C. Barringer, R. H. Buxton and H. E. Lucas for their untiring efforts in our behalf, and in successfully negotiating such a remarkably good schedule; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to each of the brothers named herein, a copy spread upon the records of the division and a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

JAS. MELVILLE,

Secretary and Treasurer.

Rutland R. R., Div. No. 157.

Brother, if you have not paid your dues for the term ending June 30, 1914, you are not in good standing, and can not enjoy the protection of the Order. If you were discharged or otherwise aggrieved while not in good standing, the laws of the Order say the local chairman *shall not* exercise himself in your behalf. This matter should receive your serious attention.

If you have not paid your local division dues and mutual benefit department assessments, you should do so at once, for the wisest know not how soon you or someone near and dear to you may need the protection of the Order.

A member who is always a month or so behind pays as much in a year as the member always up to date, yet he is not entitled to the same benefits. By keeping up to date you increase your protection without increasing your expense. It is easier to keep even than to catch up, and it is safer to be ahead than just even. Remit your dues for the current term at once to your secretary-treasurer, thereby protecting yourself and those dependent upon you.

The organization, only about one year old on this road, is in a flourishing condition, and the nons are very few and far between.

Bro. Quinn, of Alburgh, distinguished himself a short time ago by rescuing two customs house officers, who were asleep in their apartment over the station, which was destroyed by fire.

The further extension of facilities of the parcel post means increased accommodations for the public and increased business for the railroads, but almost ruined the express companies and added to

the duties of the stationman with the wheelbarrow, without one dollar of additional compensation for all the added burden. This will no doubt be a subject for consideration in framing future contracts. CERT. 48.

Chicago & Indiana Southern R. R., Div. No. 159.

Bro. J. J. DeArmond, of Illinois, has bid in McNabb, and Frank Anderson goes to Illinois. Someone put the local chairman "next," and he will go after him.

Harry Seibert, first Knox, on sixty days' vacation to Minnesota, relieved by Bro. Morgan. Harry has his papers in, but, owing to taking his vacation, could not spare the money for his card. Here's hoping by next year the O. R. T. will have made it possible to not lose any time. However, if we were all like him, it would never be so.

Bro. Richter, agent Schneider, has come to stay, having purchased one of the finest houses in town.

Bro. Kelly still hangs onto North Julson extra.

Bro. Barkley called to his father's bedside; other two men compelled to double in his absence, owing to no man available at this time.

On Monday, April 20th, all eastbound locals began tying up at Schneider, and the other two locals run from Gibson to Kankakee via Schneider. J. E. H.

Bro. P. L. Wright suffered a heartbreaking loss in the death of his sister, Calantha, March 28th. Dear Bub, the "old guard" on the Kankakee Division extend their heartfelt sympathy to you and your father, the oldest dispatcher on the C. I. & S. R. R., and to your mother. The boys all extend their sympathy, as they are all his friends.

C. C. B.

O. W. R. R. & N. Co., Div. No. 161.

Second Division, Amarillo to Huntington—

After three months of strenuous argument, the general committee reached an agreement between the officials of the O. W. R. R. & N. Co. and its employees, thanks to the able assistance of the Federal mediator, Judge G. W. W. Hanger, of Washington, D. C.

The fight was a long, tiresome, drawn-out affair, on account of the unexpected complications in the nature of delays, etc., which arose during the conferences, and after the matter had been turned over to the organization.

Although we did not get a first-class schedule, we did secure a signed contract and a set of working rules that are as good as could be expected at this time, and, above everything, *recognition*, which is the most essential feature on a newly organized road. Among other things, we now have seniority rights, which we did not have heretofore, also the bulletining of all positions shown in the wage scale. There were some positions which we could not get in the wage scale, despite our strenuous efforts, but conditions arose at the time which made it impossible to do so.

However, I believe the majority of the men are satisfied with the outcome of the negotiations, and we can only say that we will strive harder the next time to secure these positions.

Speaking in accord with the sentiments of the men of Division 161, I want to say that we appreciate more than words can express the extraordinary efforts, patience and diplomacy put forth by our fifth vice-president, Bro. E. J. Manion, and our organizer, Bro. E. A. Compton, in endeavoring to make a success of this proposition, and we hope to be able to show this in a substantial manner at some future time.

It should be the desire of everyone of us to do our part in building up and making Division 161 a success, and we should be set with a firm determination to get every non-member in our vicinity into the Order. Let us adopt the slogan "Solid 1-6-1."

Bro. Mitchell, Union Jct., has been appointed division correspondent. Send him all the news items, and let's have a good write-up each month. It only requires a little extra time and effort, and news happenings along the line are appreciated by all. You should by now have received the ballots from St. Louis, on which you cast your vote for local chairman of your division. Please send them in to St. Louis promptly, so that there will be no delay in getting our officers placed and the division established.

It is the desire of myself, and I believe I voice the sentiments of the majority of the men on the line, to endeavor to create as high a standard of efficiency as possible, and to strive to the very best of our ability to comply with the company's rules and instructions. Let's show them what organization will do to bring about efficiency, harmony and co-operation amongst their employes on the line. Every man should do his part to bring about these conditions. C. C. THOMPSON, Acting L. C.,

Cert. 2190.

Second Division Notes—

There are several agents along the line who seem to be reluctant yet about coming in, although they have expressed their intentions to join. Let each one of us bombard the non nearest and concentrate our entire effort on him until we land him. There is no excuse at all for their hesitancy about joining. This means agents and telegraphers alike who are still nons.

I believe we all realize the necessity of giving the best service possible. If we expect an employer to pay us more, we must show him where we are making him more and then ask for part of it. We must answer the dispatchers promptly and not oblige them to call us an unreasonable length of time. Don't "chew the rag" with the dispatcher; if he tells you to do anything, go do it and keep your thoughts to yourself. He may be a little cranky, but what of it? It doesn't hurt you, and he has more to contend with than we have. Our chief told two or three of us the other day when we were at LaGrande for "exams" that the trick dispatchers might be a little cranky, but they never turn any of us in. As for myself,

I don't find them cranky. If they tell me to do anything, I do it, or as near as I can, and try to answer them promptly.

Bro. A. F. Lessing, third Union Jct., is on thirty days' leave, visiting home folks at Waco, Texas, relieved by S. C. (soon to be Bro.) Sheldon.

Mrs. Myrtle Woods, Durkee second, is off for sixty days, relieved by Bro. S. P. King—an elegant place for Bro. King to get in some good work.

Bro. Pidcock, second Meacham, was off a few days visiting home folks at LaGrande, relieved by Miss Ruth Hart. He relieved several of the boys for a day each while they went to LaGrande for the examination.

Mr. West is on third Baker pending bulletin.

Mrs. Simpkins, who relieved our genial commiteeman at Gibbon while he was helping to secure our schedule, has gone to Spokane.

Now all of you please send me any news items you can. J. V. MITCHELL.

Topeka O. R. T. Club.

Our monthly meeting was held at the residence of General Secretary-Treasurer Meador, 211 Huntington, Topeka, April 19th. The attendance was smaller than it should have been, and the absentees were the losers. The house was tastefully decorated with carnations and sweet peas, and Mrs. Meador proved herself a gracious hostess. Bros. Shaw and Lowe, of Herington, were the only out-of-town members present. After a general discussion of matters pertaining principally to our Order, a delightful lunch was served by the wives of the brothers present, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Meador, Mrs. Ballard, Mrs. Stover, Mrs. Carver and Miss Doering.

Our "one best booster" was lost to us the past month by the reduction route, Bro. Powell being pulled off at Topeka and sent to Chicago.

Our club has been very successful during its life, and we are unanimous in placing the credit where it belongs, and that is mostly to the untiring, ceaseless energy of Bro. Powell, who was ever willing and ready to work for the club. Now that he is gone, let some other good brother step in and take his place. Let us all constitute ourselves a "booster," and not only attend the meetings personally, but see that we do all in our power to get others to attend. These meetings result in great good in our Order, and we can not help but be benefited by attending them.

The morning meeting will be abandoned until a sufficient number of night men signify a desire and a willingness to attend. It has been a popular excuse for some of the brothers that they could not attend our club meetings on account of having to work nights, and saying they would be here if we had meetings in the mornings, so we advertised a meeting for 8:30 a. m., April 19th, but not a man was present from off the line. The train service is excellent for such a meeting, No. 40 arriving from the west at 7:30 a. m., and two trains going back between noon and 1:00 p. m., and there should be no difficulty in having a big meeting. All that

is necessary is a little manifestation of interest in your own welfare.

Next meeting will be held at the Throop Hotel on the night of Sunday, May 10th.

CLUB COR.

The Fort Club.

April 23d, at 7:30 p. m., a meeting for the purpose of organizing a club for members of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers in this city was called to order by W. T. Brown, general chairman of the C. R. I. & P. There were members present representing every road running into Ft. Worth. Some coming from a distance of several hundred miles in order to be in attendance.

The purpose in forming the club is to bring the members in closer touch with each other and provide a forum, for discussion of things of interest to every member, like nearly all labor unions except the telegraphers already has in this section of the State, and most of them in this city. There has been quite a general demand among the members for a club of this kind. Everyone who attended was very enthusiastic, and those not present at the formation, but who will be at the meetings hereafter, are equally interested.

There will be entertainments and banquets from time to time, as well as the social diversion and benefit that will come from the meeting together of a body of this kind.

The club will meet again on May 17th, at 7:30 p. m. At this meeting the regular time for meetings will be decided upon. The constitution and by-laws of the club will be adopted at this meeting, as well as other important business that will come up for consideration.

With the co-operation of the general committees of all these lines represented, I am sure that this club will be of great benefit in the up-building and strengthening of the Order in this section.

The Fort Worth, Texas, Club meets at the Metropolitan Hotel.

WALLACE H. MALONE,
Secretary and Treasurer.

Hoosier O. R. T. Club.

The Hoosier O. R. T. Club met in second regular session Thursday evening, March 26th, at the new location in the Hotel Meridian, Indianapolis. The attendance was most gratifying. Eight new members being enrolled, making a total of thirty-four, a gain of twelve the past month, a membership of at least fifty within the next month is an absolute certainty. As soon as the boys all learn what a good thing it is they will all no doubt be with us. The prime idea of the club being to promote good fellowship and sociability amongst us. It was the original intention that all roads entering Indianapolis be represented by club membership, and invitations were issued accordingly, but up to the present time we have not heard from them, it being a

Big Four congregation so far, but the latch string is always out, and we hope that all lines will be amply represented in a very short time.

Many good talks were made, especially the one by Bro. H. T. Franklin, who, although out of the railroad service for many years, still retains his card. His subject was the rigid adherence to using only articles bearing the union label, and it was surely appreciated.

Many of the brothers come great distances to the meeting. Interest is gradually being aroused and a membership of 100 seems assured in due time. All O. R. T. members are welcome to visit us. The meetings are held the fourth Thursday evening at 8:00 p. m. at the Hotel Meridian, Indianapolis, Ind.

CLUB COR.

The Hoosier O. R. T. Club met at Hotel Meridian, Thursday evening, April 23d, a good crowd attended, and an enjoyable time was had, several good talks were made by different brothers, amongst whom was Bro. Sullivan, committeeman, who gave us a line-up on the schedule negotiations. Things are coming our way, and we hope to have everything settled to the benefit of the entire force within a very short time.

It was decided at this meeting to hold the next meeting at the Labor Temple, 138 West Washington St., Indianapolis, the fourth Thursday in May, at 8:00 p. m., and we will be glad to welcome all brothers holding the "necessary."

Ten new members were taken in at this meeting, which makes us forty-four strong at this time, and with the large territory embraced, a membership of twice this number is an immediate possibility. With a good membership we will be able to enjoy a big feed now and then, which will get all the boys acquainted and will be for our general good. Quite a number of brothers at this meeting were from the Chicago division, nearly all came a great distance, and went home with a "Hoosier O. R. T." card in their vest. The interest shown so far does certainly look encouraging. Brothers, drop in on us whenever possible.

CERT. 1436.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has been the will of our heavenly Father to call from earth our Bro. Fred T. McAninch; be it

Resolved, That the members of the Hoosier O. R. T. Club, of Indianapolis and vicinity, extend to the sorrowing wife and family their sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved family, a copy spread upon the minutes of the club and a copy forwarded to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

S. D. SOLOMON,
A. B. CHAPMAN,
A. C. CLOUDS,

Committee.



Mutual Benefit Department

Assessment No. 133 is due January 1, 1914.

Time for payment expires February 28, 1914.

AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENTS.

On \$ 300 00 (Series A).....	\$2 40 per year.
On 500 00 (Series B).....	3 60 per year.
On 1,000 00 (Series C).....	7 20 per year.

BENEFITS PAID DURING APRIL, 1914.

CLAIM No.	NAME.	CAUSE.	DIV.	CERT. No.	SERIES.	AMT.
1493..	Albert I. Jenkins.....	Acute Alcoholism.....	Grand.	39094..	A..	\$ 300 00
1572..	John F. Sammons.....	Cardiac Asthma.....	46..	27844..	B..	500 00
1583..	Tullamon J. Vesper.....	Acute Suppurative Appendicitis.....	54..	18775..	B..	500 00
1586..	Wm. E. Hendershot.....	Locomotor Ataxia.....	141..	13776..	B..	500 00
1587..	Malcolm L. Russell.....	Acute Appendicitis.....	18..	11221..	A..	300 00
1588..	Philip H. Hayes.....	Acute Lobar Pneumonia.....	44..	22116..	C..	1,000 00
1589..	Eugene T. Ritchie.....	Railroad Accident.....	38..	21896..	B..	500 00
1590..	Harley A. Whipps.....	Cerebral Meningitis.....	33..	24605..	A..	300 00
1591..	Arthur D. Clink.....	Killed by Railroad Train.....	39..	25900..	A..	300 00
1592..	Wm. L. Losee.....	Diabetes Mellitus.....	40..	1012..	A..	300 00
1593..	Elmo L. Jamison.....	Gunshot Wound.....	31..	28594..	B..	500 00
1595..	Joe A. Patterson.....	Gunshot Wound.....	Grand.	39987..	A..	300 00
1603..	Louis G. Ging.....	Suicide.....	6..	25291..	C..	1,000 00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—MORTUARY FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Received on Assessment to March 31, 1914.....	\$1,417,925 26
Received on Assessment Account April, 1914.....	3,158 90
	<hr/> \$1,421,084 16

DISBURSEMENTS.

Death Claims paid to March 31, 1914.....	\$ 972,281 47
Death Claims paid in April.....	6,300 00
Assessments Refunded, account rejected applications.....	1,803 05
Assessments Transferred to Dues.....	269 68
Cash on hand to credit Mortuary Fund, April 30, 1914.....	440,429 96
	<hr/> \$1,421,084 16

L. W. QUICK,
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No. 2, ST. LOUIS, MO.—Meets 1st and 3d Mondays of each month at 8 p. m., Small Hall, south side, 3d floor, Masonic Temple (Odeon Bldg.), Grand and Finney aves., St. Louis, Mo.; L. W. Quick, Chief Telegrapher, 7th floor, Star Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.; R. J. McElhinney, S. & T., 4110a Arsenal St., St. Louis, Mo.

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No. 26, NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.—Meets 2d Wednesday of each month at 8 p. m., Grand Union Hotel, New York City. H. S. Baker, Chief Telegrapher, 88a Second Place, Brooklyn, N. Y., A. R. Linn, S. & T., 116 Willett st., Jamaica, N. Y.

No. 27—Division covers the St. Louis, Vandalia & Terre Haute Railroad System. Meets on the 15th of each month in the Mayor's office at Green Castle, Ind. E. E. Pierron, Gen'l Chairman, Pierron, Ill., C. R. Shortridge, Gen'l S. & T., Coatesville, Ind.

No. 29, NEW HAVEN, CONN.—Meets 1st Friday of each month at 8 p. m. and 3d Tuesday of each month at 10 a. m., in Red Men's Hall, 48 Church st., cor. Crown, New Haven, Conn. L. H. Dowd, Chief Tel., 57 Ludlow st., Waterbury, Conn. G. F. McCormack, S. & T., 95 Main st., West Haven, Conn.

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No. 32—Division covers the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the Chairman. C. G. Kelso, Gen'l Chairman, Box 87, Springfield, Mo.; M. T. Fullington, Gen'l S. & T., Box 87, Springfield, Mo.

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No. 34—Division covers the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railway System. Meets subject to the call of Chairman. J. V. Phillips, Gen'l Chairman, Wellington, Ill.; S. M. Rittenhouse, Gen'l S. & T., Sidell, Ill.

No. 35, PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month in Swart's Lodge, Odd Fellows' Hall, 96 Westminster st., Providence, R. I. J. D. Vanderbeek, Chief Tel., 284 Montgomery ave., Providence, R. I.; W. J. Smith, S. & T., West Kingston, R. I.

No. 36—Division covers the Pennsylvania Lines west of Pittsburg. Meets subject to call of the Chairman. L. W. Quick, Acting Gen'l S. & T., Star Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.

No. 37, NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y.—Meets 2d Friday evening each month, 8 o'clock, Lambden Bldg., 252 Main st., New Rochelle, N. Y. Theodore A. Reif, Chief Tel., 9 Abendroth place, Port Chester, N. Y.; B. E. S. Seaman, S. & T., 1210 Evergreen ave., New York, N. Y.; T. O. Tiger, Local Chairman, 907 Main st., Stamford, Conn.

No. 38, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.—Meets 3d Saturday each month, 7:30 p. m., 373½ Main st., Springfield, Mass. Frank P. Sargent, Chief Tel., 24 Colton st., Merrick, Mass.; M. J. Walsh, S. & T., 19 Chapin st., Merrick, Mass.

No. 39—Division covers the Pere Marquette Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. Chicago-Muskegon Division meets subject to call of Local Chairman. H. W. Smith, Local Chairman, Benton Harbor, Mich.; W. A. Knister, Gen'l Chairman, Coatsworth, Ont.; W. R. Adair, Gen'l S. & T., 372 Goodwin ave., Detroit, Mich.

No. 40—Division covers the Chesapeake & Ohio and Chesapeake & Ohio Indiana Lines. L. E. Hicks, Gen'l Chairman, Craigsville, Va.; J. W. Kiser, Gen'l S. & T., Guyandotte, W. Va.; W. L. Scott, Chairman Piedmont and Peninsula Districts, R. D. 7, South Richmond, Va.; L. G. White, Chairman Rivanna District, Scottsville, Va.; H. S. Shuey, Chairman Mountain District, Craigsville, Va.; F. L. Fletcher, Chairman James River District, Eagle Rock, Va.; J. J. Holt, Chairman Allegheny and Greenbrier Districts, Covington, Va.; J. E. Wheatley, Chairman New River District, Prince, W. Va.; J. W. Kiser, Chairman Huntington Division, Guyandotte, W. Va.; H. O. Irwin, Chairman Lexington and Big Sandy Districts, 416 E. Carter ave., Ashland, Ky.; G. F. Willis, Chairman Cincinnati District, Greenup, Ky.; E. W. Johnson, Chairman Chesapeake & Ohio of Indiana, Converse, Ind. Regular meetings are held at Richmond, Va., in Fraternity Hall, 215 W. Broad st., on the 4th Thursday night of each month; at Clifton Forge, Va., in I. O. O. F. Hall, on the 4th Saturday night, and at Hinton, W. Va., in the Big Four Building, on the third Thursday night of each month.

No. 41, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets 2d Saturday night of each month, Engineers' Hall, 164 Canal st., Boston, Mass. T. J. Fogarty, Chief Tel.,

71 Clarendon ave., West Somerville, Mass.; F. C. McGrath, S. & T., 614 Main st., Winchester, Mass.

No. 42—Division covers the Erie Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. Joint meetings of the Meadville and Mahoning Divisions will be held at Warren, Ohio, corner Park ave. and Market st., every 3d Saturday of each month. New York Division, Branches and Side Lines—Regular meetings 3d Monday of each month, 8:30 p. m., Union Hall, Grave and 4th sts., Jersey City, N. J. W. H. Husted, Gen'l Chairman, Richwood, Ohio; C. L. Bridge, Gen'l S. & T., Deposit, N. Y.

No. 43—Division covers Canadian Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. Frank Munsey, Gen'l Chairman, Beaudette, Minn.; G. H. Palmer, Gen'l S. & T., Dauphin, Man.

No. 44, NEW YORK, N. Y.—Meets 2d Saturday each month at 8 p. m., in Fraternity Hall, 2224 Harriman ave., Jamaica, N. Y. A. D. Light, Chief Tel., Woodside, N. Y.; A. A. Leonard, Gen'l Chairman, 71 Puntine st., Jamaica, N. Y.; E. H. Decker, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, No. 17 Sheridan ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.; L. Meringer, S. & T., 13 Cooper st., Brooklyn, N. Y.; L. Meringer, Chairman Towermen, 13 Cooper st., Brooklyn, N. Y.; A. Filby, Chairman Agents, 1055 East 34th st., Brooklyn, N. Y.; W. S. Leahy, Chairman Telegraphers, 4 Randall ave., Corona, N. Y.

No. 45, WOODSVILLE, N. H.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., K. of P. Hall, Woodsville, N. H. Geo. A. Hamilton, Chief Tel., Wells River Vt.; Geo. A. Wheeler, S. & T., Wells River, Vt.

No. 46—Division covers the Central of Georgia Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. C. H. Livsey, Gen'l Chairman, East Point, Ga.; O. S. Travis, Gen'l S. & T., 490 Lee st., Route 127, Atlanta, Ga. System meetings held at O. R. T. Hall, Macon, Ga., subject to call of Gen'l Chairman. Macon Division—Meets with Dixie Club, Federation Hall, Atlanta, Ga., every second Saturday night. O. S. Travis, Local Chairman, 490 Lee st., Route 127, Atlanta, Ga. Savannah Division meets at Macon, Ga., subject to call of Local Chairman. D. M. Rogers, Local Chairman, Register, Ga. Chattanooga Division meets at Lafayette, Ga., every second Sunday; Local Chairman, O. W. Bledsoe, Lafayette, Ga. Southwestern Division meets subject to call of Local Chairman. J. H. Randall, Jr., Box 25, Smithville, Ga. Columbus Division meets at Opelika, Ala., subject to call of Local Chairman. M. J. Newberry, Hollins, Ala.; F. S. Baskerville, Local Chairman Macon Terminals, Macon, Ga.

No. 47—CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.—Meets 3d Thursday of each month at 8 p. m. at B. I. S. Hall, Charlottetown, P. E. I. J. A. Kelly, Chief Tel., Charlottetown, P. E. I.; E. R. McEwen, S. & T., Charlottetown, P. E. I.

- No. 48—Division covers the Detroit, Toledo & Ironton and Ann Arbor Railways. Meets subject to call of Chairman. G. H. Simmermon, Gen'l Chairman, Flat Rock, Mich.; J. S. Kneisley, Gen'l S. & T., Quincy, Ohio.
- No. 49—Division covers the Denver & Rio Grande Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. H. J. Fulton, Gen'l Chairman, 112 E. 11th st., Leadville, Colo.; F. W. Moore, Local Chairman First Division, Room 6, Union Depot, Pueblo, Colo.; H. J. Fulton, Local Chairman Second Division, 112 E. 11th st., Leadville, Colo.; J. A. Ray, Local Chairman Third Division, Hotchkiss, Colo.; M. D. Wright, Local Chairman Fourth Division, La Veta Pass, Colo.; W. E. Hopkins, Local Chairman Utah Lines, 421 First ave., East Waterloo, Salt Lake City, Utah; A. E. Roberts, Gen'l S. & T., Texas Creek, Colo.
- No. 51—Division covers Bessemer & Lake Erie Railway System. Meets the fourth Thursday of each month in Eagle's Hall, Greenville, Pa. F. N. Williams, Gen'l Chairman, Oakmont, Pa.; W. B. Risley, Gen'l S. & T., 96 Marshall st., Conneaut, Ohio.
- No. 52, PITTSBURG, PA.—Meets 2d and 4th Saturday evening of each month at 7:45 p. m., 417 Wood st., 3d floor, Pittsburg, Pa. E. E. Shafer, Chief Tel., 9 Gaskell st., Pittsburg, Pa. R. W. Bees, S. & T., Box 484, Wampum, Pa.
- No. 53—Division covers Southern Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to call of the Chairman. John E. Cowgill, Gen'l Chairman, Room 601, Argonaut Hotel, San Francisco, Cal.; D. C. Wells, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, 2500 Marengo st., New Orleans, La.; D. W. Koppikus, Gen'l S. & T., Oakville, Cal.
- No. 54—Division covers the Northern Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. Sam Johnson, Gen'l Chairman, North Branch, Minn.; I. N. Holmes, Gen'l S. & T., 1009 E. 3d st., Olympia, Wash.
- No. 55—Division covers the Wheeling & Lake Erie and Wabash, Pittsburg Terminal and West Side Belt Railways. Meets third Saturday evening of each month at Harmon, Ohio; J. O. Peoples, Gen'l Chairman, Bolivar, Ohio; C. E. Baltzer, Gen'l S. & T., P. O. Box 246, Navarre, Ohio; B. E. Miller, Local Chairman, W. & L. E. Telegraph Office, Navarre, Ohio; H. K. Bell, Local Chairman, Bolivar, Ohio; W. A. Albaugh, Local Chairman W. P. Ry. & W. S. B. R. R., Mingo Junction, Ohio.
- No. 56—Division covers Georgia Southern & Florida Railway System. J. M. Wooten, Gen'l Chairman, Unadilla, Ga.; E. H. Baker, Gen'l S. & T., White Springs, Fla.
- No. 59—Division covers the Southern, Northern Alabama and Virginia & Southwestern Railroads. Meets subject to call of Chairman. H. G. Alexander, Gen'l Chairman, 122 Tate st., Greensboro, N. C.; J. W. Burgess, G. S. & T., 223 Ninth st., S. W., Charlottesville, Va. Local Chairmen: J. W. Burgess, Washington Division, Charlottesville, Va.; R. W. Duncan, Danville Division, Pelham, N. C.; meets J. O. U. A. M. Hall, Greensboro, N. C., 4th Saturday night; S. A. Davis, Richmond Division, South Boston, Va.; W. N. Thornton, Norfolk Division, Courtland, Va.; W. R. Little, Asheville Division, Barber, N. C.; W. E. Jones, Winston-Salem Division, Cooleenec, N. C.; R. B. Gibson, Murphy Division, Murphy, N. C.; W. H. Holmes, Charlotte Division (North), Lowell, N. C.; O. R. Doyle, Charlotte Division (South), Calhoun, S. C.; M. D. Denny, Acting Local Chairman Columbia Division, Lexington, S. C.; J. W. Sheely, Acting Local Chairman Spartanburg Division, Hodges, S. C. Columbia and Spartanburg Divisions meet first Sunday each month at 1632 Main st., Columbia, S. C. E. E. Cauthen, Charleston Division, Summerville, S. C.; H. L. Allen, Atlanta Division, Route No. 3, Atlanta, Ga.; J. C. Brown, Columbus Division, Yatesville, Ga.; R. A. Kipp, Northern Alabama Railway and Birmingham Division, 2500 31st st., Birmingham, Ala.; T. W. Cox, Mobile Division, Marvel, Ala.; R. F. Atchley, Memphis Division, Barton, Ala.; W. H. Cord, Knoxville Division, Charleston, Tenn.; meets third Saturday night, 8 p. m., K. P. Hall, Knoxville, Tenn.; C. B. Gray, Coster Division, 211 Walnut st., Knoxville, Tenn.; meets with Knoxville Division; C. F. Smith, Virginia & Southwestern Ry., Mendota, Va.; C. L. Watson, Louisville Division, Veechdale, Ky.; L. E. Crandall, St. Louis Division, Chrisney, Ind.
- No. 60, WASHINGTON, D. C.—Meets first Wednesday of each month at 8 p. m., in Building Trades Hall, 610 G st., N. W., Washington, D. C. E. E. Bailey Chief Tel., Rockville, Md.; W. J. Southworth, Sec'y-Treas., 48 H st., N. E., Washington, D. C.
- No. 61, CAMPBELLTON, N. B.—Meets 4th Tuesday evening each month in Engineer's Hall, Campbellton, N. B. A. Rauthier, Chief Tel., Assametapoghan, P. Q.; G. F. Ward, S. & T., Chatham, N. B.
- No. 62—Division covers the Queen & Crescent Route (North). S. H. McCartt, Gen'l Chairman, Lancing, Tenn.; J. W. Anderson, Gen'l S. & T., Oakdale, Tenn.; E. H. Boutwell, Local Chairman Cincinnati Division, Walton, Ky. J. W. Anderson, Local Chairman Chattanooga Division, Oakdale, Tenn.; J. J. Carter, Local Chairman A. G. S. Division, York, Ala. Meetings subject to call of Chairman.
- No. 63, MONCTON, N. B.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month, alternating at Moncton, N. B. St. John's, N. B., and Sussex, N. B. R. M. Gross, Chief Tel., Petitcodiac, N. B.; R. M. Scribner, S. & T., Shediac Road, N. B.

- No. 64, LEVIS, QUE.—Meets 3d Tuesday of each month. Place of each following meeting to be chosen by a majority vote of members present at each regular meeting. A. Dion, Chief Tel., 17 d'Yourville st., Quebec, Que.; Wm. Parsons, S. & T., St. Germain, Grantham, Que.
- No. 65, ROCHESTER, N. Y.—Meets at 7:30 p. m., 2d Saturday each month in G. A. R. Hall, Rochester, N. H. H. A. Beacham, Chief Tel., Union, N. H.; C. P. Lord, S. & T., 7 Lincoln st., Summerworth, N. H.
- No. 66, TRURO, N. S.—Meets 3d Wednesday each month, McKay's Hall (B. R. T. room), Inglis st., Truro, N. S. G. L. Roulston, Chief Tel., Westchester Station, N. S., J. E. McDonald, S. & T., Belmont, N. S.
- No. 69—Division covers the Queen & Crescent Route (South). Meets subject to call of Chairman. M. V. Hickman, Gen'l Chairman, Heidelberg, Miss.; E. M. Bilbo, Gen'l S. & T., Q. & C. Yard Office, Meridian, Miss.; P. W. Burdeaux, Local Chairman V. S. & P. R. R., Monroe, La.; H. O. Peavey, Local Chairman A. & V. Ry., Meehan, Miss.; E. M. Bilbo, Local Chairman N. O. & N. E. R. R., Meridian, Miss.
- No. 70—Division covers Great Northern Railway System.
- No. 71—Division covers the Minneapolis & St. Louis Ry. A. L. Gardner, Gen'l Chairman, Abbott, Iowa; J. C. Sandmier, Gen'l S. & T., Waukee, Iowa.
- No. 76—Division covers the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. Jas. Troy, Gen'l Chairman, Jewell, Iowa; Ira R. Kempkes, Gen'l S. & T., Nevada, Iowa.
- No. 77, DENVER, COLO.—Meets 1st Monday evening in each month at Markham Hotel, Denver, Colo.; F. Epplesheimer, Chief Tel., 2341 King st., Denver, Colo.; C. L. Cheney, S. & T., 935 Seventeenth st., Denver, Colo.
- No. 80—Division covers the N. O. M. & C. Ry. System. C. H. Thompson, Gen'l Chairman, Leaf, Miss.; H. C. Hughes, Acting G. S. & T., Mahned, Miss.
- No. 81—Division covers the Colorado Midland Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. A. C. Ellis, Gen'l Chairman, 209½ E. 7th st., Leadville, Colo.; H. M. Loveland, Gen'l S. & T., Howbert, Colo.
- No. 82—Division covers Western Maryland Ry. System. Meets subject to call of Gen'l Chairman and Local Chairman. R. E. Smith, Gen'l Chairman, Smithsburg, Md.; E. C. Kohlbaugh, Gen'l S. & T., 24 Eichelberger st., Hanover, Pa. Local Chairmen Maryland Division: C. E. Stouffer, Edgemont, Md., First District, including Middle Division and Fifth and Sixth Districts of Eastern Division; R. E. Smith, Smithsburg, Md., Second District, covering territory on Eastern Division from Security east to Hillen Station; E. C. Kohlbaugh, Hanover, Pa., Third District, covering territory from Fairfield, Pa., to Hampstead, Md., and the Fourth District, inclusive. West Virginia Division: C. G. Blair, Ohioyle, Pa., Eastern District, covering territory from Connellsville, Pa., to W. Va., C. Junction and the G. C. & C. Ry.; N. T. Downs, Mill Creek, W. Va., Western District, covering territory east of W. Va., C. Junction to and including Durbin, W. Va.
- No. 83—Division covers the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the Chairman. C. S. Newcomb, Gen'l Chairman, Stockholm, Me.; J. L. Robbins, Gen'l S. & T., Grindstone, Me.
- No. 88—Division covers the Texas & Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to call of the Chairman. W. K. Gremillion, Gen'l Chairman, Donaldsonville, La.; B. T. Hambright, Gen'l S. & T., Roanoke, Tex.
- No. 89, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets 1st Saturday each month at 8 p. m., in Harmony Hall, also 3d Saturday each month at 10 a. m. (daylight meeting), in Harmony Hall, 694 Washington st., Boston, Mass. J. E. Kerns, Chief Tel., No. 2 Josephine ave., Medford, Mass.; J. H. McDermott, S. & T., 46 Crocker st., Mansfield, Mass.
- No. 91, CHICAGO, ILL.—Meets first Saturday of each month at 8:15 p. m., in Hall 912, Masonic Temple, cor. Randolph and State sts., Chicago, Ill. G. Dal Jones, Chief Tel., 2530 North Kedzie blvd., Chicago, Ill.; W. E. Carter, S. & T., 5443 Broadway, Chicago, Ill.
- No. 92—Division covers the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg Railway System. Meets subject to the call of Chairman. F. L. McGraw, Gen'l Chairman, Backus, McKean Co., Pa.; J. T. Simmons, Gen'l S. & T., 901 W. Long ave., Du Bois, Pa.
- No. 93—Division covers the Illinois Central Railroad and the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley Railroad. Meets subject to call of Chairman. C. A. Mulhall, Gen'l Chairman, Clarkson, Ky.; G. E. Chance, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, Mounds, Ill.; R. R. Green, Gen'l Chairman Y. & M. V. Lines, Doddsville, Miss.; R. L. Shannon, Gen'l S. & T., Anna, Ill.
- No. 94, MERIDIAN, MISS.—Meets 2d Saturday night of each month in Pythian Hall at Artesia, Miss.; W. W. Wilkins, Chief Tel., Brooksville, Miss.; C. E. Hendley, S. & T., Artesia, Miss.
- No. 95, PORTLAND, ME.—Meets 3d Thursday of each month at 546½ Congress st., Portland, Me. C. E. Adams, Chief Tel., Springvale, Me.; F. S. Twombly, S. & T., Buxton, Me.
- No. 96—Division covers Chicago Great Western Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. A. L. Coleman, 402 Troup ave., Kansas City, Kan., Gen'l Chairman; C. E. Norris, Gen'l S. & T., Inver Grove, Minn.

- No. 97—Division covers the Seaboard Air Line Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. D. May, Gen'l Chairman, Carlton, Ga.; P. O. Cumming, Gen'l S. & T., 15 Dinwiddie st., Portsmouth, Va.; J. T. Benn, Local Chairman Virginia Division, Thelma, N. C.; E. H. Moore, Local Chairman North Carolina Division, Marshville, N. C.; Frank Taylor, Local Chairman Georgia Division, Lawrenceville, Ga.; W. L. Tidwell, Local Chairman Alabama Division, Helena, Ga.; J. L. Vining, Local Chairman South Carolina Division, Macclenny, Fla.; F. W. Brown, Local Chairman Florida Division, Cedar Keys, Fla.
- No. 99, COBALT, ONT.—Covers Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Ry. Meets at Englehart, 2d Sunday in May, July, September, November and January, or on call of Gen'l Chairman. F. J. Murray, Chief Tel., Englehart, Ont.; J. B. Flagler, Gen'l Chairman, Englehart, Ont.; M. R. Doherty, S. & T., Uno Park, Ont.
- No. 102, PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Meeting place subject to notice from Secretary and Treasurer. J. J. McLaughlin, S. & T., 15 North Dover st., Philadelphia, Pa.
- No. 103, STELLARTON, N. S.—A. L. Trites, Chief Tel., Westville, N. S.; J. R. Ross, S. & T., Box 187, Stellarton, N. S.
- No. 104, AYER, MASS.—Meets 3d Sunday of each month at 9:30 a. m., in Room 5, Oxford House, Clinton, Mass. C. A. Wheeler, Chief Tel., Berlin, Mass.; James P. Rutledge, S. & T., Box 174, Clinton, Mass.
- No. 105, CONCORD, N. H.—Meets third Saturday each month at 7:30 p. m., in Concord Hall, Concord, N. H. F. A. Martin, Chief Tel., So. Danbury, N. H.; H. M. Clay, S. & T., Gerrish, N. H.
- No. 106, HAGERSTOWN, MD.—Meets 3d Thursday of each month at 8 p. m., 8 Court Place, Hagerstown, Md. John H. Goshorn, Chief Tel., Greencastle, Pa.; J. K. Snyder, S. & T., Box 46, Hagerstown, Md.
- No. 108, ADDISON, N. Y.—Meets 2d Monday each month at 8 p. m., Edgcomb Hotel, Galetton, Pa. E. C. Cole, Chief Tel., Cowanesque, Pa.; C. E. Belcher, S. & T., Osceola, Pa.
- No. 111—Division covers San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. W. D. McGee, Gen'l S. & T., 320 Concord st., Los Angeles, Cal.
- No. 113—Division covers the Ulster & Delaware System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. M. L. Klein, Gen'l Chairman, 74 Abeel st., Kingston, N. Y. H. J. Halstead, Gen'l S. & T., Oneonta, N. Y. R. H. Henson, Local Chairman S. C. & K. Branch, Phoenicia, N. Y.; C. W. Pough, Local Chairman Main Line, 81 Hone st., Kingston, N. Y.
- No. 114, ANNAPOLIS ROYAL, N. S.—H. A. Jacques, Chief Tel., Middletown, N. S.; Stanley Taverer, S. & T., Tupperville, Anna Co., N. S.
- No. 115, QUEBEC, QUE.—Meets 1st Monday of each month in I. O. O. F. Hall, Ste. Anne de Beaupre, Que. J. J. White, Chief Tel., No. 4 St. Angele st., Quebec, Que.; J. E. Potvin, S. & T., Cote de Peres, Beauport, Que., Can.
- No. 116—Division covers the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Railway System. Meets 2d Sunday of February, April, June, August, October and December, in places designated by Gen'l Chairman. P. M. Stillman, Gen'l Chairman, Seney, Mich.; C. W. Danielson, Gen'l S. & T., Chassell, Mich.
- No. 117, SHAMOKIN, PA.—Meets at Milton, Pa., in S. of V. Hall, 4th Saturday of following month at 7:15 p. m.: January, February, April, May, July, August, October and November, and at Catawissa, Pa., in S. of V. Hall, 4th Saturday of the following months at 7:30 p. m.: March, June, September and December. H. M. Michael, S. & T., Quakake, Pa.
- No. 118—Division covers Toledo & Ohio Central, Kanawha & Michigan, Hocking Valley and Zanesville & Western Railway System. A. P. Hines, Gen'l Chairman, Burr Oak, Ohio; R. M. Henderson, Gen'l S. & T., 512 Knower st., Toledo, Ohio.
- No. 119—Division covers the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Railway System. G. W. Lewis, Gen'l Chairman, 2921 Chicago ave., Minneapolis, Minn.; F. C. Paine, Gen'l S. & T., Erskine, Minn.
- No. 120—Division covers Lake Erie & Western Railway System. C. I. Turner, Gen'l Chairman, Ambia, Ind.; M. A. Steckel, Gen'l S. & T., Atlanta, Ind.
- No. 124—Division covers Lehigh Valley Ry. System. L. W. Quick, Acting Gen'l S. & T., 711 Star Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.
- No. 125—Division covers Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Railway System. Meets at 8 p. m., the 2d Friday of each month, at Fredericksburg. E. A. Foster, Gen'l Chairman, Potomac, Va.; J. C. Farmer, Gen'l S. & T., Fredericksburg, Va.
- No. 126—Division covers Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway System. W. T. Brown, Gen'l Chairman, Room 314, New England Building, Topeka, Kan.; C. H. Meador, Gen'l S. & T., Room 314, New England Building, Topeka, Kan.
- No. 127—VIRGINIA, MINN.—W. W. Woodward, Chief Tel., Hibbing, Minn.; C. J. Keenan, S. & T. Kelsey, Minn.
- No. 128—Division covers the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. L. A. Tanquary, Gen'l Chairman, Board of Trade Bldg., Pueblo, Colo.; L. W. Quick, Acting Gen'l S. & T., St. Louis, Mo.
- No. 129—Division covers Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway System. G. E. Kipp, Gen'l Chairman and Local Chairman Eastern Division, Blasdell, N. Y.; G. R. Smith, Assistant Gen'l

Chairman and Local Chairman Detroit Division, Rockwood, Mich.; E. D. Graham, Gen'l S. & T., and Local Chairman Western Division, Mishawaka, Ind.; E. E. Smith, Local Chairman Franklin Division, Stoneboro, Pa.; J. T. Bearss, Local Chairman Toledo Division, 412 Prospect st., Sandusky, Ohio; L. O. DeWolfe, Local Chairman Old Road & Branches Michigan Division, Quincy, Mich.; D. E. Royce, Ray, Ind., Local Chairman Lansing Division; R. B. Stevenson, Local Chairman Air Line District, Michigan Division, 217 E. Chestnut st., Wauseon, Ohio. The Michigan, Toledo and Detroit Divisions hold joint meetings the third Tuesday of each month in the Crowe Hall, No. 852 Broadway, Toledo, Ohio, at 7:30 p. m. Other divisions meet subject to call of Local Chairman.

No. 130—Division covers Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. J. F. Carder, Gen'l Chairman, 1822 Orchard st., Burlington, Iowa; J. H. Rogers, Jr., Gen'l S. & T., 717 N. 10th st., La Crosse, Wis.

No. 131, TRING JUNCTION, QUE.—E. Lafontaine, Chief Tel., St. Henedine, Que.; R. Therberge, Acting S. & T., Coleraine, Que.

No. 132—Division covers the Atlantic Coast Line R. R. B. F. Wheeler, Gen'l Chairman, Oviedo, Fla.; J. H. Williams, Gen'l S. & T., Wilson, N. C.; J. K. McCotter, Local Chairman Richmond District, 1025 McDonough st., South Richmond, Va.; D. H. Parker, Local Chairman Norfolk District, Speed, N. C.; J. L. Bridgers, Local Chairman Fayetteville District, Dillon, S. C.; E. R. Jones, Local Chairman Wilmington District, Castle Hayne, N. C.; F. T. Murray, Local Chairman Cameron District, R. F. D., Cameron, S. C.; H. E. Bolick, Local Chairman Charleston District, care A. C. L. Dispatcher's Office, Charleston, S. C.; W. A. Hollahan, Local Chairman Savannah District, R. F. D. 1, Jacksonville, Fla.; A. L. Pixley, Local Chairman Waycross District, Waycross, Ga.; W. F. Thames, Local Chairman Montgomery District, Climax, Ga.; W. W. Tedder, Local Chairman Jacksonville District, Seville, Fla.; M. H. Martin, Local Chairman Gainesville District and Jacksonville Terminals, Palatka, Fla.; W. R. Lott, Local Chairman Lakeland District, Trilby, Fla.

No. 133, SYDNEY, N. S.—Geo. O. Forbes, Chief Tel., Sydney, N. S.; A. F. Macdougall, S. & T., West Bay Road, N. S.

No. 136, READING, PA.—Meets 3d Friday of each month. Lloyd A. Miller, Chief Tel., Calicum, Pa.; C. F. Petree, S. & T., 932 Pear st., Reading, Pa.

No. 137—Division covers El Paso & Southwestern Railway System. F. A. Thomas, Acting Gen'l S. & T., 4112 Arsenal st., St. Louis.

No. 138—Division covers C. C. C. & St. L. Railway System. Edw. Whalen, Gen'l Chairman, 1601 Third ave., Terre Haute, Ind.; Geo. Laven-

good, G. S. & T., 109 E. Jackson st., Alexandria, Ind. System meetings held at Spencer Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind., subject to call of the Gen'l Chairman. Cleveland Division meets 2d Wednesday of each month at 1501 Columbus road, Cleveland, Ohio; Hugh T. Sloan, Galion, Ohio, Local Chairman. Cincinnati-Sandusky Division meets 3d Tuesday each month in Johnson Bldg., Springfield, Ohio; L. F. Armstrong, 116 N. Greenmount ave., Local Chairman. St. Louis Division, Edw. Whalen, Local Chairman St. Louis Division and Cairo Division. B. T. McConchie, Marshall, Ill., Local Chairman Cairo Division, hold joint meetings 1st Wednesday night of each month in Knights of Pythias Hall, Paris, Ill. Indianapolis Division meets 3d Monday of each month in Room 11, 2d floor, Anthony Bldg., Muncie, Ind.; E. P. Jenkins, 1603 East Jackson st., Muncie, Ind., Local Chairman. Chicago Division meets subject to call of Local Chairman, A. J. Hornung, Greensburg, Ind. Michigan Division meets subject to call of Local Chairman, Geo. Lavengood, Alexandria, Ind. P. & E. Division meets subject to call of Local Chairman. I. E. Schlosser, Waynetown, Ind.

No. 139, NORTH ADAMS, MASS.—Meets on the 2d Saturday of each month in Odd Fellows' Hall, North Adams, Mass. O. A. Pitcher, Chief Tel., Charlemont, Mass.; J. W. Banker, S. & T., Schaghticoke, N. Y.

No. 140—Division covers Maine Central Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. V. W. Hobbs, Gen'l Chairman, Mattawamkeag, Me.; H. N. Bates, Gen'l S. & T., Gardiner, Me.

No. 141—Division covers San Antonio & Aransas Pass Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. A. H. Barnett, Gen'l Chairman, Gregory, Tex.; E. B. Hill, Gen'l S. & T., 1027 Yale st., Houston, Tex.

No. 142—Division covers the Green Bay & Western Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. D. Benrud, Gen'l Chairman, Black Creek, Wis.; L. P. Curran, Gen'l S. & T., Winona, Minn.; A. Wood, Local Chairman Western Division, Blair, Wis.; A. Reisinger, Local Chairman Eastern Division, Sawyer, Wis.

No. 143—Division covers the Grand Rapids and Indiana Railway System. L. W. Quick, Acting G. S. & T., St. Louis, Mo.

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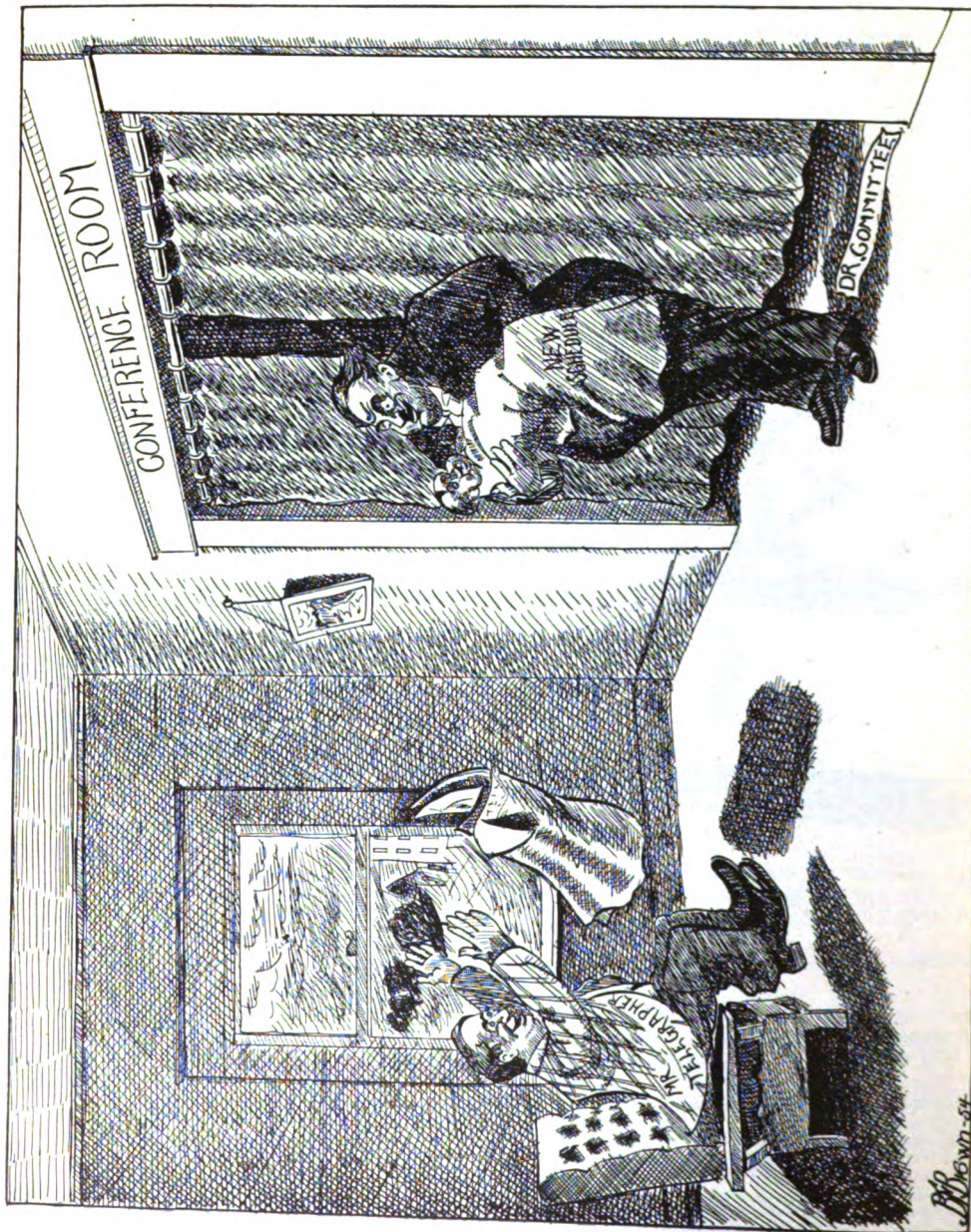
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PASSES CLAYTON BILL

Organized Labor: Must Keep Up Struggle Until Complete Victory Is Won

EARLY this month the House of Representatives of the National Congress, sitting as a committee of the whole, passed the labor amendments to the Clayton Anti-Trust Bill by a unanimous vote, which amendments have for their purpose the removing of trade unions from the classification of trusts under the Sherman Anti-Trust Law, and which also regulates the injunction abuses and the power of judges to punish for contempt of court. When the bill was reported to the House, it was passed by a vote of 277 to 54. The bill as originally drawn was not satisfactory to organized labor, but was amended so that it is now entirely satis-

factory. The amendment was offered by Congressman Webb, of the Judiciary Committee, which amendment was approved by all concerned and adopted by the House, and which is as follows:

Section 7. That nothing contained in the anti-trust laws shall be construed to forbid the existence and operation of fraternal, labor, consumers, agricultural, or horticultural organizations, orders or associations instituted for the purposes of mutual help and not having capital stock or conducted for profit, or to forbid or restrain individual members of such organizations, orders or associations from carrying out the legitimate objects thereof, nor

shall such organizations, orders, or associations, or the members thereof, be held or construed to be illegal combinations or conspiracies in restraint of trade under the anti-trust laws.

Section 18 provides :

"That no restraining order or injunction shall be granted by any court of the United States, or a judge or the judges thereof, in any case between an employer and employes, or between employers and employes, or between employes, or between persons employed and persons seeking employment, involving or growing out of, a dispute, concerning terms or conditions of employment, unless necessary to prevent irreparable injury to property, or to a property right, of the party making the application, for which injury there is no adequate remedy at law, and such property or property right must be described with particularity in the application, which must be in writing and sworn to by the applicant or by his agent or attorney.

"And no such restraining order or injunction shall prohibit any person or persons from terminating any relation of employment, or from ceasing to perform any work or labor, or from recommending, advising or persuading others by peaceful means so to do; or from attending at or near a house or place where any person resides or works, or carries on business or happens to be, for the purpose of peacefully obtaining or communicating information, or of peacefully persuading any person to work or to abstain from working; or from ceasing to patronize or to employ any party to such dispute, or from recommending, advising, or persuading others by peaceful means so to do; or from paying or giving to, or withholding from, any person engaged in such dispute, any strike benefits or other moneys or things of value; or from peacefully assembling at any place in a lawful manner, and for lawful purposes; or from doing any act or thing which might lawfully be done in absence of such dispute by any party thereto, nor shall any of the acts specified in this paragraph be considered or held unlawful."

The sections dealing with the contempt proceedings and jury trials are as follows:

Section 19. That any person who shall willfully disobey any lawful writ, process, order, rule, decree, or command of any district court of the United States or any court of the District of Columbia by doing any act or thing therein, or thereby forbidden to be done by him, if the act or thing so done by him be of such character as to constitute also a criminal offense under any statute of the United States, or at common law, shall be proceeded against for his said contempt as hereinafter provided.

Section 20. That whenever it shall be made to appear to any district court or judge thereof, or to any judge therein sitting, by the return of a proper officer on lawful process, or upon the affidavit of some credible person, or by information filed by any district attorney, that there is reasonable ground to believe that any person has been guilty of such contempt, the court or judge thereof, or any judge therein sitting, may issue a rule requiring the said person so charged to show cause upon a day certain why he should not be punished therefor, which rule, together with a copy of the affidavit or information, shall be served upon the person charged with sufficient promptness to enable him to prepare for and make return to the order at the time fixed therein. If, upon or by such return, in the judgment of the court, the alleged contempt be not sufficiently purged, a trial shall be directed at a time and place fixed by the court. Provided, however, that if the accused, being a natural person, fail or refuse to make return to the rule to show cause, an attachment may issue against his person to compel an answer, and in case of his continued failure or refusal, or if for any reason it be impracticable to dispose of the matter on the return day, he may be required to give reasonable bail for his attendance at the trial and his submission to the final judgment of the court. Where the accused person is a body corporate, an attachment for the sequestration of its property may be issued upon like refusal or failure to answer.

In all cases within the purview of this act such trial may be by the court, or, upon demand of the accused, by a jury; in which latter event the court may impanel a jury from the jurors then in attendance, or the court or the judge thereof in chambers may cause a sufficient number of jurors to be selected and summoned, as provided by law, to attend at the time and place of trial, at which time a jury shall be selected and impaneled as upon a trial for misdemeanor; and such trial shall conform, as near as may be, to the practice in criminal cases prosecuted by indictment or upon information.

If the accused be found guilty, judgment shall be entered accordingly, prescribing the punishment, either by fine or imprisonment, or both, in the discretion of the court. Such fine shall be paid to the United States or to the complainant or other party injured by the act constituting the contempt, or may, where more than one is so damaged, be divided or apportioned among them as the court may direct, but in no case shall the fine to be paid to the United States exceed, in case the accused is a natural person, the sum of \$1,000, nor shall such imprisonment exceed the term of six months.

Section 21. That the evidence taken upon the trial of any person so accused may be preserved by bill of exceptions, and any judgment of conviction may be reviewed upon writ of error in all respects as now provided by law in criminal cases, and may be affirmed, reversed, or modified as justice may require. Upon the granting of such writ of error, execution of judgment shall be stayed, and the accused, if thereby sentenced to imprisonment, shall be admitted to bail in such reasonable sum as may be required by the court, or by any justice, or any judge, of any district court of the United States or any court of the District of Columbia.

Section 22. That nothing herein contained shall be construed to relate to contempts committed in the presence of the court, or so near thereto as to obstruct the administration of justice, nor to contempts committed in disobedience of any lawful writ, process, order, rule, decree, or com-

mand entered in any suit or action brought or prosecuted in the name of, or on behalf of, the United States, but the same, and all other cases of contempt not specifically embraced within section nineteen of this act, may be punished in conformity to the usages at law and in equity now prevailing.

Section 23. That no proceeding for contempt shall be instituted against any person unless begun within one year from the date of the act complained of; nor shall any such proceeding be a bar to any criminal prosecution for the same act or acts; but nothing herein contained shall affect any proceedings in contempt pending at the time of the passage of this act.

The bill was then sent to the United States Senate, where it was referred to the Judiciary Committee, where efforts, no doubt, will be made by opponents of the measure to secure the adoption of numerous amendments, nullifying these amendments, and failing in that, the next move undoubtedly will be to bring about all the delay possible in the consideration of the bill, in an effort to eventually kill it in that way.

Being alive to the situation, President Samuel Gompers and Secretary Frank Morrison, of the American Federation of Labor, have issued an appeal to the members of all labor organizations, urging them to communicate with the United States Senators from their respective States, insisting that they support the Clayton Bill known as H. R. 15657, which appeal is as follows:

To All Organized Labor and Friends:

The House of Representatives, in committee of the whole, adopted, on Monday and Tuesday, June 1st and 2d, the labor sections of the Clayton Bill, H. R. 15657, with amendments which made them satisfactory to labor. The bill contains provisions which not only guarantee the freedom of labor and farmers' organizations from the Sherman anti-trust law, but also prevent abuses of the writ of injunction and provide jury trials for alleged charges of indirect contempts. The first provision mentioned passed the House without a vote

in opposition, the other two with but one dissenting vote.

The bill now goes to the United States Senate for action. It is to this fact that the attention of all organized labor and friends is called.

More than likely, little if any opposition to the labor features of the bill will be shown in the Senate. When the bill comes to a vote in the Senate, we feel confident that but few, if any, Senators will vote against the labor sections. But some who oppose according justice to labor and farmers' organizations are engaged in a tremendous campaign to persuade and to influence Senators from passing the Clayton Bill. They try to hide their real antagonism to the labor and farmer provisions of the bill under feigned opposition to any trust legislation as they say "at this time."

The action and policy of the National Association of Manufacturers and their other allied interests must not deceive our people and the United States Senators.

Therefore, it is the imperative duty of every labor and farmers' organization at once, at their regular meetings, or in meetings specially called, to adopt resolutions or motions insisting that the United States Senate pass at the earliest possible date, at the present session of Congress and before its adjournment, the Clayton Bill, H. R. 15657.

Transmit at once such resolutions or motions to the United States Senators from your State. No matter how friendly or sympathetic any Senator may be to this most just measure, write him anyway. It will encourage him in the struggle for justice.

Let all officers of local, central and national organized bodies, let every worker and every friend of labor write letters to their respective United States Senators, urging and insisting upon the passage of the Clayton Bill. Now! Now! Now!

Address your communications to your Senators, by name, at United States Senate, Washington, D. C.

Men of labor, men of justice, victory is in sight, and it will be achieved not only for the working people now but for the

people forever, if you but do your full duty forcefully and effectually now.

Fraternally yours,

SAML. GOMPERS,

President

American Federation of Labor.

FRANK MORRISON,

Secretary

American Federation of Labor.

Washington, D. C., June 6, 1914.

In addition to the foregoing appeal, President Gompers, in an editorial in the official organ of the American Federation of Labor, dwells at considerable length upon the opposition that can be expected to this bill by the opponents of labor, and points out in a very clear manner the importance of the measure to the organized workers, and urges them to take a personal interest in the passage of this measure. He says:

"The House, sitting as a committee of the whole, incorporated in Section 7 of the Clayton Anti-Trust Bill the Webb amendment providing that labor organizations shall not be construed or held to be illegal combinations in restraint of trade under the anti-trust laws. Labor is now nearing victory at the end of a twenty-year fight.

"Ever since the labor exemption amendment was omitted from the Sherman Anti-Trust Law, and that law was perverted by the courts to apply to organizations of labor, America's workers have been demanding legislation which should return the rights filched from them.

"As the barons of England, on the field of Runnymede, forced King John to grant them the Magna Charta, defining the relations between the King and his subjects, and enumerating a list of rights and liberties, so the men of labor have fought the capitalists' interests that occupied high places whence came the laws of the land and have demanded from those in authority a Magna Charta defining their industrial liberty.

"This industrial Magna Charta secures for America's workers freedom for action for self-protection and for the promotion of their own interests.

"Sections 15 to 23, inclusive, of the measure which constitute Labor's Bill of Rights

were also adopted by the House of Representatives by a practically unanimous vote. The first skirmish has been won. The fight now shifts to the Senate. There the interests will make their last stand.

"Every influence that greed and special privilege can exert will be used to defeat these labor measures in the Senate. Special privilege will not voluntarily yield its control over the making of law. The desperate character of the campaign it has been conducting is reflected in attempts to vilify and discredit the motives of the high public officials who dare to be champions of humanity's cause.

"The special interests can not conceive of public officials who are influenced by ideals of justice. They think money can talk in such thunderous tones as to drown the cries of the people for justice as well as in such gentle, alluring murmurs as will lull into passivity the consciences of all mankind.

"It is a powerful, resourceful enemy that confronts labor in its effort to secure its legislation from the United States Senate. The organized workers of America must not underrate the enemy. Though victory is in sight, the fight is not yet won.

"There is an opportunity for every worker in the United States yet to do something to win this fight. It is more than an opportunity, it is a duty.

"Every member of organized labor must make his Senators feel that he is personally deeply concerned that the labor section of the Clayton Bill shall be adopted by the United States Senate.

"Each member of the labor organizations should write his Senators immediately, urging upon them the vital importance of this legislation to labor. Make your Senators understand that the workers are watching each legislative movement and that they will hold public agents responsible for inaction or for opposition to industrial freedom.

"The time for wavering or compromise has passed. Labor now demands the fulfillment of platform pledges from those now controlling national legislation.

"The issues are plain. The workers of America demand that they be recognized

as free men and women and that this freedom be incorporated in the laws of the land.

"Labor's Magna Charta and Bill of Rights' are the most important legislation since the abolition of slavery. This legislation formally recognizes the passing of the political and legal theory of an employer's property right in the labor power of employees—a survival of slavery and feudal conditions.

"The passage of this legislation is a tremendous victory for the workers. It insures for them liberty of action to promote their own welfare.

"Those who help to achieve this victory, aid in one of the most memorable events in the history of human liberty. They aid in establishing conditions under which men shall be of greater value than dollars, when the workers shall be recognized as greater than that which they produce, when human beings shall be of greater value than all else.

"We urge upon each of America's workers the realization of his duty and the significance of any contributing action for the realization of this victory

"Act immediately. Write to your Senators. Make them feel the force and depth of national sentiment which demands for workers their rights."

ANOTHER IMPORTANT DECISION.

THE United States Court of Appeals, sitting in Richmond, Va., has just handed down an important decision in the case appealed from Judge Dayton, of the United States Circuit Court for the Northern District of West Virginia, who, following the decision of the late Judge Jackson, held that trade unions were "illegal conspiracies":

This judicial position has been reversed by the Circuit Court of Appeals. The first of these was an appeal from an injunction issued by Judge Jackson, November 26, 1907, against John Mitchell, T. L. Lewis and W. B. Wilson, who were then respectively president, vice-president and secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers of America, and scores of other unionists and strikers, who were enjoined from attempting to unionize the employees of the

Hitchman Coal & Coke Company "without the plaintiff's consent." The union was denied the right to maintain pickets for the purpose of inducing or persuading employees of the company to join them, and were debarred from going to the homes of the company's employees and persuading or entreating them to join their ranks.

In deciding this case, the Circuit Court of Appeals held that the evidence in this case failed to show that any unlawful methods had been resorted to by the defendants in this instance, and therefore the court below erred in holding the organization to be unlawful upon the theory that it was guilty of a conspiracy.

A portion of the opinion, an unusually lengthy one, is as follows:

"This is an age of co-operation through organization. In fact, organization is the only means by which united effort can be secured in any branch of human endeavor. The doctors, dentists, school teachers, wholesale and retail merchants, and, in fact, every branch of industry in this country, are organized for the purpose of mutual protection of the respective parties interested. Such being the case, it is just as essential, and perhaps more important, that the laboring people organize for their advancement and protection than it is for any of the vocations we have mentioned."

In defining the rights of the parties in this controversy, the court held:

"In the first place, it should be understood once and for all that so long as capital employs legitimate means for the protection of property rights, that it is to be accorded the protection of the law, but this does not mean that capital may, by improper methods, form combinations for the purpose of preventing labor from organizing for mutual protection. Likewise, it should be definitely understood that the laboring men have the right to use peaceable and lawful methods to unite their forces in order to improve their condition as respects their ability to earn a decent living, give their children moral and intellectual training and secure the enactment of legislation requiring mine owners to adopt such methods as may be necessary

to keep their mines in a sanitary condition, and, above all, to adopt methods to minimize, as much as possible, the occurrence of the awful catastrophes by which so many human lives have been lost."

The Circuit Court of Appeals took the same position in regard to Judge Dayton's injunction order against President Van Bittner, of the Pittsburgh District, United Mine Workers, and miners on strike against the West Virginia-Pittsburgh Coal Company. Judge Dayton issued an injunction in this case, November 11, 1913, and last March sentenced several miners to terms in jail. The unions were denied contributing financial aid to the strikers. Among those sentenced was Fannie Sellers, who was given six months in jail because the court found, among other things, that she was "a paid organizer of the United Mine Workers," and that she "frequented the camp at Collier, which was not a fit place for any decent woman," and that she had "paid their (strikers) fares on the car to the place where they divided into three several troops for the purpose of intercepting the company's men whom you expected to come from work by one of the roads." These workers, including Fannie Sellers, are now in jail. A petition bearing thousands of signatures have been signed for Judge Dayton's impeachment, and impeachment proceedings have already been begun against him in Congress.

THE GOMPERS-MORRISON-MITCHELL CASE.

AS stated in these columns in the last month's issue, after a seven years' battle in the various courts of the District of Columbia and the United States Supreme Court, the latter tribunal finally disposed of the contempt cases pending against Messrs. Samuel Gompers, Frank Morrison and John Mitchell, President, Secretary and Vice-President, respectively, of the American Federation of Labor, by setting aside the penalties inflicted by the lower courts on the ground that the statute of limitation debarred further proceeding. While the discharge of the defendant in this famous case by the highest tribunal in the United States was a source of great

satisfaction to organized labor in general, deep regret was occasioned by the failure of that high tribunal to pass upon the vital point at issue, namely that of free speech and free press. There seems to be, however, some comfort to be derived from the action of the Supreme Court, which is outlined in a letter of Attorney J. H. Ralston, who defended Gompers, Morrison and Mitchell, who declares that the United States Supreme Court in its decision has taken a position in advance of that heretofore favored by the Judiciary. Attorney Ralston in his letter, which was written to Secretary Morrison, comments as follows on the dismissal of this now famous case:

"There is at least one feature of the decision given last Monday by the Supreme Court of the United States in the contempt case to which I desire to invite your attention.

"For the first time in the history of American jurisprudence a court of this country has declared that proceedings in criminal contempt were for the punishment of nothing else than crimes and that in the early history of the law they were so treated.

"The court said:

"These contempts are infractions of the law visited with punishment as such. If such acts are not criminal, we are in error as to the most fundamental characteristic of crimes as that word has been understood in English speech. So truly are they crimes that it seems to be proved that in the early law they were punished only by the usual criminal procedure, and that at least in England it seems that they still may be and preferably are tried in that way."

"This statement exactly sustains our contentions, and its implications are extremely important.

"If contempts were in the first instance treated as crimes and punished by the usual process of the criminal law there seems no possible excuse for having at least indirect contempts committed out of the presence of the court tried today by the judge.

"This decision, in my opinion, thoroughly explodes the theory that contempts are in any way personal to the judge, giving him an exclusive right in the punishment, or that

they are anything else except ordinary criminal offenses properly to be tried in the ordinary criminal way.

"This consideration completely disposes, in my opinion, of the arguments which have been made by Mr. Emery and others in the past before the Judiciary Committees of the two Houses against allowing trial by jury in indirect contempts, and absolutely vindicates the course with regard to this matter heretofore taken by the Federation of Labor."

GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP.

ACCORDING to a London dispatch, President Newman Erb, of the Ann Arbor Railroad, in an interview in that city, predicted that government ownership of railroads in the United States is inevitable and will be welcomed by every railroad director.

Mr. Erb is quoted as saying that nothing can stop government ownership and that this will not be opposed by the officials, as the prime troubles of the railways as at present constituted is the fact that the actual owners no longer control them, but are forced to bow to the dictates of the great banks upon which they are dependent.

Mr. Erb gives the following additional reasons for the inevitable nationalization of America's railroads:

"The hue and cry against the railroads has certainly been justified in some instances, but the reason for the evils increasing has been overlooked. Up to ten years ago the men identified with the management of railways were, without exception, large owners of the railroads' capital. When money was spent for new equipment, for increasing the mileage, or for improvements, the head of the roads used due precaution for the simple reason that it was largely their own money they were spending.

"But a new era began with the beginning of the twentieth century. Men who did not own a dollar's worth of stock were elected to important executive positions, and it was no longer their own money they spent. Extravagance was therefore to be expected."

"What Mellen did virtually every railway president in the country has to do or go broke. For no railroad in the United States today can pay expenses and be independent without outside financial assistance. That's why the old order of railroad men are praying for the nationalization of the roads.

"The longer the roads are compelled to continue under private ownership, the greater must become the difference between income and outgo, with the eventual result that our securities will be down to the point which will spell ruin to the hundreds of thousands of shareholders.

"My knowledge of the feeling inspiring virtually every railroad director in the country today enables me to say that not one would hesitate for an instant to turn over their properties to the government for the present market valuation—and thank God they are out of a hopeless mess."

STILL "ON THE JOB."

IT will be remembered that when the Sundry Civil Appropriation Bill was before the 62d Congress, an amendment was offered to it, which was adopted and made a part of the bill by both branches of the National Congress providing that no part of the money appropriated in the bill should be spent in the prosecution of any organization or individual for entering into any combination or agreement having in view the increasing of wages, shortening of hours, etc. The bill was vetoed by President Taft on account of containing this clause.

Shortly after the special session of the 63d Congress convened the Sundry Civil Appropriation Bill was reintroduced, but did not contain the provision exempting labor organizations and farmers associations from the Sherman Anti-Trust Law, by prohibiting the expenditure of money in their prosecutions, but this proviso was inserted in the bill as an amendment in the House, and the Senate accepted it and the bill was approved by President Wilson, who, however, added a memorandum to it, which, in effect, was an objection to this form of

legislation, being incorporated in a general appropriation bill.

The Sundry Civil Appropriation Bill, which had just been endorsed by the Committee on Appropriation, and which will be introduced in the present Congress, contains this provision in its original draft, showing that the members of the Committee on Appropriation have been impressed with the justness of labor's contentions in this regard.

The provision is as follows:

"Enforcement of anti-trust laws: For the enforcement of anti-trust laws, including not exceeding \$10,000 for salaries of necessary employees at the seat of government, \$300,000: Provided, however, that no part of this money shall be spent in the prosecution of any organization or individual for entering into any combination or agreement having in view the increasing of wages, shortening of hours or bettering the conditions of labor, or for any act done in furtherance thereof, not in itself unlawful: Provided, further, that no part of this appropriation shall be expended for the prosecution of producers of farm products and associations of farmers who co-operate and organize in an effort to and for the purpose to obtain and maintain a fair and reasonable price for their products."

PRESIDENT GOMPERS TO ORGANIZED WORKERS.

PRESIDENT GOMPERS has issued the following call to the organized workers of America, that the unskilled as well as the skilled workers, both men and women, may be taught the benefits of organization. In this call, President Gompers says:

"At no time in the history of our country has the duty devolved so keenly as now upon the men of labor to put forth their best efforts to help the more thorough organization of all of our fellow-workers, men and women, skilled and unskilled, in every occupation in which they are employed; at no time have the forces of antagonism been more active to prevent organization or to crush out the spirit of organized associated effort among the toilers. It

therefore all the more devolves upon all engaged in our great humane and uplift work to put forth every energy to bring the unorganized within the beneficent fold of the organized labor movement of America.

"You will recall the fact that at the Seattle convention of the A. F. of L. special emphasis was placed upon the determined effort which should be put forth by all to accomplish this result. Our movement has been crowned with more success than can here be recorded, but they are simply achievements which whet our purposes to still greater efforts.

"We must organize the unskilled workers as well as the skilled.

"We must organize the worker permanently domiciled in his locality as well as the itinerant worker who travels from place to place in search of employment.

"We must organize the women workers in all branches of industry in which they are engaged. We must organize the office employes in the various branches of their occupations.

"We must concentrate our effort to achieve greater benefits in wages, hours and conditions of employment of the toiling masses of America.

"We must secure for the toilers the rights to which they are justly entitled on the economic, on the political, on the legislative field. There is no effort which must be left untried to organize our fellow-workers everywhere, to place them in a position where they will be best able to help themselves, to help their already organized fellow-workers, and in turn to receive the assistance and co-operation of those already within the ranks.

"The unions affiliated to the A. F. of L. have already passed the 2,000,000 mark. It is our bounden duty to see that at the earliest possible date we have reached and passed the 3,000,000 mark. Let every man of labor, and particularly our organizers, do their share in the work and bring better conditions, comfort, hope and encouragement to the toilers of America for their own advancement and for the betterment of the generations yet unborn."

"TOM" PIERSON MARRIED.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis H. Traub
announce the marriage of their daughter
Blanche Louise

to

Mr. Thomas Morton Pierson
on Wednesday, June the third,
nineteen hundred and fourteen,
Central Square, New York.

THE foregoing announcement caused consternation among the members of the Bachelors' Club. Shades of Patrick Henry "Tom" Pierson, the leader of that clan, who had worshipped at the shrine of single blessedness for lo these many years, "has dun trun them down cold." It was unbelievable that their president, who had led them so valiantly during all these years against the assaults of cupid had "surrendered." When the cold truth finally dawned upon them and they were forced to realize that they had been "deserted," a hurried meeting of members of the club was held and the "situation" was thoroughly discussed, and it was unanimously decided that an army without a leader could not hope to succeed, therefore, the club was disbanded, not, however, until all present drank to the health, happiness and prosperity of "Tom" Pierson and his bride.

As is well known, Thomas Morton Pierson is Second Vice-President of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers and has been officially connected with the Order for more than twenty years, and the news of his marriage will come as a pleasant surprise to his thousands of friends throughout the United States and Canada, and on their behalf, as well as for itself, THE TELEGRAPHER extends congratulations and best wishes for a long, prosperous and happy life to "Tom" and his bride.

THE "NEWLYWED" MAKES HIS BOW.

NEW YORK, June 11, 1914.

Mr. L. W. Quick,

Grand Secretary and Treasurer,
St. Louis, Mo.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—The bachelors' cabinet having been broken up by the de-

sertion of Seniors Manion and Joslin, I have found myself deserted and alone, and as no bids have been received from eligibles for the vacancies thus created and



THOMAS MORTON PIERSON,
The Bridegroom.

existing, the cabinet has been vacated, annulled, abandoned and permanently discontinued, and I have sought and found refuge in new and strange surroundings, wherein the association will be more elevating and congenial; therefore, henceforth, hereafter and forever, I intend to be known as a respectable married man and will, of course, expect all of you, of the common herd, to address me as Mister.

I was married on June 3d, at 4 p. m., to Miss Blanche Louise Traub, of and at Central Square, N. Y., the home of her parents, and at which place we will, after September 1st, make our home.

Invitations were not issued, but formal announcements were sent to those whose addresses I could recall and, in order that the membership may be apprised of this most important step on my part, I respectfully ask that it be announced through the columns of our official organ, using this letter as such announcement if you will.

The headquarters of the Vice-President will be continued at New York, at the Wallack Hotel, corner 43d and Broadway; the

Grand Union having closed its doors to make room for an office building.

Without any hesitation or mental reservation whatsoever, I take great pleasure in presenting my bride, Mrs. Thomas Morton Pierson, to the officers and members of the organization and in extending one and all a cordial invitation to call upon us whenever it pleases you to come our way.

With felicitations and kind regards, I beg to remain,

Yours fraternally,
T. M. PIERSON,
Vice-President,
Order Railroad Telegraphers.

MANION'S CONGRATULATIONS.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., June 9, 1914.

To the Editor Telegrapher:

I am just in receipt of an official document, announcing the marriage of my esteemed contemporary, Bro. Thomas M. Pierson, Second Vice-President, and Miss Blanche L. Traub, of Central Square, N. Y.



MRS. THOMAS MORTON PIERSON,
The Bride.

Permit me, through the columns of THE TELEGRAPHER, to extend to the happy couple my heartiest congratulations, and assuring Bro. Pierson and his charming bride that the very best wishes of his many friends on

the Pacific Coast are incorporated in the blessings I am delegated to bestow upon them.

And I also wish to take this opportunity to offer my congratulations to my old friend and comrade, Bro. George E. Joslin, of the Board of Directors, and to Mrs. Joslin, whose marriage was solemnized last March, and to wish them perpetual happiness and prosperity.

The April TELEGRAPHER contained an article by our worthy Second Vice-President, in which he referred to his Bachelor Cabinet, composed of Bro. Joslin and myself. The "Cabinet" has disbanded. My two compatriots have plunged into the sea of matrimony, as the last of the Mohicans I still carry the banner of "Bachelorhood," the only living specie to be found among the Grand Officers. Alas! I must plod on unattended, sans Pierson, sans Joslin, sans matrimonial hope.

Yours fraternally,

E. J. MANION,
Fifth Vice-President.

THE C. T. U. OF A. CONVENTION.

THE Fifth Biennial Session of the General Assembly of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America was held in Detroit, Mich., June 8th to 11th, inclusive, with a good representation present.

The reports of the President and Grand Secretary and Treasurer showed considerable progress had been made during the last two years in increasing the membership and that the prospects for the future were very bright. At its session on June 9th, the convention took cognizance of the fact that that date was the twenty-eighth anniversary of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, and the following message was sent by order of the convention:

"DETROIT, MICH., June 9, 1914.

"L. W. QUICK,

"Grand Secretary O. R. T.,

"St. Louis, Mo.

"Commercial Telegraphers' Union in convention assembled, by unanimous resolution, extend to your organization their heartiest congratulations upon this, the

twenty-eighth anniversary of your existence. The convention further recorded itself as being favorable to continuation and a stronger sense of affiliation with our kindred, and further wish you a long life and abundant success in the future undertakings and stand ready to co-operate at any time in anything which may be of mutual benefit. We are indebted to Bro. Perham for his gracious participations in our deliberations.

(Signed) "Commercial Telegraphers' of America."

Officers were elected for the ensuing term as follows: President, S. J. Konenkamp; Grand Secretary and Treasurer, Wesley Russell; Vice-President, James F. Campbell. Members of the General Executive Board: Chas. E. Hill, Joseph F. Mallon, Chas. H. Ludwig, D. K. Stevenson and C. H. McElreath.

PHILLIPS' CODE REVISED.

MR. EUGENE E. BRUCKNER, the well-known press operator, now located at Spokane, Wash., has, under the authority of Walter P. Phillips and with the assistance of a number of officials and operators in the press service, thoroughly revised Phillips' Code, and the new edition will be ready for delivery in a few days. Mr. Bruckner was considered by Mr. Phillips the most competent authority to undertake this important work, and so satisfactorily has the task been accomplished that the finished book has received the stamp of approval of the Associated Press, the United Press, the Publishers Press, and all other newspaper agencies, as well as the endorsement of press operators, well qualified to judge the merits of the new book. A large number of officials and operators in the press service were also frequently consulted on the revision.

The new book was desirable for the same reasons that makes necessary a revision of scientific text books with the progress of each decade.

Thirty years ago, when Mr. Phillips first published his work, a large number of words were used that today are almost obsolete, and several hundreds of others,

not provided for then, have come into general use. Provision must therefore be made for the newer modes of expression.

As indubitable evidence of this need, men who have joined the ranks of the press associations in recent years have found themselves wholly perplexed, and have been humiliated by apparent incompetence owing to their inability readily to interpret hundreds of contractions in constant use but not honored by Phillips' Code.

The whole object of the revision has been to promote greater accuracy and reduce memorizing to a minimum. Under the new system, an operator who knows the code for *Assist* does not need to know the specific contraction for *Consist*, *Desist*, *Insist*, *Persist*, *Resist*, etc., for all are formed upon the same basis. Nor is it probable that the operator could make a mistake in their translation if, by force of sheer will-power, he tried.

The price of Phillips' Code is \$1.00.

Remit by post office or express money order to

L. W. QUICK,
Grand Secretary and Treasurer,
St. Louis, Mo.

HOURS OF SERVICE LAW.

THE following decisions recently rendered in the United States courts in causes brought under the hours-of-service law will be of general interest:

No. 1751

United States vs. Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Company.

In the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Washington, Northern Division.

April 23, 1914.

In an action under the hours of service act, in which the basis of the alleged violation was the excess service of a telegraph operator in a continuously operated day and night office, on ten consecutive days, it developed that the employe had been positively instructed by his superior officer not to remain on duty in excess of nine hours in any twenty-four-hour period,

and that his violation of such instructions had been unknown to the defendant; Held:

1. That the safety-appliance act and kindred statutes impose positive and absolute duties on carriers the nonperformance of which is not excused by the exercise of reasonable diligence or due care on their part, and the hours of service act admits of no other rational construction;

2. That the word "permit," as used in the statute, means "a failure to prohibit by one who has the power and authority to do so;"

3. That the expression "all its officers and agents," as used in the statute, can not be limited to general officers and agents, since the knowledge of such officers and agents was imputable to carriers by the common law, and the hours of service act is more than merely declaratory of the common law; and

4. That neither the lack of actual knowledge on the part of the defendant that the act was being violated nor its previous instructions to the contrary is a defense to an action for the penalty prescribed.

Francis A. Garrecht, United States attorney, and Otis B. Kent, special assistant United States attorney, for plaintiff.

Hamblen & Gilbert, for defendant.

OPINION OF THE COURT.

RUDKIN, District Judge:

This is an action to recover penalties for violation of the act of Congress of March 4, 1907, entitled, "An act to promote the safety of employes and travelers upon railroads by limiting the hours of service of employes thereon" (34 Stat., 1415), commonly known as "The hours of service act." The complaint contains ten counts or causes of action in all, the first based on excessive hours of service by an employe named Longabaugh on the 21st day of April, 1913, and the remaining nine on excessive hours of service by the same employe on the nine succeeding days. When the case was called for trial a jury was empaneled and sworn, but the parties thereafter agreed upon the facts, and the jury was discharged by consent and the case submitted to the court on a written stipulation. From this stipulation it appears that

the defendant corporation is a common carrier by railroad engaged in interstate commerce; that Wallula, an office on its line of railway, is a station continuously operated night and day; that on the 21st day of April, 1913, and on each of the nine succeeding days the employe Longbaugh went on duty as agent at that place at the hour of 7 o'clock a. m., and remained on duty continuously as such agent until the hour of 7 o'clock p. m., and thereafter remained on duty continuously as a telegraph operator and, by use of the telegraph, dispatched, reported, transmitted, received and delivered orders pertaining to or affecting train movements until the hour of 12 o'clock midnight; that before the employe Longbaugh had performed any excessive hours of service he was instructed by his superior officer not to work in excess of nine in any 24-hour period, either as agent or operator, or in both capacities, and that he remained on duty for a longer period than nine successive hours in violation of such instructions and without the actual knowledge of his superior officers. The sole question presented for decision, therefore, is, did the instructions to the employe not to violate the law, or want of knowledge of a violation of the law on the part of his superior officers, constitute a defense.

It is now well settled that the safety-appliance act and kindred statutes impose positive and absolute duties on carriers the nonperformance of which is not excused by the exercise of reasonable diligence or due care on their part, and the hours-of-service act admits of no other rational construction. (St. Louis & Iron Mountain Ry. vs. Taylor, 210 U. S., 281; C. B. & Q. Ry. vs. United States, 220 U. S., 559; Delk vs. St. Louis & San Francisco R. R., 220 U. S., 580.)

It is urged that the words "require or permit" imply consent or knowledge on the part of the employer, and this is perhaps their common significance; but the word "permit" also means a failure to prohibit by one who has the power and authority to do so, and in my opinion the term is here used in the latter sense.

In *United States vs. San Francisco Bridge Co.* (88 Fed., 891), cited by the defendant, section 2 of the act under consideration expressly provided:

"That any officer or agent of the Government of the United States or of the District of Columbia, or any contractor or subcontractor whose duty it shall be to employ, direct, or control any laborer or mechanic employed upon any of the public works of the United States or of the District of Columbia, who shall intentionally violate any provision of this act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."

The criminal intent was there made a part of the offense by express legislative enactment, and the word "permit" was of necessity given the meaning here contended for by the defendant. But the act now under consideration expressly provides in Section 3 that "in all prosecutions under this act the common carrier shall be deemed to have had knowledge of all acts of all its officers and agents," and this provision eliminates all questions of knowledge or criminal intent.

Nor can the expression, "all its officers and agents," be limited to general officers and agents, as claimed by the defendant. The knowledge of such general officers or agents is imputed to the company by the common law, and it is very apparent that the statute in question is not merely declaratory of the common law. As said by the court in the Taylor case, *supra*:

"In the case before us the liability of the defendant does not grow out of the common-law duty of master to servant. The Congress, not satisfied with the common-law duty and its resulting liability, has prescribed and defined the law by statute. We have nothing to do but to ascertain and declare the meaning of a few simple words in which the duty is described. It is enacted that "no cars, either loaded or unloaded, shall be used in interstate traffic which do not comply with the standard." There is no escape from the meaning of these words. Explanation can not clarify them, and ought not to be employed to confuse them or lessen their significance. The obvious purpose of the legislature was to supplant the qualified duty of the com-

mon law with an absolute duty deemed by it more just. If the railroad does, in point of fact, use cars which do not comply with the standard, it violates the plain prohibitions of the law, and there arises from that violation the liability to make compensation to one who is injured by it. It is urged that this is a harsh construction. To this we reply that if it be the true construction, its harshness is no concern of the courts. They have no responsibility for the justice or wisdom of legislation and no duty except to enforce the law as it is written, unless it is clearly beyond the constitutional power of the lawmaking body. It is said that the liability under the statute, as thus construed, imposes so great a hardship upon the railroads that it ought not to be supposed that Congress intended it. Certainly the statute ought not to be given an absurd or utterly unreasonable interpretation leading to hardship and injustice, if any other interpretation is reasonably possible. But this argument is a dangerous one, and never should be heeded where the hardship would be occasional and exceptional. It would be better, it was once said by Lord Eldon, to look hardship in the face rather than break down the rules of law. But when applied to the case at bar the argument of hardship is plausible only when the attention is directed to the material interest of the employer to the exclusion of the interests of the employe and of the public. Where an injury happens through the absence of a safe drawbar, there must be hardship. Such an injury must be an irreparable misfortune to some one. If it must be borne entirely by him who suffers it, that is a hardship to him. If its burden is transferred, as far as it is capable of transfer, to the employer, it is a hardship to him. It is quite conceivable that Congress, contemplating the inevitable hardship of such injuries, and hoping to diminish the economic loss to the community resulting from them, should deem it wise to impose their burdens upon those who could measurably control their causes, instead of upon those who are in the main helpless in that regard. Such a policy would be intelligible, and, to say the least, not so unreasonable as to require us to doubt that it was in-

tended, and to seek some unnatural interpretation of common words.

For these reasons I am of the opinion that the knowledge of the agent Longbaugh was the knowledge of the company and that the instructions given by his superior officer not to work excessive hours, or a want of knowledge on the part of his superior officers that he did in fact work excessive hours is no defense. I therefore adjudge the defendant guilty on all counts and impose a fine of \$100 and costs for each violation.

No. 1483.

United States of America, vs. Northern Pacific Railway Company.

United States District Court, Eastern District of Washington, Northern Division.

Decided April 21, 1914.

The period of service of a given train crew ended seventeen hours and thirty minutes after its inception, but in the interim the men were entirely relieved from duty for a predetermined period of one hour and thirty minutes, a watchman then being in charge of the train; Held, That such a lay-off or release from duty, even though for a definite period, does not break the continuity of service within the meaning of the hours of service act.

Francis A. Garrecht, United States attorney, and Otis B. Kent, special assistant United States attorney, for plaintiff.

Edward J. Cannon, for defendant.

OPINION OF THE COURT.

RUDKIN, District Judge.

This is an action to recover penalties for violation of the act of Congress of March 4, 1907, entitled, "An act to promote the safety of employes and travelers upon railroads by limiting the hours of service of employes thereon" (34 Stat., 1415), commonly known as "The hours of service act." The complaint contains six counts or causes of action in all, based upon excessive hours of service by the several members of the same train crew. The case has been submitted to the court upon

an agreed statement of facts from which the following appears:

The defendant is a common carrier by railroad engaged in interstate commerce, and the several employes named in the different counts or causes of action were in the employ of the defendant engaged in or in connection with the movement of its trains; on the 10th day of January, 1912, the engineer and fireman of engine No. 1507, hauling an eastbound extra freight train from Tacoma, Wash., to Cle Elum, Wash., went on duty at the hour of 5:30 a. m., and remained on duty until 11 p. m. of the same day; the conductor and the remaining members of the crew went on duty at the hour of 5 o'clock a. m., and remained on duty until the hour of 10:30 o'clock p. m.; the schedule time out of Tacoma was 6 o'clock a. m., but the departure of the train was delayed for forty-five minutes by reason of a derailment in the yards; the train arrived at Auburn, eighteen miles east of Tacoma, at 8:25 a. m., and was there held for a period of one hour and thirty minutes to permit superior trains to meet and pass; during this period of one hour and thirty minutes the train was placed in charge of an engine foreman or watchman at Auburn, and the train crew laid off or released from duty. If the lay-off of one hour and thirty minutes at Auburn be included in the hours of service of the crew, the law has been transgressed; but if excluded, the time of actual service falls within the sixteen-hour period limited by law. The sole question presented for decision is, therefore, does a definite lay-off or release from duty for a period of one hour and thirty minutes, under the circumstances stated, break the continuity of the service within the meaning of the law. I am of the opinion that it does not. In the case of *United States vs. Chicago, Milwaukee & P. S. Ry. Co.*, 197 Fed., 624, I held that a lay off of from thirty to forty-five minutes for breakfast and of about one hour each for the midday and evening meals did not break the continuity of the service. I further held in the same case that an indefinite lay-off of three hours while the train crew was awaiting the arrival of a helper engine at a small way

station did not break the continuity of the service. This decision was cited with apparent approval in the case of *M., K. & T. Ry. Co., vs. U. S.*, 231 U. S., 112. That case, it seems to me, is controlling here. The purpose of the statute is plain, and it must be so construed as to promote its policy. The hours of service of railway trainmen are long at best, leaving only eight hours for rest and recreation, and if this brief period can be broken into fragments the purpose and policy of the law will be entirely frustrated. If a train crew may be laid off for an hour and a half at one point to suit the convenience or necessities of the company, it may be laid off for a like period at another, and the members of the crew thus wholly deprived of any substantial period for either sleep or rest. If this crew had not been released from duty at Auburn, the members would have been compelled to remain idle until the time of departure arrived, and the release for the brief period allowed by the company permitted them to do little else. The release was of no benefit to the crew and could subserve no substantial purpose except to obviate the penalty imposed by law. Perhaps it can not be said as a matter of law in all cases whether a release from duty for a fixed period of time will or will not be sufficient to break the continuity of the service. No doubt in extreme cases the court may declare as a matter of law that a given period is so short as not to break the continuity of the service, or that another period is so long as to break the continuity of the service; but between these extremes there is a twilight zone, where the question becomes a mixed one of law and fact. This case, however, has been submitted to the court for decision, and whatever inferences are to be drawn from the admitted facts must be drawn by the court, and under the admitted facts I am of the opinion that the plain spirit and policy of the law has been violated. I therefore adjudge the defendant guilty on each count or cause of action, and impose a penalty of \$100 and costs for each violation.

Let judgment be entered accordingly.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Big Four Railway System Division No. 138 will hereafter be known as Division No. 3.

Eight hundred and seventy-nine new members were initiated into the Order during the month of May, 1914.

Membership cards for the new term, July 1st to December 31st, have already been received and are being distributed as fast as members pay their dues.

W. H. Husted, General Chairman Erie Railway System Division No. 42, is a candidate for the nomination for the office of county auditor of Union County, Ohio.

The Order celebrated its twenty-eighth anniversary on June 9th, and it was most fitting that the Order should have more members actually paid up on that date than ever before in its history.

Since the last announcement system divisions have been organized on the Georgia Railroad, the Florida East Coast Railway, the Oregon, Washington Railway and Navigation Company lines and the Philadelphia and Reading Railway.

Henry C. Peterson, Cert. 191, Div. 4, is a candidate for nomination for the office of State Railway Commissioner of Nebraska. He has been a faithful member of the Order for many years, and no doubt will receive the active support of the union men of that State.

A press dispatch from Washington says that Congress will allow the railroads of the country more compensation for carrying the mail. It is estimated that the increase will be about \$10,000,000, exclusive of additional compensation for carrying the increased volume of parcel post matter. It is also proposed to pay

the railroads for space actually required for transporting the mail, instead of on a weight basis.

The Ohio State Industrial Commission has set a precedent in administering the Workmen's Compensation Act by granting a lump sum award in a total disability case. The beneficiary of this award will receive a lump sum of \$3,646.75, in addition to \$9.00 per week for the remainder of his life.

State Senator W. K. McLaurin, of Vicksburg, Miss., who during the last session of the Mississippi Legislature rendered such valuable service in assisting the telegraphers in getting their bonding bill through the Senate, is now a candidate for circuit judge. His district is composed of the counties of Warren, Sharkey, Issaquena and Clairborne.

Congressman MacDonald has introduced a bill in Congress to establish a national employment bureau under the Department of Labor. Under the proposed legislation the bureau would be directly administered by three commissioners and every post office would become a labor exchange. Persons desiring employment would apply to their local post office, filing an application in duplicate on blanks prepared for that purpose.

The question of which was the first schedule made by the Order has been a subject of discussion for many years past, and as the Editor recently had occasion to look the matter up from the official record in order to settle a wager which was referred to him, the following information is given for those who may be interested: The first schedule made by the Order was on the Atlantic & Pacific Railway on December 16, 1891; the sec-

ond schedule was made on the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad on February 20, 1892; the third schedule was made on the Santa Fe on April 1, 1892, and the fourth on the Pittsburg & Western Railway on June 1, 1892.

Warning has reached the headquarters of the Order against a party traveling in and around New York City, going under the name of W. S. Gordon, and who pretends to represent Bosworth & Kent, 46 India street, Boston, Mass., lubricating oil, who is constantly telling a hard luck story and soliciting assistance from agents. It is said there is no such firm as Bosworth & Kent, and that Gordon is an imposter.

An International Telegraphers' Tournament is being arranged to be held at the Panama Pacific Exposition grounds on May 24, 25 and 26, 1915. The contestants will be entered free. Many valuable prizes will be offered. It is proposed to divide the contest into various classes, some for railroad men, others for commercial men and still other contests to be a free-for-all, and there will be a first, second and third prize in each class. J. C. Arthur, Cert. 3 in the Grand Division, whose address is 244 California street, San Francisco, is taking the lead in the movement for this tournament.

The statement issued by the Bureau of Immigration for the month of April, 1914, shows that there were 167,546 aliens landed at the various ports of entry during the month; that there were 4,187 debarred from entrance, classified as follows: Idiots, 156; insane and epileptic, 23; loathsome or dangerous contagious diseases, 239; professional beggars, 1; paupers, 1; likely to become public charges, 1,840; mentally or physically defective, 1,110; contract laborers, 488; accompanying aliens, 40; under sixteen years of age and unaccompanied by parent, 61; assisted aliens, 44; criminals, 105; polygamists, 10; prostitutes and procurers, 52; without passport, 1; under provisions of Chinese exclusion act, 16.

The report also shows that there were 399 aliens returned after landing.

Since the advent of the parcel post, the post office department is exerting itself to bring the consumer and the producer closer together by means of that service. As a result of this plan, Postmaster Selph, of St. Louis, recently received instructions from Postmaster-General Burleson to prepare and organize his office so as to be an intermediary between the produce farmers, dairymen and poultrymen and the consumer living in St. Louis, and it is presumed similar instructions were issued in other large cities. Lists are to be printed containing the names of all farmers in Missouri, Illinois, Iowa, Arkansas and Oklahoma, who wish to ship eggs, butter and general produce to consumers in St. Louis, via parcel post service. These lists are to be distributed by letter carriers to patrons of the St. Louis post office.

A press dispatch from Portland, Ore., says:

"For violations of sections of the interstate commerce law relating to the working of employes overtime, the O.-W. R. & N. Company was fined a total of \$3,350 by Judge Bean in United States District Court.

"For failure to report the overtime put in by a freight crew for thirty days, Judge Bean imposed the statutory fine of \$100 a day. He directed a verdict at the conclusion of the evidence.

"Because five members of a train crew were worked overtime in caring for a hotbox, and it was not reported, a fine of \$250 was imposed, or \$50 for each count in the indictment. The maximum fine of \$100 for each offense was not imposed because at the time of the offense the law had not been construed to have its present accepted meaning.

"The third fine was one of \$100 for working a telegrapher two shifts, or eighteen hours straight. The telegrapher had been sent to relieve the operator at Hilgard, Ore."

PERSONAL MENTION

The following births have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

To Bro. and Mrs. C. F. Sumner, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Clarence E. Chapman, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. G. Fair, of Harmon, Ohio, a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. A. Baker, of Angola, N. Y., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. L. R. Greer, of Evansville, Ind., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. E. M. Pate, of Foreston, S. C., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. D. M. Rogers, of Register, Ga., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. F. A. Dawley, of Westton, Wash., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. L. Wagner, of Portville, N. Y., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. R. Lepp, of Billings, Mont., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. T. G. Stewart, of Pooler, Ga., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. F. N. Hays, of Van Buren, Ark., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. B. Ritchie, of Griffith, Ind., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Martin Beal, of Sterling, N. Dak., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. L. Conley, of Ft. Worth, Tex., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. S. Prime, of Monmouth, Ore., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. W. Taylor, of Grafton, N. Dak., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. F. A. McCuen, of Oneida, N. Y., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. Adolph Modricker, of Wabash, Ind., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. D. Chappell, of Scotland, Tex., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. John J. Kuhn, of Tacoma, Wash., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. W. Scarborough, of Caldwell, Idaho, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. H. Hedgepeth, of Hobgood, N. C., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. E. F. Packwood, of West Baden, Ind., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Wm. A. Arbogast, of Stornaway, Sask., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. L. Edmonds, of Middlebrook, Mo., a boy.

The following marriages have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

Bro. Fred H. Joels, of Div. 126, to Miss Voss.

Bro. S. T. Remsnyder, of Div. 8, to Miss Sara I. Leech.

Bro. J. D. Granberry, of Div. 93, to Miss Marie Boyer.

Bro. A. V. Kerwin, of Div. 20, to Miss Mary Brandt.

Bro. C. M. Lester, of Div. 76, to Miss Hazel Gardner.

Bro. V. A. Lapalme, of Div. 1, to Miss Maria A. Masse.

Bro. Elmer W. White, of Div. 8, to Miss Bernice E. Stevens.

Bro. L. E. Botsford, of Div. 29, to Miss Bertha H. Calhoun.

At Anna, Ill., Bro. C. S. Brown, of Div. 34, to Miss Josie Hess.

At Billings, Mont., Bro. E. F. Duff, of Div. 54, to Miss Hanlon.

At Stovall, Ga., Bro. Thos. J. Bridges, of Div. 146, to Miss Hardy.

At Pekin, Ill., Bro. F. Pfeiffer, of Div. 2, to Miss Eva Blackburn.

At Lula, Ga., Bro. J. A. Barker, of Div. 59, to Miss Montine Bryant.

At La Veta, Colo., Bro. A. Tucker, of Div. 49, to Miss Zella Springer.

At Erie, Pa., Bro. Frank E. Broche, of Div. 129, to Miss Laura J. Hopkins.

At St. Louis, Mo., Bro. F. L. Patterson, of Div. 25, to Miss Florence Krebs.

At Higginsville, Mo., Bro. A. F. Bergschneider, of Div. 2, to Miss Jones.

Bro. J. G. Phipps, of Div. 93, to Sister Mary E. Holliday, also of Div. 93.

At Little Rock, Ark., Bro. G. T. Murray, of Div. 126, to Miss Myrtle Dwight.

At Tacoma, Wash., Bro. F. R. Bradbury, of Div. 54, to Miss Hazel V. McAtee.

At Toronto, Ont., Bro. W. H. McEwan, of Div. 7, to Miss Margaret Forrester.

At Walnut Grove, Minn., Bro. W. H. Small, of Div. 76, to Miss Lillian Timm.

At Cherokee, Ala., Bro. Frank S. Monk, of Div. 59, to Miss Turner Mae Weaver.

At Thibodaux, La., Bro. Paul Champagne, of Div. 53, to Miss Emile Richard.

At Rougemont, Que., Bro. Alderic Ledoux, of Div. 151, to Miss Blanche Ste. Marie.

THE TELEGRAPHER extends congratulations to the happy couples.

The following deaths have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

Bro. J. A. Dunkle, of Div. 17.

Bro. A. W. Magaw, of Div. 8.

Son of Bro. A. Filby, of Div. 44.

Son of Bro. J. Blau, of Div. 76.

Bro. Paul C. Umstead, of Div. 14.

Bro. LeRoy C. Stalder, of Div. 76.

Bro. Graves S. Brendel, of Div. 33.

Father of Sister I. Webb, of Div. 44.

Bro. Eugene F. Houghtaling, of Div. 8.

Father of Bro. C. J. Shotts, of Div. 34.

Sister of Bro. Sam. Payne, of Div. 43.

Mother of Bro. G. F. Ritter, of Div. 8.

Son of Bro. J. W. Hopkins, of Div. 59.

Wife of Bro. W. R. Branscom, of Div. 2.

Mother of Bro. Thos. Murray, of Div. 8.

Mother of Bro. D. F. Lorden, of Div. 42.

Mother of Bro. John A. Kuhn, of Div. 49.

Mother of Bro. E. F. Stewart, of Div. 53.

Brother of Bro. H. P. Pielert, of Div. 53.

Mother of Bro. H. F. Larken, of Div. 55.

Mother of Bro. John A. Rose, of Div. 76.

Wife of Bro. R. G. Reisinger, of Div. 93.

Mother of Bro. R. R. Hargitt, of Div. 130.

At Winona, Minn., Bro. G. W. Cotton, of Div. 76.

Granddaughter of Bro. P. H. Sheedy, of Div. 48.

Father of Bro. Geo. H. Mansfield, of Div. 152.

Infant daughter of Bro. J. B. Dixon, of Div. 20.

At Saltville, Va., Bro. E. B. Glenn, of Div. 14.

Sister of Bros. Chas. and Jas. Smith, both of Div. 33.

Little daughter of Bro. L. E. Regenold, of Div. 34.



HARRY F. BURDICK,
Deceased Member Div. 1.

At Mauch Chunk, Pa., mother of Bro. L. Schulz, of Div. 29.

At San Francisco Hospital, Bro. W. P. Larcey, of Div. 53.

At Grafton, W. Va., wife of Bro. W. R. Hargett, of Div. 33.

At Bellefontaine, Ohio, father of Bro. W. A. Stover, of Div. 18.

At Birmingham, Ala., mother of Bro. J. O. Aldrich, of Div. 49.

At Bellefontaine, Ohio, sister of Bro. John Bazzle, of Div. 138.

At Eccles, W. Va., father of Sister L. M. Robinson and Sister C. B. Fields, both of Div. 59.

The bereaved relatives have the sympathy of all.

WANTED:

Present address of Clem Kalb, formerly worked at McCoy, near Greensburg, Ind.

A. J. HORNUNG,
Greensburg, Ind.

Present address of J. D. Kincaid, last heard of working for the Sou. Ry. at Cor-ona, Ala. Left there some time last March.

P. L. KINCAID,
Box 999, Deland, Fla.

Present address of W. M. Cote, last heard of at Fall River, Mass. "Billy," if you see this, write me at Livingston, Mont., care C. D., N. P. Ry. Am at Mission again.

J. A. MONTAGUE.

Present address of Opr. P. L. R. Faulkner, last heard of in Mississippi. "FA," if you see this, write me; am anxious to hear from you.

D. T. BENNETT,
115 Alabama st., Montgomery, Ala.

Present address of Opr. R. R. Crank, who worked at River Mines, Mo., in 1911, for M. R. & B. T. Ry. Also present address of D. F. Blankenship. Boys, if you see this, write me at Kenefick, Okla., care M. O. & G. Ry.

C. C. BUTTS.

Present address of Willis E. Hamilton, operator; has worked for railroads in Washington, Oregon and California. Anyone knowing his whereabouts kindly communicate with his brother, E. J. Hamilton, Wilsonville, Neb.

Present address of Evert Peace, last heard of in Primero, Colo. Description, 5 feet 9 inches tall, weight 145 pounds, light hair and complexion, blue eyes. Anyone knowing his whereabouts kindly correspond with J. B. Hamblin, Annadel, Tenn.

Present address of J. B. McMahon, who worked for the Katy at Hillsboro, Tex., (south yard) two years ago, later for the D. & R. G. at Denver about eighteen months ago. "Mc," if you see this, please drop me a card.

FRANK ECKLES, JR.,
Tyler, Tex.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of A. S. Overton will please address me at 115 Alabama st., Montgomery, Ala. Has black hair, blue eyes, fair complexion, about 5 feet 9 inches tall. His people are very

anxious to hear from him. Any information will be appreciated.

D. T. BENNETT.

Present address of J. R. Smith, last heard of working as cashier at Three Forks, Mont. Anyone knowing his whereabouts kindly notify me.

E. R. DERRICKSON,
403 Drexel Bank Bldg.,
Chicago, Ill.

Present address of Walter Elliott Lang, last heard of in Odessa, Wash. He has auburn hair, blue gray eyes, is 5 feet 9 inches tall, medium build. Anyone knowing his whereabouts kindly notify his mother.

MRS. L. P. LANG,
Nevada, Iowa.

Present address of C. R. Smuck, operator, last heard of at Rexton, Mich., with Soo Line. We can not care for your little girl Esther any longer and must have some advice from you at once.

BRADY W. LEE,
2823 W. Pickett st.,
Greenville, Tex.

LOST OR STOLEN.

Card No. 11677, Cert. 3169, Div. 23, for term ending June 30, 1914.

Card No. 2600, Cert. 763, Div. 29, for term ending June 30, 1914.

Card No. 18768, Cert. 2910, Div. 130, for term ending June 30, 1914.

Card No. 38547, Cert. 1180, Div. 43, for term ending June 30, 1914.

Card No. 22974, Cert. 95, Div. 105, for term ending June 30, 1914.

Card No. 25570, Cert. 1276, Div. 2, for term ending June 30, 1914.

Card No. 12499, Cert. 2963, Div. 33, for term ending June 30, 1914.

Card No. 35429, Cert. 2762, Div. 2, for term ending June 30, 1914.

Card No. 35020, Cert. 647, Div. 29, for term ending June 30, 1914.

Card No. 21637, Cert. 2863, Div. 23, for term ending June 30, 1914.

Card No. 21385, Cert. 208, Div. 141, for term ending June 30, 1914.

Card No. 13772, Cert. 2511, Grand Div. for term ending December 31, 1913.

LADIES AUXILIARY

PRESIDENT MATHIS SICK.

TO THE EDITOR:

Will you kindly announce through the columns of the journal the serious illness of Mrs. Mathis, President of the Ladies' Auxiliary. She had the misfortune to lose her brother, Alex. B. Wilson, who died suddenly at Little Rock, Ark., on May 28th. The funeral was held at Fulton, Ky., and the shock and grief completely prostrated Mrs. Mathis, and we have not as yet been able to bring her home. She is, however, some better, and we hope she will soon be herself again.

Yours fraternally,

E. L. MATHIS.

Jackson, Tenn., June 7, 1914.

Notes from the Grand Secretary and Treasurer.

It gives me great pleasure to announce to the membership, that the term just closing has been one of the best in the history of the Auxiliary. With this record, let us strive to make the new term much better, and if we continue our present co-operative work, from all over the country, we will far surpass what has been done this term.

Let all members who have not yet paid for this term remit back dues with the new term, and all old members who have let dues run out, and they are no longer members, renew their membership and come back to stay. Many new members have been added, and the Mutual Benefit Department is an assured fact.

Assessments will be computed from the month you join, and the 50-cent initiation rate will continue until further notice. By sending for application to the Grand Secretary and Treasurer direct, you will save

time, and rates will be furnished with any other desired information.

Rates in Mutual Benefit Department: Series A, \$150.00, initiation and dues per six months, \$1.30, 18 to 50 years; Series B, \$300.00, initiation and dues per six months, \$2.10, 18 to 40 years. Receipts for money will be furnished until certificates are received by member.

Initiation and dues to join the Ladies' Auxiliary month of July is \$1.10. Blanks will be furnished by any Grand Officer or Local Officers.

The winners of the prizes will be given in the July number of this department. The prize contest has met with such success, that it will continue.

It gives me great pleasure to announce to the membership that we now have another local, which has been organized and officers elected. This new local is known as Local No. 27, Division 140, Maine Central Ry. General chairman, Sister Edna P. McKenzie, Lincoln, Maine; general secretary and treasurer, Sister Florence L. Graham, Bangor, Maine. Sisters McGown, Scribner and Murray were elected local chairmen. This local received the best material help from the brothers of Division 140.

I am in receipt of letters from Sisters Wood, Mehring and Conant, of Division 35, O. R. T., stating that a meeting was held at the home of Sister Wood, at Auburn, R. I., where they reorganized a new local upon their division, and that they will make application for a new charter, and they already have secured twenty-seven charter members, and others desire to be in the number.

After the business meeting adjourned, a light lunch was served by Sister Wood.

assisted by the youngest members, Sisters Conant and Higgins. After several musical selections had been rendered by different members, the sisters departed, all expressing themselves delighted with the first meeting of the new Local No. 4. The next meeting will be held on June 16th at the home of Sister Welch, where installation of the new officers will take place. The officers are: Sister Bessie Mehring, general chairman, Attleboro, Mass.; Sister Addie Conant, general secretary and treasurer, Auburn, R. I.; Sister Callas, first vice-president; Sister Springer, second vice-president; Sister Payne, chaperone.

We extend our heartiest congratulations to these sisters on again coming back into the Auxiliary, and their desire to take their place in the ranks of the locals.

I hope that all members in the Grand Division will pay as promptly as they have this term, and that all delinquent members will pay up back dues, and that the Grand Secretary and Treasurer will not have to remind you of this duty.

Thanking the Grand Division and the locals for their support this term, and asking for more for the new term, I remain,

Yours fraternally,

MRS. FLORENCE P. PIERCE,

Grand Secretary and Treasurer,

Ladies' Auxiliary to O. R. T.

2021 Longwood St., Walbrook, Balto., Md.

Local No. 4.

EDITOR RAILROAD TELEGRAPH:

At the home of Mrs. John Wood, 301 Station St., Auburn, May 21st, the new Local No. 4, Ladies' Auxiliary to O. R. T., Division 35, was organized by the following members of the Grand Division: Clara Wood, Emma C. Welch, Addie Conant, Bessie Mehring, Mary Ray, Josephine Payne, Edna Weeks. A membership of twenty was secured. The charter will be kept open for additional names until our next meeting, which is held on June 18th at the home of Sister Welch, 16 Fenner St., Auburn, 2:30 p. m.

All wishing to become members will please send to Sister Conant, 55 Francis Ave., Auburn, R. I., for application blanks or information regarding same.

The following officers were elected: Sister Bessie Mehring, general chairman; Sister Addie Conant, secretary and treasurer; Sister Callas, first vice-president; Sister Springer, second vice-president; Sister Payne, chaperone.

After the business meeting adjourned, a social hour was spent and a buffet lunch was served by Sisters Wood and Welch. After several musical selections were rendered by the different members, the ladies departed, all expressing themselves as delighted with the first meeting of the new Local No. 4. CENT. 3.

Local No. 8.

Our fair started out under very pleasing prospects, and the members seem to be interested in the undertaking, but there are some who have not been heard from, also some who have not paid their dues for the current term. Remember, sisters, half of the dues is all we get to keep up expenses. As it is only a short time until the next term's dues should be sent in, we trust that each one will make an effort to get up to date in the Auxiliary.

I know that we all have plenty of work to do, but we would appreciate it very much if each of the members would make it a point to write some of the eligibles near them, or if you can see them, make a personal appeal to them to join. We are bound to do good work, and the more members we get the better work we can do.

Some of the local chairmen of the O. R. T. have been very kind in furnishing us lists of names to enable us to write to those who should join. This is just a reminder to the other local chairmen that we would appreciate their co-operation.

Remember that our M. B. D. is now in full operation, and that it affords members a good insurance as well as being an aid to the Auxiliary. We would be glad to see all the members to take advantage of the opportunity.

Any of the officers will be very glad to explain anything in connection with either department of the Auxiliary. Do not hesitate to write us for any desired information. You have a chance to secure a premium this year for new members, and this

will in turn assist your local to secure a prize, too. These premiums are worth working for.

It is now only a year until the biennial convention, and as it is held in St. Louis, the members of this division will naturally feel that it is close home and will no doubt make an effort to attend. There are always a lot of pleasant times to be had at these conventions. Let us get busy and have a large membership, so that we can show the O. R. T. that we are capable of accomplishing results. Mrs. F. O. Mott,

General Chairman.

Local No. 16.

Our last regular meeting was well attended and much business of importance transacted.

Special election of officers to fill unexpired terms of officers who had tendered resignations took place, and the following were elected to fill the vacancies: General chairman, Mrs. O. A. Hudson; first vice-chairman, Mrs. A. F. Hellar; second vice-chairman, Mrs. P. T. Mocken; third vice-chairman, Mrs. Adelaide Decker; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. J. E. Shields; sentinel, Mrs. D. H. Powers.

Our constitution calls for election of officers bi-annually in the year of the convention. However, the members of Local 16 desired an election of officers in the off year, and to make same legal all the old officers tendered their resignations.

A very pleasant surprise was tendered Bro. O. A. Hudson on his (?) birthday, at his residence in Jamaica, May 20th. Over forty members of Local 16 and Division 44 were present. It was a most enjoyable occasion.

First Vice-President Sister Mrs. G. W. Hilley journeyed to Camden, N. J., on May 28th to attend an open meeting (ladies' night) of Division 17, O. R. T. Sister Hilley reports having a most enjoyable trip. The meeting was a grand success.

We have just heard the sad news of the death of Mr. Gafney, husband of Sister Mrs. Cecelia Gafney and father of Sister Mary Gafney and Bro. T. F. Gafney. On behalf of Local 16 of the Ladies' Auxiliary, we extend heartfelt sympathy to the sor-

rowing family. Suitable resolutions will be adopted at our next meeting.

Mrs. J. E. SHIELDS,
Secretary and Treasurer.

Local No. 18.

Local 18 certainly possesses some live and willing workers. If every woman would enter this great cause and become such a worker, what a wonderful Auxiliary we would have. Some seem to think that this is a pleasure affair only and that since they are not situated so they can get to enjoy everything that takes place they will not join. This seems rather selfish. Even though we can not enjoy all the pleasures yet, just the same our membership is strengthening the Auxiliary, thus forming a body that will not only help the O. R. T. individually in the many homes, but also as a whole. Our small dues, like the "Widow's Mite," will be helping along a noble cause.

Let each one of us strive to bring each non whom we meet to see that this is not something for her pleasure only, but that it means the betterment of her daily living. Once we get the fundamental principles instilled in the home, or at least so far as the wife or mother is concerned, there will be a big movement started for *unionism*. Future generations will see these things in a different light from the beginning, and will be prepared better to legislate for the world of labor.

On May 12th I attended a joint O. R. T. and Auxiliary meeting at the Labor Temple in Los Angeles, and there was an excellent gathering. Although not a great number of the ladies present were Auxiliary members, I hope, from the talks made, that they will soon be up to date. Bro. E. J. Manion made an excellent address.

Local 18 is growing steadily, and I am sure that with the interest all of the sisters are showing, together with that of the many brothers, that we will accomplish great ends.

Sister D. W. Koppikus, Oakville, Cal., has accepted the position of local chairman for the Western Division. Sister W. M. Ross, Logansport, La., has also been appointed local chairman on the H. E. &

W. T., and H. & S., part of the Sunset Central Lines. I hope you will give them your hearty support.

Sister Turner recently visited friends at Marcel.

If any of the sisters have any little items they would like to put in the write-up concerning their meetings, I will be glad to get them. Perhaps it may be the means of awakening some non-member.

MRS. W. E. BLUME,
General Chairman.

Local No. 21.

On May 28th our brother O. R. T. men of the West Jersey & Seashore and Trenton Divisions gave us a ladies' night, and the entertainment was very much appreciated with lunch besides. We appreciate this courtesy of the boys and we hope to return the compliment at some time.

The committee deserves much credit for arranging such a nice program for this occasion. It shows what can be done when we try and get together. The orchestra was fine and everything on the program was meritorious.

Sisters Hilley and Hudson, of Local No. 16 (Long Island Railroad) were with us. Sister Hilley was on the program for an address which she made, and was well received. Our Grand Secretary & Treasurer, Sister Pierce, from Baltimore, was also present and made an address along organization lines.

We hope that every O. R. T. member on the W. J. & S. and Trenton Divisions will get his wife to join us now and help make the Ladies' Auxiliary a grand success. We should have been glad to have received at least a few applications at this meeting, but the program was so crowded that there was not much time to solicit applications. Everybody seemed to have a good time and quite a good number were on hand and we hope that this may be the nucleus for larger and better affairs of this kind later.

Bro. J. F. Miller, General Chairman of the O. R. T. P. R. R. Lines East, was present and made a few remarks. He

arrived late and did not wish to take too much time, but what he had to say was to the point and should be a cue to all those ladies on these divisions to join us and help this good work along. While we did not get to meet every one present this time we have met quite a few and we welcome them to our local and hope they will send in their applications now and help us get up another entertainment later on. Let us have a meeting at some convenient point soon for the purpose of organization; let all the ladies who are not now members come to this meeting and join us. Have some sister from the B. & O. or L. I. R. R. attend and help us get started right. Cor.

Local No. 26.

On account of having been quite ill for some time, I have not been able to get up much in the way of news, or do as much work for the local as I anticipated, but am improving in health now and hope to be able to do something more in the future.

Sister Gorman, of Mauk, spent the day in Atlanta recently on a shopping expedition.

Sister West, of Atlanta, attended a meeting of Local No. 12 in Macon last month.

We have secured several new members since we secured our charter, and have the promise of several more. Ladies, don't wait for us to ask you personally to join us. We want each and every one of you. Just drop me or Sister West, in Atlanta, a card, or have your husband tell her on the wire, and application blanks will be sent you at once. The dues are very small and if you will give us your support, we think we can make it interesting for you.

We hope to hold our first meeting in June at either Manchester or Warm Springs. Then we expect to hold one a little later in the summer at Fitzgerald, and hope to have a good attendance at both meetings. Both will be open meet-

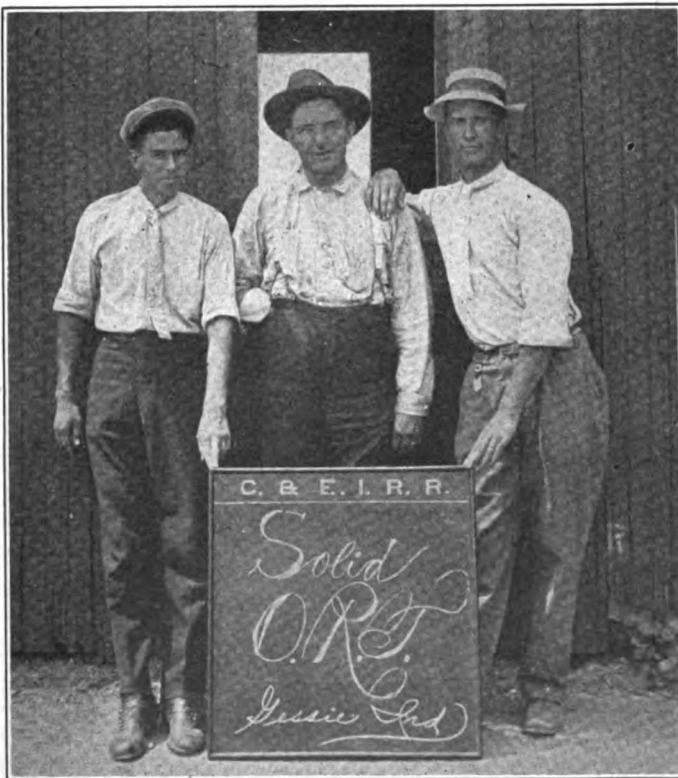
ings, so come whether you are a member or not, or whether you even want to be or not. We will make you welcome in any event.

Any of you who so desire may add your dues to your husband's when he is remitting to the G. S. & T., making a note of what the extra amount is for. That may save some of you the extra

trouble of getting a money order for your dues.

Any news items that any of you can furnish me will be greatly appreciated and I hope that each member will try to furnish some, so that I can get up a news letter each month.

Mrs. C. A. PYE,
Acting Secretary and Treasurer.



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NOTICE.

There will be published in this department the names of firms in the United States and Canada who handle union label goods.

PHOTO-ENGRAVERS.

Continued.

Art Engraving Co., 114 East Third st., St. Paul, Minn.

Buckbee-Mears Co., 355 Minnesota st., St. Paul, Minn.

United Engraving Co., Globe Building, St. Paul, Minn.

Teller-Hurst Engraving Co., 220 West Onondaga st., Syracuse, N. Y.

Liberal Engraving Co., 915½ Commercial st., Tacoma, Wash.

Tacoma Engraving Co., 721 Commerce st., Tacoma, Wash.

Buckeye Engraving Co., Times Building, Toledo, Ohio.

Rieger-Kontz Engraving Co., 218 Superior st., Toledo, Ohio.

Standard Engraving Co., News Bee Building, Toledo, Ohio.

Capper Engraving Co., Capper Building, Topeka, Kan.

Topeka Engraving Co., 625 Jackson st., Topeka, Kan.

Reliance Engraving Co., 64 Temperance st., Toronto, Can.

World Newspaper Co., 83 Yonge st., Toronto, Can.

Troy Art Engraving Co., Troy, N. Y.

Troy Engraving Co., Troy, N. Y.

Mohawk Engraving Co., 132 Genesee st., Utica, N. Y.

Angell Engraving Co., 518 Hastings st., West, Vancouver, B. C., Can.

Cleland-Dibble Engraving Co., Water st., Vancouver, B. C., Can.

Dominion Engraving Co., Empire Building, Vancouver, B. C., Can.

The Colonist Printing and Publishing Co., Victoria, B. C., Can.

The Victoria Times, Victoria, B. C., Can.

Lanman Engraving Co., Post Building, Washington, D. C.

Maurice Joyce Engraving Co., Pennsylvania ave. and 11th st., Washington, D. C.

National Engraving Co., 506-508 Fourteenth st., N. W., Washington, D. C.

Waterloo Engraving and Service Co., Commercial and Fourth sts., Waterloo, Iowa.

Arc Engraving Co., Youngstown, Ohio.

MEN'S UNION STAMP SHOES.

E. T. Wright & Co., Rockland, Mass.

A. J. Bates Co., Webster, Mass.

M. N. Arnold Co., North Abington, Mass.

Weber Bros. Shoe Co., North Adams, Mass.

New Bedford Shoe Co., New Bedford, Mass.

T. D. Barry & Co., Brockton, Mass.

Columbia Shoe Co., Sheboygan, Wis.

Hartt Boot & Shoe Co., Ltd., Frederickton, N. B.

Arnold Shoe Co., North Abington, Mass.

Williams-Kneeland Co., South Braintree, Mass.

Plymouth Shoe Co., Middleboro, Mass.

Thompson Bros., Brockton, Mass.

Commonwealth Shoe and Leather Co., Whitman, Mass.

C. H. Alden Co., Abington, Mass.

J. H. Winchell & Co., Inc., Haverhill, Mass.

Whitcomb Shoe Co., Haverhill, Mass.

Claypool Shoe Co., Indianapolis, Ind.

Reynolds, Drake & Gabell Co., North Easton, Mass.

Cook-Fitzgerald Co., London, Ont.

Norfolk Shoe Co., Randolph, Mass.

W. and V. O. Kimball, Haverhill, Mass.

Wall, Streeter & Doyle, North Adams, Mass.

Portland Shoe Co., Portland, Me.

Formost & Selecto Co., Brockton, Mass.

MISCELLANY

SENDING A TELEGRAM.

AFTER the passengers had gathered around the wrecked locomotive and helped the brakeman to swear a little, and the conductor had assured us for the hundredth time that we would reach the city without fail by 6:30 that evening, we all went into the station for the purpose of keeping warm, sending a few telegrams and badgering the poor station agent with questions.

My business was soon transacted. I sent the committee the cheering words that told them nothing short of a miracle could get me to Bosshaven in time to lecture that night, and then I ceased to worry, and resigned myself to grim Fate and the grimmer cigar which the train boy sold me. A veritable wrecker is the train boy. An accident that lays the train out for half a day is his fortune, because by some inscrutable law of disaster a wreck never takes place in a pleasant harbor, and trains never collide at a dining station. Here is something for our great thinkers to ponder upon.

While I puffed tranquilly away at the alleged cigar, I amused myself by watching my fellow passengers. Presently one man reached a long arm over the little crowd clustered at the operator's window and asked for a "blank telegraphic form," explaining that he wished "to send a telegraphic dispatch" to his family.

Now, when a man speaks of a "telegraphic dispatch" I always wake up and look at him, because the cumbersome title is all at utter variance with the spirit of the telegraph. It's too long. The use of it betrays the man who has little use for the telegraph. The more he uses the wire, the shorter his terms. The more nearly he can come to saying "msg" the more content he is. And he doesn't call for a "telegraphic

form," he asks for a blank, black or red, as the case may be. And he never telegraphs anybody. He wires them. He doesn't explain to the operator what he wants to do with the blank. Presumably he wants to write a message. And as for the matters referred to in that "msg," and the party for whom it is intended, the operator will know all he wishes to know—and sometimes much more than you want him to know—soon enough.

So I watched this passenger write his "telegraphic dispatch." First he asked the operator:

"What day of the month is this?"

There was nothing unusual in that. All men ask that. It is the opening line in the regular formula of sending a "msg." You may know what date it is before entering the office, you may even have it impressed on your mind by having a note fall due on that day, but the moment you poise your pencil over the blank, the date flies from your mind like the toothache from a dentist's stairway. So when the man asked: "What day of the month is this?" I was not surprised. I courteously answered him as a cover to approaching his position, but he did not believe me. He repeated his question and made the operator answer. Then I knew he was very new at it.

He was a tall man, with long hair and a thin neck. He had a nervous way of licking his lips and then smacking them as though the ghost of a good breakfast still lingered about them. His pantaloons were just about as much too short as his hair was too long, and he wore a shawl. That settled him. He spoiled three blanks before he got a "telegraphic dispatch" written to suit him. But even that is not very uncommon. A man always uses stationery more extravagantly in another man's office than he does at home. Then he wrote

every word in the body of the dispatch carefully and distinctly, but scrambled hurriedly over the address as if everybody knew that as well as he did, and dashed off his own signature in a blind letter style as though his name was as familiar to the operator as it was to his own family.

But even this is not uncommon. A man will write "Cunningham" so that no expert under the skies will tell whether it was Covington, or Carrington, or Cummagen, or Carrenton, and when the operator points to it and asks, "What is this?" the writer will stare at him in blank amazement for a moment, and then answer: "Why, that's my name!"

"Well, yes. I know that," the operator will say, "but what is your name?"

Then the man will gasp for breath and catch hold of the desk to keep himself from falling, and finally shout, "Why, Cunningham, of course!" and look pityingly upon the operator, and then glance about the room with a pained, shocked expression, as one who should say:

"Gentlemen, you may not believe it, and I do not blame you, but heaven is my witness—here is a man who does not know that my name is Cunningham!"

This is not unusual. Any operator will tell you that he has met Cunningham scores of times, and has morally offended him every time, by asking his name. Well, my tall man with the thin neck got along a little better than that, when he handed the operator the following explicit message:

Mrs. Sarah A. Follinsbee, Dallas Center, Iowa:

MY DEAR WIFE—I left the city early this morning after eating breakfast with Professor Morton, a live man in the temperance cause. I expected to eat dinner with you at home. But we were delayed by a terrible railroad accident on the railroad, and I narrowly escaped being killed; one passenger was terribly mangled, and has since died, but I am alive. The conductor says I can not make connection so as to come to Dallas Center this morning, but I can get there by 8 o'clock this evening. I hate to disappoint you, but can not help it.

With love to mother and the children, I am your loving husband.

ROGER K. FOLLINSBEE.

The operator read it, smiled and said:

"You can save considerable expense and tell all that is really necessary. I presume, by shortening this message down to ten words. We have no wire directly into Dallas, and will have to send this message part of the way over another line, which adds largely to the cost of transmission. Shall I shorten this for you?"

"No; oh no," the man with the shawl replied. "I'll fix it myself. Ten words, you say?"

"Yes, sir."

The tall man with the short pantaloons went back to the desk with his message. It was a stunner, for a fact, and the man heaved a despairing sigh as he prepared to boil his letter down to ten words. He sighed again after reading it through once or twice, and then scratched out "Dallas Center, Iowa," as though everybody knew where he lived. Then he erased "early" and drew his pen slowly through "breakfast with" and "in the temperance." Then he scratched over "dinner with" and went on to erase "and narrowly escaped." And so he went on through the dispatch. Occasionally he would hold it from him at arm's length after making an erasure, to get at the general effect. And at last, after scratching and erasing, and many sighs, he came to the window and said:

"Here is the telegraphic dispatch to my wife. I have not been able to condense it into ten words, and do not see how it can be done without garbling the sense of the dispatch, but if you can do it, you will oblige me greatly, as I do not wish to incur any really unnecessary expense."

And with that he handed the operator the following expunged edition of his original message:

Mrs. Sarah A. Follinsbee:

MY DEAR WIFE—I left the city—this morning after eating—Prof. Morton alive—cause I expected to eat—you at home. But we were delayed by a terrible railroad accident on the railroad I—being killed—terribly mangled and since died; but I am

—the conductor—I can not—come to Dallas Center—but I can—I hate—mother and the children.

Your loving husband,

ROGER K. FOLLINSBEE.

The operator smiled once more, and in the tense nervous way that grows out of his familiar association with the lightning, made a few quick dashes with his pencil, and without adding or changing a letter in the original message, shriveled it down to its very sinews, like this:

Sarah A. Follinsbee, Dallas Center, Iowa:

Left city smorning; delayed by accident; all right; home sevening.

ROGER K. FOLLINSBEE.

"There, that is all right," he said in the cheery magnetic way these operators have. "Fifty cents, sir—only twenty-five cents if we had our own wire into Dallas, sir; we'll have one next spring, too; saves you several dollars, sir. That's right, thank you."

And the man with the thin neck and long hair went and sat down on a chair by the stove and stared at that operator until the rescuing train came along, as though he was a worker of miracles. And when he got off the train at the Junction for Dallas, I heard him whispering softly to himself:

"S'follnbee — clish'n smorning — d'layed baxident—mall right—home safternoon. Rog."

And I knew that he was practicing his lesson, and had "caught on."—By ROBERT J. BURDETTE, in *Sunset Magazine*.

NOT A TRAITOR IN 1200.

(Record made by Military Telegraph in Civil War.)

THROUGHOUT the war there were, all told, 15,000 miles of wire operated by the army telegraphers, and the service cost the government about \$3,000,000. Twelve hundred operators were employed and although these operators knew all the secret orders emanating from the various headquarters and from Washington directing the movements of troops, not one of them ever betrayed a trust.

In addition to the ordinary oath of allegiance, each operator had to pledge himself as follows:

"I do further swear that I will not reveal to any person or persons the contents of any dispatch, report or other communication, either directly or indirectly, that may come to my knowledge through my connection with the telegraph, in any manner whatever; that I will not reveal or divulge to any person or persons any cipher that may be given me for United States military purposes, and that I will faithfully keep secrecy and allegiance to the United States of America."

During the operations in front of Atlanta in 1864, twenty miles of wire was kept in operation twenty-eight days by almost as many operators, half of whom were exposed to the enemy's fire while at work at their instruments.

At New Orleans the operators and line-men were not only in danger of being shot, but risked their lives almost daily in the surf in trying to keep the submarine part of their system in working order.

The active service of the operators practically came to an end when they rushed a line of wire to Appomattox, over which the news of Lee's surrender was received at Washington within two hours after the event.

The list of casualties and captures in the little corps, probably aggregating 332, establishes its military character.

The telegrams supplying, reinforcing and moving the armies manifested a courier service unequalled in any war, ancient or modern.

The 15,389 miles of military telegraph lines constructed and operated in the theaters of the war by the corps, hundreds of whom were within range of the enemy's guns and often under fire, evidences a devotion and bravery that surely make its members worthy of comradeship with others of the army.

And the sole custodians of the cipher keys imparted a confidence in the corps never before or since reposed in so large a body of men, a confidence that was never betrayed.

A GOOD OPPORTUNITY.

NO DOUBT a great many of you have heard of the Illinois Central Station Training School, situated on Fifty-seventh street, Chicago, Ill., owned and operated by the Illinois Central Railroad Company, one of the leading Western railroads; if not and you wish to learn the manner in which this school is carried on and for what purpose, kindly address Mr. E. A. Barton, Fifty-seventh street, Chicago, Ill., who will furnish you a prompt reply stating the facts concerning this school.

On being in Chicago last September I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Barton, who is instructor of this school and an old ex-O. R. T. member, and a man highly respected by the Illinois Central Railroad Company for his good service rendered them during the past thirty years as station agent.

Some members may be inclined to believe Mr. Barton is teaching a telegraph school in Chicago, which is not true. His purpose is to fit young men in routine of station work as required by the great Western roads, so that they may later qualify as station agents.

Many O. R. T. boys attend his school to learn agency work, which requires from four to six weeks, and is given free.

The school room is equipped with all the requisites of a medium-sized station with tables and chairs, and all the stationery used within an ordinary railway station. The main line, telegraph and telephone wires run into the building along with the Western Union telegraph wires, and students are granted the privilege of copying from the wires during spare moments, providing they care to. But the school only teaches them the difference between a "31" and "19" train order, and the manner in which they should be handled. "Telegraphy is not taught." Of course, we are led to believe many things are done wrong by not having the opportunity to visit and see just what is going on and I believe if any O. R. T. member will visit this school of instruction work, he will find it as stated by me, and a great advantage to any young man who would care to learn agent's work, for there is no place better according to my knowledge of schools.

You will find Mr. Barton a first-class gentleman in every respect, and willing to assist any member to the highest standpoint in his power. Should you chance to be in Chicago please call upon Mr. Barton, as he is glad to meet O. R. T. boys and will take great pains in showing you the station work of the great Western roads.

W. B. ROBINSON,
Cert. 2339 Grand.

THE MAN WHO OVERHEARD.

THE Junction Billiard Hall was fairly well patronized by the "smart" young men of the town that night. and Pyramids were being played for stakes unusually high, when the door opened and two men—one a frequent visitor to the place, the other a complete stranger—entered.

"Hallo! Who's Baxter got in tow this time?" was the whisper that went round the room. "He does manage to net them, anyhow."

Translated into acceptable English, these and similar remarks meant that Bob Baxter, the one who had entered with the stranger and an expert cuist, who followed the game on account of the money he was able to make out of it, had struck up acquaintance with one who knew not of his skill with the object of playing him—and fleeing him.

And such was the case.

Whilst returning home to Downley from a race meeting Baxter had had for a fellow traveler the young fellow mentioned, and in the course of their conversation the elder man had learned that the other had to make a change at Downley, which would necessitate an hour's wait.

"It's a beastly nuisance," he had said. "but I suppose I shall have to make the best of it. Of course, if there's a decent billiard room in the town I could pass the hour pleasantly enough."

"You play the game, eh?" said Baxter, pricking his ears.

The young fellow nodded, saying: "And my friends tell me I play a fair stick. To tell you the truth—and I'm not saying it boastingly—I *do* play a bit above the average."

"I play a little myself," said Baxter, what time he was speculating the extent of the other's pocket.

"As a matter of fact," went on the young fellow, "all the handicaps at the Southmarsh Social Club are made from me. My mark's fifty behind. Perhaps you heard of me—Lingard—Ronald Lingard."

"U-um-er, yes, I've heard about you, Mr. Lingard," said Baxter, whilst his thoughts ran: "Lingards, of Southmarsh. He's the son of old Lingard, the wealthy Mayor of that town!" Then aloud: "Certainly. I've often seen your name in the *Amateur Cuist*, but I never thought I should have the pleasure of meeting you. But to come back to what you said about having a knock at the balls for about an hour. There's a very decent table at the Junction Hall, just outside Downley Station, and I shall take it as an honor to play you a 'hundred.' As I told you, I play a moderate game, and although you might be able to 'lose me,' I don't think I should disgrace myself very much. Anyhow, just to give a spice of interest to the matter I'll back myself for a sovereign against you, and we'll play at the Junction."

"Done," said young Lingard, his eyes sparkling at the thought of how his friends at the Southmarsh Social Club would laugh when he told them, later in the evening, about the challenge. It never occurred to him for one moment that a mere Downley amateur could "take his number down," and he was still smiling the smile confident as he and Baxter entered the Junction Billiard Hall.

"My table next, marker," said Baxter, winking covertly at the gentleman of the "short rest."

"Your lamb next, you mean," said a young fellow in an undertone as Baxter brushed past him. "You do find 'em, Bob."

Baxter passed on as though he had not heard; but another young fellow, dark-eyed, clean-shaven, purposeful of feature, who had a minute before sauntered into the room from the smokeroom beyond and seated himself on the raised seat that ran round the room, looked up quickly; he also had heard the words addressed to Baxter.

The game between the latter and young Lingard commenced, and as it progressed the Man Who Had Overheard muttered something to himself. In common with most of the other spectators, he could see that Baxter was far and away the better player of the two—was keeping comfortably in front without putting forth any effort.

Eventually Baxter ran out the winner by 25, and, as he pocketed Lingard's sovereign, expressed himself as sorry the young fellow had had so many "hard lines" and such "rotten position."

A second game between the two (and now the stakes, on Lingard's suggestion, were two pounds aside) was started, and Baxter was running up a big "break" off the red, when the Man Who Had Overheard touched Lingard on the arm as he stood, white of face, watching his opponent's ball disappear time after time into one of the middle pockets.

"Well?" said the young fellow, turning.

"Don't play that chap again; he's altogether too good for you," said the Man Who Had Overheard, quietly.

"Mind your own business," rapped back Lingard.

"Well, under ordinary circumstances I daresay I'd take your advice," said the other, "but—well, you might call it anything—sentiment, silliness and so on, but your face reminds me of someone, someone I like to think about, and for that reason I said to you what I did. Further, I see that chap at the D end is putting his hand in your pocket, and I'd like to chastise him in a sort of way. I can do it. Read that."

Lingard glanced at the visiting card the speaker held forth, and his manner changed; his face flushed.

"I beg your pardon," he said; "I'd no idea it was you. What do you want me to do?"

"Back me to play that fellow across there, Baxter they call him. Back me up to five pounds. That will be two pounds more than you'll lose to him. If he beats me I'll stand the fiver myself."

"Not much fear of your losing if he'll play you," said Lingard, and turning, he

watched his opponent run out an easy winner.

"Couldn't do the wrong thing tonight," remarked Baxter, as he pocketed his winnings once more.

"That's so," said Lingard, whose face was pale and set, "but for all that you're a better player than I—perhaps better than my friend here, whom I've just recognized." He pointed to the Man Who Had Overheard, who had taken down a cue from the rack and was knocking the balls about in anything but artistic style.

"Ah, so you know him, and you think he can play a bit?" said Baxter.

"He certainly can, and, what's is more, I'll back him to play you for a 'fiver'—that's if he'll oblige me," said Lingard.

Baxter smiled, for at that moment the Man Who Had Overheard had made one of the clumsiest of strokes.

"Guess I'll take the chap on," said Baxter. "Sound him and see what he says."

Lingard went and spoke to the "chap" in question, then, returning to Baxter, informed him that he had persuaded his friend to undertake the game. The news of the new match ran quickly round, and the habitués of the room quickly gathered in the vicinity of the table on which it was to be played, much curiosity being evinced as to the name of "Baxter's mug No. 2." But nobody knew it.

Stakes were put down, this time in the manager's hands, and the game began, Baxter leading off with, of course, a "miss in baulk." His opponent made an amateurish attempt at an all-round cannon, failing miserably.

"Well," said Baxter, "after that I'm sorry the stakes aren't another 'tenner' aside."

"They can be if it will suit you," remarked the Man Who Had Overheard, dipping his hand into his pocket and counting out ten sovereigns.

Baxter produced a like sum with alacrity. The increased stakes were handed to the landlord, and Baxter settled down to his play, his first "break" amounting to 43.

With a slight smile on his lips, the Man Who Had Overheard went to the table, and with a masterly stroke got the balls into

position. Baxter gasped and muttered something under his breath.

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With mathematical precision and skill the Man Who Had Overheard disturbed the balls only sufficient to score, and to leave them practically in the same position to score again. In this manner he compiled 80, and had straightened his back for a moment to consider, when Baxter uttered an oath, and, banging his fist on the edge of the table, said:

"It's a sell! I've been 'had'—swindled!"

"I'll trouble you not to shake this table until I've done with it," said his opponent calmly, "and after that I'll discuss the 'sell' with you in any fashion you prefer."

Baxter, trembling with rage, was persuaded by his acquaintances to sit down, and "be a sport." "For," said one of them, "it's easy to see you're getting beaten at your own game, Bob—'mug catching.' Sit down, and you'll learn something, if you have to pay for it."

Shortly afterwards the game terminated, the Man Who Had Overheard coming out winner with an unfinished "break" of 101.

"I'll trouble you for the stakes," he said to the manager, as he threw on his coat.

"You're not to part!" roared Baxter. "It's a — swindle!"

The Man Who Had Overheard turned quickly, and gripped him by the shoulder.

"If you say that again I'll wring your ears," he said. "It's true I haven't played the game I usually play, but it was your game against the young chap over there, and for certain reasons I dropped, for once, into your groove."

Loud expressions of approval came from those around, and Baxter, noting them, turned towards the door.

"He's not used to losing, you see, sir," said the manager a minute later, as he handed over the stakes to the victor, "and there's no doubt about it you've given him a fair beating—taken the 'bounce' out of him." Then in an undertone, "All the same you might tell me your name. I won't blab it you don't want me to."

"I'm not particular whether you blab or you don't; my name's Marlin," said the Man Who Had Overheard.

The manager opened his mouth wide in surprise.

"Well! Blow my peepers!" he exclaimed. "Not Ted Marlin, Midland champion?"

"Guilty," said the young fellow, laughing, and turned to Lingard. Motioning to the latter to follow him, he led the way into the smokeroom, where, in a quiet corner, they were soon in conversation.

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"Yes," said Marlin presently, replying to something Lingard had said, "considered coldly—dispassionately—it was a curious idea of mine to beat that fellow at his own game, but it was nothing more than sentiment on my part. You'll laugh, I know, but it was your resemblance of a certain young lady I once met that prompted me to do it. Funny thing this sentiment. It has a lot to do with the shaping of our lives, though."

"It has," concurred Lingard, caressing his slight moustache, "I'm in love myself, you know, so I understand what you mean."

"Excuse me, but I don't think you do understand," said Marlin, a faraway look dawning in his dark eyes. "You yourself are doubtless in love with a girl whom you know well—I'm in love with a girl whose name I don't even know."

Lingard was surprised. "I've read about such things, but I've never swallowed 'em," he said. "How did your affair come about—when did you see the girl?"

"I saw her at New Street Station, Birmingham, nine months ago. I was on my way to play McIntyre, of Glasgow, and just as I was about to book I heard a little scream behind me. Looking round, I saw a girl. She was evidently in distress, and I soon learned the cause, for in reply to an old lady who asked her what the matter was she said she had lost her purse—her pocket had been picked—"

"Great Scott!" interrupted Lingard, banging the table in front of him with his fist.

"What's the matter?" asked Marlin.

"Get on with your story—but stay; don't go on with it, for I know it already."

"You?"

"Yes. When you heard the girl say she'd been robbed, you asked her where she had intended to book to. She said Southmarsh,

and without more ado you booked a first-class ticket for her, pushed the ticket in the girl's hand and 'did a guy.'"

It was now Marlin's turn to be surprised.

"How came you to know that?" he asked.

"I was told by the young lady herself when she arrived home. Quite natural I should hear, too; she's my sister, you know, ha, ha, ha! By George, won't Maysie be surprised when she hears?"

Marlin sat silent a space, steadfastly gazing at his companion's face; then he said: "Maysie is her name, you say? And she's your sister. That accounts for the resemblance—about the eyes—especially when you discovered the chap in the billiard room yonder had got you 'on toast'—anger, pain—yes. Well, old chap," with a short laugh, "it's a curious turn-up, and you finished my little tale all right."

"Say," said Lingard, impulsively, "you'll have to come and spend a few days with me. You've been quite a hero, and that sort of thing, with my folks—a nameless hero. We've always alluded to you as 'Maysie's Knight of the Purse.' You'll come, won't you?"

"Some day, perhaps, but it can not be yet," said Marlin. "I am pretty well engaged for two months. Besides, all things considered, it would perhaps be better I didn't come at all. Some people have distorted opinions about professional individuals like myself, and your people—"

"Haven't got such distorted opinions. The pater's a real sport, and as for Maysie—well, she's a chip off the old block. But, I say, Marlin, when's your next big match, and who's it with?"

"Next Thursday against Baker, in Burrough's Rooms, Manchester. My last match this side Christmas."

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In reporting the great billiard match between Marlin, of Birmingham, and Baker, of Manchester (these names will serve for the purpose of the story), most of the papers mentioned that "during the afternoon Marlin, who had been playing well up to his reputation, suddenly displayed nervousness, and failed at the easiest of positions. But there was no cause for alarm

amongst those whose moneyed fancy was the Midlander, for he pulled himself together and proved his superiority over the Manchester man by winning with the comfortable margin of 275."

Marlin's "nervousness," by the way, was attributable to the following:

Soon after the commencement of the game the Midlander, glancing round at the packed audience, saw young Lingard, and at his side the girl whom he now tenderly thought of as "Maysie." Miss Lingard's eyes—so like her brother's—were upon him, and as their glances met she nodded shyly, blushing, her recognition.

After the match Ronald Lingard pressed through the crowd to Marlin's side, and it was not long before Maysie Lingard and Marlin were chatting together, laughing over the episode of the stolen purse and the part Marlin had taken in connection with the matter.

"She didn't require much persuasion from me to come and see you play, old chap," said Lingard, bluntly, nodding towards his sister. "She doesn't play a bad game herself for a girl, you know, so this affair was doubly interesting to her. I think I didn't tell you we have a decent table at home? We have, and Maysie here promised me half-an-hour ago to support my invitation to you to come and stay with us over Christmas."

Marlin looked at the girl, but she had turned her face aside.

"Thanks, Lingard, I'll come," said he.

For a moment Maysie Lingard turned her blue eyes upon him, and he read pleasure in their depths.—By FRED PLANT, in *The Railway Review*.

PERPETUAL YOUTH.

"I SEE by the newspapers," said Reinhard, "that these institute fellows who have been substituting knee joints in the legs of human beings and otherwise repairing the human body claim that they are on the way to cut out substances which lead to decay or bring on old age and when they succeed we shall always be able to remain young."

"H'm!" grunted Von Buest contemptuously.

"You seem to doubt the possibility of such a result."

"Doubt it? It has been done long ago."

"Been done long ago! What do you mean, professor?"

Professor Von Buest took his pipe out of his mouth—he was always smoking—and, looking the other in the eye, said:

"Reinhard, the conceit of this age is intolerable. Most of our discoveries are accidental, though I will admit that nowadays our scientists are drawing out nature's secrets by scientific experiment. Why shouldn't what has been accidentally discovered today have been accidentally discovered before?"

"Because such discoveries electrify the world, and we all know of them."

"Some of them do know that knowledge is so widely diffused. But you who are German know that there still remain in the fatherland those who investigate for the love of science and, despising the world, do not always give out their discoveries, and when they do it is because they will benefit mankind."

"What do you mean by saying that the elixir of life has been discovered?"

"I did not say that. Listen to me and I will impart a secret. Pasteur did not begin our present methods of microbe investigation. Jenner began it a century ago. Why should the idea lay dormant from the time of Jenner's suggestion till Pasteur took it up and developed it? It did not lie dormant. Many scientists thought about it, and some made experiments based on the idea of vaccination which Jenner propounded.

"It is needless to tell you how I became a scientist. You know all about it. I was born a scientist. When I was a little boy I was wondering what held the clouds in position, why objects were reflected in soap bubbles, how animals walked. When I was six years old I killed my pet kitten to see its works, which I supposed to be similar to those of a clock. That may seem shocking to you, but it was the beginning of investigations which led me to prolong life.

"At eighteen I left the university. I had found the professors a stupid lot, handing down what they considered knowledge from

one generation to another. Some of it was knowledge, but the most of it was error. The first President of this republic, Washington, was killed by just such men, who, following an ancient theory of letting blood in case of fever, bled the Father of His Country to death. I came into my estate soon after leaving the university, a landed property in Pomerania on the Baltic Sea. There, rid of the false knowledge that flooded the world, I established my laboratory.

"I followed up the killing of my kitten by an onslaught upon such inferior animals as would give me the secrets of nature. I worked twenty years, at the end of which time I discovered an antitoxin for the decay that accompanies age."

"Why, professor!" interrupted Reinhard. "You are seventy and you look seventy. If you discovered this antitoxin, why did you not arrest the effects of age in yourself?"

"Not so fast, my friend. At the time I made the discovery I was forty years old. I could not bring back my youth, and the beginning of disease is the time to arrest it. There is another reason. I did not hunt for my antitoxin because I wished to live forever, since I knew this would bring me intolerable misery. I experimented to satisfy my thirst for knowledge. And now I can explain to you why the world never got my secret. I did not wish to cause my fellowmen to suffer. At my present age I have lived too long. Had I the physical strength of youth the mental ennui of age would be with me. And what would this ennui be in another seventy or twice seventy years?"

"In the lonely region in which I lived I had one congenial friend—Weisbard. His tastes were not my tastes or I should have hated him. In his world I found something different, something to freshen me. To him alone I confided my secret. I had cause to regret my confidence. He had a daughter fifteen years old, a lovely, beautiful girl. 'Could you keep her as she is today,' he said to me, 'the rest of my life would be supremely happy.'

"I sighed, for I knew that a desire to preserve his daughter's youth would master him and he would pursue me till I con-

sented to give her perpetual youth. I paid no attention to this first broad hint, but it came again and again and finally took the form of a definite request.

"For a year I resisted," assuring Weisbard that if I consented the day would come when his daughter, Wilhelmine, would long for age, if not for death. Her associates would grow old while she would remain young. She would have experience which is incompatible with youth. She would belong neither to her own generation nor the one next below her. Having no proper position, being identified with no particular age, she would be a worse enemy to herself than the microbe that produces the decay of old age. All in vain. The opportunity to preserve his daughter's youth and beauty was too tempting for him. He gave me no peace till I consented.

"When I began to give Wilhelmine the antitoxin she was sixteen years old. Hers was my first case and my only one in practicing upon a human being after having satisfied myself of the efficacy of my remedy, and naturally my efforts were not at once successful. I did not completely arrest Wilhelmine's natural decay till she was midway between seventeen and eighteen."

Von Buest paused and resumed his pipe.

"Well, professor," said Reinhard impatiently, "go on."

"In what way? In the case of Wilhelmine Weisbard there are many stories. What would you prefer to know about her?"

Reinhard thought a few minutes, then asked his friend to tell him if the girl gained or lost by remaining young and why.

"What you ask to know," replied the professor, "has in itself many branches. I will confine myself to one—Wilhelmine's relations to her husband. She married Max Menzel. She was then twenty, he thirty. He grew old; his wife remained young. Her father one day came to me with a cloud upon his brow and told me that his son-in-law, who was getting gray and otherwise showing signs of age, was making his wife miserable by his jealous behavior. She was still young and beautiful and attracted younger men than himself.

"From time to time Weisbard came to me to tell me that matters between his son-in-law and daughter were going from bad to worse. At last he confessed that he regretted having urged me to give the latter perpetual youth.

"'I have given her perpetual youth,' I replied, 'only so long as it may be desired.'

"His face lighted with pleasure. 'Can you re-establish the ordinary process of growing old?' he asked.

"'There is nothing to re-establish. Let your daughter stop taking the antitoxin and the natural decay will be resumed.'

"I did not see Weisbard for a week, at the end of which time he looked more lugubrious than ever. I asked him what troubled him. He told me that he had proposed to his daughter to cease taking my antitoxin and she had flatly refused. Weisbard had very unwisely told his son-in-law that his wife could resume the process of following him to old age if she chose, and he had urged her to do so. She was obstinate, and a quarrel had ensued between the two that bid fair to wreck their happiness forever—that is, all that was left of it.

"And here, my friend, comes an instance of the unity of nature. A unity that is best for us always, though there are numerous instances in which we believe her decrees are misfortunes. There was every reason why Frau Menzel should grow old. And yet those old fellows like Ponce de Leon were continually seeking for the elixir of life. A man may be satisfied to grow old, a woman never. This one having perpetual youth would never give it up, though it threw her out of harmony with the rest of the universe.

"At first it seemed that remaining young with her children would be a boon to her. It did not turn out so. A melancholy phase of life is that we can not be of the next generation beneath us. Even a young body will not bridge that gulf.

"Every year after this the husband grew older, while the wife remained young and beautiful, and every year the gulf between them grew wider. After awhile it became a case of December and May. The older Frau Menzel grew in years the more

pleased she was with the attention of young men. They, while pleased with her beauty, found in her an experience which did not accord with their own exuberance. This led to a continued disappointment in her that soured her disposition. The couple's bickerings wore on Weisbard, who reproached himself for being the cause of their troubles.

"And yet there was one thing that would have undone, partly at least, all the mischief. All that was needed was for Wilhelmine to stop taking the antitoxin."

"That could scarcely be expected," remarked Reinhard. "How did the matter end?"

"When Frau Menzel was fifty years old—she reached that age a year ago—she was a very singular compound, having a youthful body and an old mind. One evening, having forced her husband, who was now sixty, to take her to a ball, she insisted on dancing the turkey trot, which was just appearing in fashionable society. When the pair reached home there was a violent quarrel, the result of which was never known, but the couple were never seen out together again. Soon after this the husband died, and the wife discovered that the antitoxin ceased to affect her. Her youth and beauty suddenly collapsed. In a night she had grown old and ugly."

"What was the matter with the antitoxin?" asked Reinhard.

"I was making it for her, and after her quarrel with her husband over the dance I ceased to put in the proper ingredients."

SAVED BY STRANGE MEANS.

I HAD been appointed manager of a large colliery upon the retirement, twelve months previously, owing to failing health and the weight of advancing years, of my old chief, under whom, as sub-manager, I had worked for nearly five years.

The work was familiar enough, but I found that as chief a good many difficulties and responsibilities rested upon my shoulders which had not found a place there when I was merely a sub. However, upon the whole, I was very well satisfied with

the change, and contented; for there had been a very substantial increase in salary to make up for the added responsibility, and the work, with one or two exceptions, had gone cheerily and profitably forward.

One of the exceptions was the having come across what is technically called "a fault" in one of the best seams of coal we were working, and which had been a source of a good deal of anxiety to me, and of expense to the company.

For the benefit of those not quite fully up in coal mining matters, it may be explained that a "fault" is a more or less abrupt break in the continuity of a seam of coal, the result probably of some tremendous upheaving or depressing force in such times as the earth was younger—interesting enough, doubtless, to the inquiring geologist, but a very different matter to the coal getter, who finds his profitable coal either petering out into worthless rubbish in the shape of clay and dirt, or suddenly losing itself against a wall of rock. No option is there, however, in the matter; if the coal be worth the working, the fault must be driven through, in the hope of coming across the lost seam somewhere the other side; the matter being further complicated by the uncertainty as to whether the broken end lie above or below the point of breakage—in other words, whether the shifting force has been a lifting or a depressing one.

Anxious work for the manager is the deciding which; for he may be directing his workings at a rise, on the assumption that the coal is at a higher level, when it is all the while below him, or vice versa; at the best of times meaning money spent without return—a sin unpardonable in the eyes of colliery, in common with all other directors.

In this particular case of ours, after a good deal of lengthy consideration, we had determined that the coal was above us, and I had consequently directed the workings at a rise, to meet it farther on.

The fault had proved a good deal longer and more difficult to penetrate than we had anticipated, and although slight indications were come across, more particularly in the arrangement of the strata, that we were probably upon the right track, there was still

no sign of the coal we were after, but we had been brought up, instead, by a most uncompromising wall of rock. So hard, indeed, was it that I had to step out of the groove of our ordinarily used explosives, and order a specially powerful one, in the hope that it would prove more effective in our struggle with it; and the work had been for a few days at a standstill, pending its arrival. This was the state of things as I reviewed them one Saturday afternoon, with the week's work over.

I had arranged to go that evening to spend the Sunday, as I frequently did, with my old college friend, Tom Bryanston, a doctor in practice in a pleasant and picturesque little town thirty miles or so distant.

Visits these were which I always looked forward to with great pleasure, not only on account of the complete tonic change in surroundings to those of my everyday life, but also because Tom, a first-rate geologist, took a great interest in matters pertaining to mining, insofar as they bore upon the different and varied stratifications we came across in our operations. I had thoroughly posted him, for instance, in this business of the "fault," and he had cheered me up upon one or two occasions by decisive asserting:

"You must be going in the right direction, old man, and the coal you will certainly regain in due time."

Thinking vaguely over the matter and our probable confab, it suddenly occurred to me that he was also a microscopist of no mean merit, and that his services in this direction might possibly be of use to me; and in this way we had come across, in our operations, two thin veins of coal, but two or three inches thick, similar to those which I knew to underlie the seam we had been working, and lost.

Now, I thought that a microscopic comparison of these two different lots might lead to some pleasant confirmation, provided they were the same in microscopic structure, that we were all right in the direction in which we were going. Samples of both it was easy to obtain, and I determined to get them to take with me. The one, I knew where to put my hand upon—in the surveyor's room in the office, where they very

sensibly kept, not only a record of the various strata gone through in the different sinkings, but also classified samples of the strata themselves. The others I could easily obtain also by a descent into the mine.

But, time running short, I found I would have to take both on my way to the station; so, hurriedly dressing, packing a few indispensables in a small hand satchel, and telling my old housekeeper that I wouldn't be home until Monday evening, off I started.

Coming to the office, where they were busy paying the men, I secured my one set of samples and placed them in the satchel, putting the satchel itself away in a cupboard in my own private room until I should have returned from below. A word or two of chat with a member of the clerical staff I met on my way out, and I made my way to the pithead.

It was the slackest time of the week, the work being practically over until Monday morning—until Tuesday or Wednesday morning, indeed, in this particular instance, for the following Monday, being the first one in the month, was acknowledged and regarded as a general collier holiday in the district. Tuesday being required by many to recruit from the fatigues of the holiday, meant that there wasn't much in the way of work doing on that day either, the only people engaged, barring the salaried staff, in the shape of sub-managers, overmen and "firemen," being a few timbermen and laborers.

The bankman was about giving up his work—indeed, had given it up, and was putting on his coat in the lodge near the shaft mouth when I came up. Upon my telling him that I was going down for a short time, he got me a lamp from the lamp room near, signaled below in case any one might be in the way, and a few seconds later I was let down by the engineman.

At the bottom of the shaft were a couple of men—the last in the pit, probably—who had just come along from their work, and were waiting to be raised. With mutual acknowledging nods, they entered the cage I had just descended in, and I started, "putting best foot foremost," as I had half a mile or so to traverse before coming to the point at which I could get my specimens,

in order to be out and away as soon as possible. In due course, I came to the commencement of the "fault," and passed along the slightly inclining way, or "drift," we had already driven nearly two hundred yards into it.

I knew pretty well where to put my hand upon what I wanted, and soon had a small piece or two of the coal broken off and dropped into my pocket.

As I was so near, I took a fancy to see how the "face" looked, so walked the remaining distance, about a hundred yards, until brought up by the rock.

Yes, here it was, stern, hard and obstinate looking enough, glistening dully to the feeble light of the lamp I passed along its surface. But I am not to be beaten, I said, decisively, as I turned to start upon the return journey; in fact, I had turned, and was engaged in trimming the wick of the lamp, to improve the light, prior to a brisk stepping out, when a heavy rumble from the long, dark passage in front, followed almost immediately by a light cloud of dust, made my heart jump with a start to my throat.

Had what I had, unconsciously, ever dreaded in my secret soul, an explosion, come at last? It looked very much like it. Either an explosion or a heavy fall it must be; and as soon as I had in a measure collected myself, I hurried onward, to find out—only, however, to be brought up, eighty yards or so farther on, by a mass of stone and rubbish completely blocking the passage.

I tried to creep over it, but after, proceeding, with the extremity of effort and squeezing, ten or twelve feet, found it impossible to go farther, and had to worm my way backward, with, if possible, greater labor and danger.

Here was a fine plight to be in, trapped like a rat in a caved-in drain, and without a rat's powers of finding a way out.

I naturally felt very excited and upset for awhile, and could give little connected thought to things; but after some little time, when the first burst of excitement had given away, I was able to sit down and think matters over with some measure of steadiness.

I could not say whether there had been an explosion, and the fall the result of it, or whether the fall had taken place without it—one of those which occasionally occur in mines, due to causes apparently beyond control.

If there had been an explosion, I felt very thankful that it had not meant any loss of life, or very little, as there could have been very few, if any, in the mine just then.

Anyhow, explosion or not, there was the fall very palpably in front of me, and black indeed appeared my prospects and chances, when I came to look upon them and count them up.

In the first place, what was the extent of the fall? If an extensive one, I knew from former experience that it would take time and trouble to clear it away, both in the amount of loose stuff to be hauled away, and the care and caution necessary in properly securing every foot of advance.

Then it suddenly dawned upon me that no one in particular knew where I was. I had left home saying that I would not be back until Monday; and one of the office clerks I had told that I was off for a day or two's holiday.

The bankman and the two colliers I had met at the shaft bottom were the only ones who knew I was down, and not one of them knew the part of the mine I had gone to. If there had not been an explosion, they would not give me a thought; the first would have gone home until Monday or Tuesday morning and the others would probably be holidaying until the same time or later.

A few days would certainly make it known that I was a missing man, but in the meantime what would become of me, caged up as I was, without food or water? To crown my miseries, my lamp, from lack of oil probably, with a useless warning flicker or two, went out.

I remember walking, or rather stumbling, about a good deal, lying down for spells long or short, listening intently for a possible noise from the other side of the fall; but all to no purpose. The darkness and gloom of a sealed vault could not have been more absolute—indeed, probably not so absolute, for I was as good as buried at a

depth of more than a hundred yards in the earth.

The fireman in his morning's round would, at the latest, discover the fall; but would the work of clearing be taken in hand at once? Probably not, the day being Sunday. Monday being a holiday would mean another day gone, possibly Tuesday also. And the place it had occurred in not being a main way, but leading to work temporarily suspended, there was nothing very pressing in the clearing.

My only feeble chance lay in being able to attract the notice of the fireman when he went his round. But how was that to be done? Shouting suggested itself, and very soon dismissed itself also, for, granted the possibility of making a shout heard through the mass of material of unknown extent lying in front of me—and sound travels but feebly through rock—how was I to know the time of his arrival?

Feebler still the chances seemed with the thinking over them, and in a fit of despair I changed my sitting position to a lying-down one, when, utterly wearied out, I must have dropped off into a long and uneasy sleep, for, upon awaking and feeling the hands of my watch for the time, I found it was nearly half-past three.

I had been down nearly twelve hours, and yet, strange to say, the time actually seemed shorter than it had really been.

Getting up out of my lying position, which had by this time become a very cramped one, resting my hand upon the floor for support, it came into contact with an iron pipe lying there, near the side.

Ah, I thought, here is something to drink, anyway. The why and wherefore of the pipe was this. It having been proved that the force of an explosion is very much intensified and spread by the coal dust caught up and made white hot in the swirl of flame and disturbance of air caused by it, it is the practice in "fiery" mines to remove the dust regularly, and in addition, to water all places where dust accumulates or is likely to accumulate.

This is done in the chief roadways by carrying a small iron pipe along the floor, close to one side, and fixing at regular intervals in it secondary pieces of pipe, two or

three feet high, the nozzles of these second ones being pierced by a very fine hole, and each controlled by a stop tap.

Given a good head of water for pressure in the main pipe, turning the tap of the smaller branch, fixed in it, means the delivery of a very fine and powerful spray, which, diffusing itself around, carried along, and broken up by the air current, effectually damps and lays the dust in its surrounding area, and in addition, fulfills the useful function of cooling and purifying the air.

Out of the main roads, dust-watering is also regularly carried out by means of barrels filled at conveniently-placed taps.

It was one of those watering pipes that my hand had providentially touched. We had carried the pipe along with us into the "fault" workings, for, although not in the coal, and troubled with but little dust, we had been doing a good deal of blasting, and had found a plentiful supply of water at hand a great convenience in damping the area near and around a shot hole before firing.

We had not, however, fixed sprays upon it, but used a standpipe, furnished with a tap, which was shifted to the end section of pipe all along as we advanced.

Was the pipe broken or not? Going back to the end of the pipe I turned the tap. To my joy there was a steady gush and fall of water; the pipe, lying upon the ground and close to the side wall, had escaped being broken—a very lucky thing for me, as it turned out.

After a long and satisfying drink, I was about to turn off the water again, when a thought flashed through my mind that straightened me up in an instant, and gave the first jot of comfort I had as yet experienced. Thin, painfully thin, I could not but admit it was, but still a chance, and as such, most keenly welcome.

It was that of utilizing the unbroken pipe connection as a means of communication with the other side of the fall—the side of the living world to me.

Our chief mechanic—in a rough way an undoubted genius—had, a short while before introduced into the line of pipe, near the shaft bottom, an original kind of water meter, by noting the hands on the dial of

which it could be exactly seen how much water was passing, and how much had passed through—in other words, whether the sprays had been properly opened and the water barrels fully at work.

It had proved such a useful and convenient addition that the firemen had orders to enter the registration in their reports each day, giving this readily, upon comparison of one reading with the last, the manner in which the mine had been each day watered.

I left the tap open, allowing the water to run, in the hope of the waste being noticed and sought for, the further development of my plan resting upon this taking place. If not noticed, why, in all probability, I must die.

There was no danger from the accumulating of water, for in the stretch between me and the damming material in the rear farther on, there was plenty of room and rise to allow for a good deal of storage; and besides, I had the power to stop the inflow at any time by merely closing the tap. The air, too, I noted, remained sweet and good. There was plenty blocked off for my use, or a filtration to some degree through the fall.

While there is life there is some action of mind and hope, so I sat down, with my head and ear against the standpipe, in better spirits than before. The fireman would soon be at his rounds, doing his duty of thoroughly examining all his district—more particularly for indications of gas—before other workers were allowed down.

Long, painfully long, the time seemed in waiting, trying to calculate up chances favorably, but without much success, as my thoughts kept wandering from one thing to another—more particularly resting upon the contrast between my present state and the pleasure I had anticipated in my visit to my friend.

But suddenly, click, click, click at my ear. Yes, sure enough, they were breaking the pipe connection on the other side, as I had hoped, so as to plug the pipe and stop the waste of water. Now was the moment for me, or never; so, with a stone, held in readiness in my hand, I struck heavily and deliberately three times upon the pipe on the ground.

A pause; then a hesitating couple of taps again which I made haste to reply to with two, adding, after the slightest of intervals, four more. To my joy, they were replied to by four, followed by a rain of strokes—a crash, and, with a thinning dribble, my tap ceased running.

The pipe had been broken. An idea struck me; the same one, strange to say, had struck the man on the other side, I found out afterward, and was the cause of his breaking the pipe so quickly. It was that of using the pipe as a speaking tube. With a hard wrench, I started the stand-pipe, unscrewed it, and, clapping my mouth to the hole in the larger pipe, now empty, yelled out as loud a "hullo" as I could muster. Putting my ear to the hole, after a brief pause, came the question, "Who's there?" I, readily recognizing the voice of Brown, one of the firemen, very soon and very joyfully replied.

Communication thus once established, the rest was easy. Hard enough to deal with the men oftentimes were, but they loyally made up for it now in my need and peril, for such work as immediately followed Brown's discovery has but rarely been seen underground, or above ground either, as far as that goes.

But, in spite of all exertions made, and risk run, in pushing the work on at all costs, it was twenty-four hours before, a good deal shaken and weakened, I was walking, with the help of Brown's arm, in the blessed sunlight of early morning again—walking away from the pit mouth through a small crowd of men looking curiously at me as they made way for us to pass through, which, having done, they clustered together again, and gave three hearty cheers.

There had been no explosion, but merely the heavy fall. The fireman, reading the water dial as usual on his way in, was surprised to see one of the indicating long hands quiver a little and move forward. Staying to observe more closely, he found further movement, indicating a flow of water through.

Something wrong, evidently, for Sunday morning first thing, and no work on, when all the outlets should be closed—a tap left

running or a pipe broken. As a result, he kept special watch for the waste. Coming to the fall, and noticing a little flow of water from under it—some of the water having found a devious way through—he came to the natural, but false conclusion that the pipe had been broken by the fall itself.

He had made up his mind, he said, to turn the water off at the main stop-cock on his way to the surface to report the fall to his immediate superior, when, remembering that on that day and the next, there being no regular work on, it had been arranged to have an extra clearing of dust and rubbish from the roadways and roadsides, for which water would be needed, to delay matters as little as possible, he had determined to break the pipe and plug it himself.

Soon finding a hammer in the nearest collier's stall, and a hard piece of wood, he had returned to do the job. "Startled to the bones," he confessed he was at the responding taps to his own, and very much inclined to clear out straight off, but, being a clear-headed man, his reason soon got the better of his terror, and enabled him to quickly guess at the true solution of the tapping and state of things.

His level-headedness I acknowledged a little later by the present of a gold watch and such a pushing of his interests, that he is now himself the very successful manager of a large colliery in the neighborhood.

A visit to my friend, lengthened to a fortnight, put me squarely upon my legs again, and quite restored my nerve and spirits.

THE STATION AGENT'S STORY.

IT WAS a hot afternoon—some of you may know how hot it may be on the prairie when there is no wind.

I was sitting in the little ticket office at the railroad station at which I was agent. From the window I could see the hot air rising from the sunburned buffalo grass, giving to the lonely ranch buildings scattered here and there in the distance an unstable, wavering appearance, as though they might at any moment blow away.

Presently out of the silence there came the footfalls of a horse's hoofs, stopping at

the platform, and followed by a queer "pegging" sound over the planks and into the waiting room. I looked up and saw a boy of about fourteen standing in the doorway. His right leg was amputated above the knee, and he supported himself on a pair of light crutches, which had sling-straps like an army carbine.

He handed me an express order for a package to Colonel Reed, a prominent cattleman, whose ranch buildings were about a mile south of the track.

"Are you the Colonel's son?" I asked, as I handed out the package.

"Yes, sir," was the reply. "Charles Reed is my name."

Then he turned and looked curiously in at the telegraphic instruments. He had such a bright, healthy and wideawake air that I invited him to walk in and examine them, if he wished.

His eyes brightened immediately.

"I'd like to, if you don't mind. The other agent was cross, and I was afraid to ask him."

Seeing that he was interested in them, I explained briefly the working of the key and sounder, and tried to give him some idea how a message was sent and received. He listened attentively and seemed to comprehend pretty well.

"Yes," he said, as I concluded, I know something about it, though only through what I have read. Would you mind writing out the alphabet for me?"

I wrote out the characters on a slip of paper, which he tucked carefully away in his pocketbook; and then, finding I was a stranger to that part of the West, he volunteered some information about the country, concluding with a remarkably accurate description of the game birds and their habits, which, as a sportsman, I found very interesting. Before he left he told me that he had lost his leg during an Indian raid about four years previously, before the railroad was built. His father's ranch had been attacked without any warning. He was only ten years old at the time, and, being out of doors, he had slipped away unobserved and hidden in the corral, and while there was hit by a stray rifle ball in the knee. I accompanied him to the door

when he was ready to go, and was surprised to see how thoroughly at home he was on his pony. With his crutches slung behind him, he swung nimbly into the saddle and started off toward home on a brisk gallop.

One afternoon, about a week later, he dropped in again, having meanwhile learned the telegraphic alphabet so that he could repeat all the characters easily, and next day the Colonel himself stopped in on his way to town. He was a brisk, genial man, who had a habit of shaking hands with every one. He was a typical frontier ranchman.

"See here, Mister Agent," he said, "that boy of mine has a hankering to learn your business. He's kind of lonesome, you see—he can't play with the other boys on account of his leg—and now if you don't mind havin' him around, and will teach him what you can—he's pretty bright and can learn most anything—why, I'll make it worth your while. What's your charge?"

"Why, Colonel," I replied, laughing at his business-like manner. "I shall be glad to have him round—I am lonesome here—so we won't draw up any contract."

Charley was an apt pupil. In about a month he could send and receive a message, though of course not very rapidly. His father was so delighted with his progress that he made me a present of a riding pony; and shortly after, when Charley got it into his head that it would be a fine thing to have a private line from the ranch to the station, the Colonel had me order two instruments and a coil of wire from Chicago.

Under my direction the cowboys put it up, and though it wasn't stretched very tight, and the poles were only fence poles spliced together, it worked as well as the main line. The instrument on my end of the line I did not care to have in my office, for fear that officious gentleman, the lineman, would object, and so I set it up on one side of the big, empty freight room.

The autumn was now well advanced, and I found that my duties, instead of increasing, grew lighter. There were but two freight trains every other day, and the daily mail and express, East and West, went through between the hours of one and four

in the morning, so that I had a great deal of time on my hands. I spent much of it shooting chickens with Charley—he was an excellent shot from the saddle, though he told me that he had a time of it training his pony to stand fire—and the rest of the time I either read or rode out over the trails in the delicious Indian summer weather.

One night, about the middle of October, we had a terrific thunder and wind storm, with a blinding fall of rain and hail. It came up after the west-bound train had left, and about an hour before the eastern train was due. I was awakened by the noise, and got up to look out. The rain was falling in torrents, and the wind shook the building, while the lightning flashed incessantly.

I was still looking out, watching the furious storm, when an unusually bright flash revealed for an instant the figures of a group of horsemen lopping across the prairie toward the station. I stood still to catch another glimpse of them, if possible, but without success; they had probably turned off to the left.

Shortly afterward I heard them at the other end of the building, where they stopped, I supposed to seek shelter from the storm; or possibly they were going to take the train. It was not unusual for passengers to come around an hour before train time, so I thought little of it at the time.

However, before I left the window, I heard them tramping around the platform to the door, and drawing back to one side, I waited to see them pass. Between trains I always kept a lamp burning, but turned down low, and it shone out now through the window; and as the men stepped into the faint bar of light, I got quite a distinct view of them.

They were all heavily built. Each one wore a yellow "slicker" coat, and had his slouch hat pulled down close to keep off the rain, and around each one's face, just below the eyes, was tied a red "harvester's" handkerchief. This struck me as unusual, and I was puzzled for a moment, until it occurred to me that perhaps they were worn as a protection against the hail.

A moment later they were pounding at the door for admittance. Now, as a rule,

I did not like to admit anyone so long before train time. I sometimes had express money packages on hand, with no safe to put them in. I once carried a package of \$2,000 in my pocket three days before the owner called for it, and so I was somewhat apprehensive at times for my safety.

That night, however, I had only a few dollars of my own and an almost empty mail pouch, but before opening the door, I sang out, "Who's there and what do you want?"

"Passengers for the train," came the answer. "We're all wet an' wanter get in out o' the rain."

I unlocked the door, and they crowded into the room. In a brighter light indoors the handkerchiefs that concealed their faces looked so much like an attempt at disguise—and a pretty good one at that—that for a moment I was startled, and made a hasty step towards the ticket office. Before I could take another, however, one of the men struck me with his fist, and though the blow was not a hard one, it was so unexpected that it knocked me completely off my feet. Then two of them seized me while I was down, turned me on my face, and held me, while the others bound my hands firmly behind me. They next bound my feet, and then rolled me over again on my back.

"Now, my chicken," said one, who appeared to be the leader, "we ain't got nothin' agin you, an' won't hurt you as long as you keep quiet; but sure as you yell or make a noise, there'll be some shootin'."

They seemed to be familiar with the office and its surroundings, and probably had been there before. Two of them picked me up and carried me towards the freight room, while another went ahead with the lamp and opened the door. Here they looked around for a moment, then laid me down against the side of the building with an old coat under my head for a pillow, and bidding me keep "mum," returned to the waiting room.

Thus left alone in the dark, I began to think, and pretty fast, too, for I was thoroughly excited.

Their scheme was evident enough—to waylay the train there and rob the express

and mail cars. The express messenger always had money in his safe on the east run, and not infrequently gold bullion from the mines further west, so in case they were successful, they would secure a large sum. There had been several like attempts throughout the country lately, and I felt sure that this was their object.

By taking the trainmen by surprise, they might easily overpower them, then separating the mail and express cars from the rest of the train, run them a mile or two further east with the engine and plunder them at their leisure. This plan had been successfully carried out on another road a short time before, and there was no reason why it should not be again successful—unless, in some manner, I could prevent it.

I tried to loosen my hands, but they were tied too securely—so tightly that the cords almost cut the flesh. Then I reflected that even if I were loose, I should be unable to get out and flag the train, for both freight doors were padlocked and the key was in the ticket office drawer.

About this time the door leading to the waiting room was opened and one of the roughs looked in.

"Say, young feller, are you alive yet?" he asked.

"Yes," I responded.

"Well, we wanten know if there's anything you've got to do to this here telegraph machine so they won't suspect nothin'—any report to make?"

This was pretty cool, and for a moment I thought I might still have an opportunity to warn the dispatcher, and was on the point of saying "Yes," when another voice cut me short.

"You let him get his claws on that machine an' he'll have 'em stop the train. Don't be a fool; come out an' shut the door."

The door slammed and once more I was left in the dark.

I was now beginning to suffer from my constrained position and the cutting of the cords, so I began to cast about me for relief; and then suddenly I remembered a reaper-blade that had been left at the station a few days ago by the express.

It was loose from the board and I had placed it in a corner so that no one could be hurt by it accidentally. Accordingly, I rolled over and over until my feet touched the opposite wall, and then sitting with my back toward the corner, I felt for the blade with my hands.

To my great satisfaction I found it, got the cord across one of the teeth, and carefully sawed it back and forth.

In a moment my hands were free, and then I loosened my feet. I then took off my shoes. This done, I was able to move about without making any noise.

Still I was unable to accomplish anything, for it was impossible to get out, and I was on the point of composing myself in my old position, to avoid another knockdown, should the roughs look in when a slight "spiz-z," followed by a bright sparkle, attracted my attention to the south side of the room. It was the instrument on the private line, affected by the lightning—a common occurrence in all offices during thunder storms.

I stepped up to it quickly and tried the circuit. It was all right, though the rain made such a noise on the roof that I could hardly hear the sounder. It was not probable that I could get an answer from Charley at that time of the night, but as my only resource it was worth trying. So I started in, making his call, "Ch."

"C-h—c-h—c-h," I rattled; and presently, to my surprise, the circuit was opened and the response came:

"I-i—c-h."

Then I "talked" to him—in my excitement a great deal faster than he could take, and he interrupted me with "slower."

"I-i," I said, "call your father."

"Not home," came the answer, "all hands gone out to round up a bunch of cattle stampeded by the storm."

"I-i-i-i-i-i," I answered, stopping to reflect. Then I went ahead again:

"Can you ride over to the west cut and signal the train to stop?"

"Yes; what for?"

"Get a lantern and put a piece of red flannel around it if you can. Swing it across the track when you see the headlight and keep it up till they stop. Tell the conductor

there are eight men here waiting to rob his train. Be quick about it."

"O. K. By George!" This last by way of expressing his surprise, I suppose, and then the ticking stopped.

I now began to feel that the roughs would be foiled, though, of course, it all depended on Charley. But it was something that just suited his nature. I could imagine him on his pony, lantern in hand, tearing across the prairie as though a band of Comanches was after him.

Meanwhile, I thought it best to take my old position against the wall, to avoid any suspicion, should the robbers grow inquisitive. So I lay there, and waited and waited—the time seemed fairly to drag along—until I felt certain that the train was due. But it did not come, though the movements of the roughs convinced me that I had guessed aright—it was probably overdue by this time, and they were getting restless. Presently one of them opened the door and looked in.

"Say, operator, is that train on time?"

"Yes," I replied, "they were on time the last I heard them reported—about two o'clock."

He retired again, and for about ten minutes all was still. Then above the noise of the storm a far-away whistle sounded faintly. Next there was a hurried movement out upon the platform.

I sprang to my feet and stood against the side of the building next to the track, and, by putting my ear against the boards, I could hear the distant rumble of the train, now fast nearing the station. I tried to imagine where the roughs had placed themselves. Probably around the corner of the building, ready to rush out, revolvers in hand.

The train was now quite near, and presently it drew up to the station with a rumble and roar and hissing of air-brakes.

Almost instantly I heard the shouted command, "Hands up!" followed by the report of four or five revolvers and the sound of scuffling on the planks, which, however, was soon ended, and then a veritable babble of voices and the noise of many feet on the platform.

I dashed out through the waiting room to see how things had gone, and soon found the conductor.

"Hello, Leith, is that you? We have prevented that robbery this time, thanks to your warning. I borrowed half a dozen revolvers from the passengers and called for volunteers, so when we pulled in there were twelve men on the platform ready for business. We've got the robbers in the baggage car—come along and see 'em."

They were a hard-looking set of men. Two of them lay on the floor wounded, though not seriously.

About this time Charley made his appearance on his crutches, clad only in a pair of trousers and a red flannel shirt, one sleeve of which had been torn off to draw over the lantern. He was wet through, his hat was gone, and altogether he looked so forlorn that the passengers, who were profuse in their sympathy and praise, began to make up a purse for him.

After the train had left, I found him in the waiting room, and here we discussed the affair and tried to think how much we should charge the express company for the use of our private line. A few days later, more as a joke than anything else, we sent in a bill for \$50, which was paid promptly, with many thanks for what they called our "prompt action."—By FRANK H. SWEET, in *Express Gazette*.

A VISION.

I SEE a world where thrones have crumbled and where kings are dust. The aristocracy of idleness has perished from the earth.

I see a world without a slave. Man at last is free. Nature's forces have by science been enslaved. Lightning and light, wind and wave, frost and flame, and all the secret, subtle powers of earth and air are the tireless toilers of the human race.

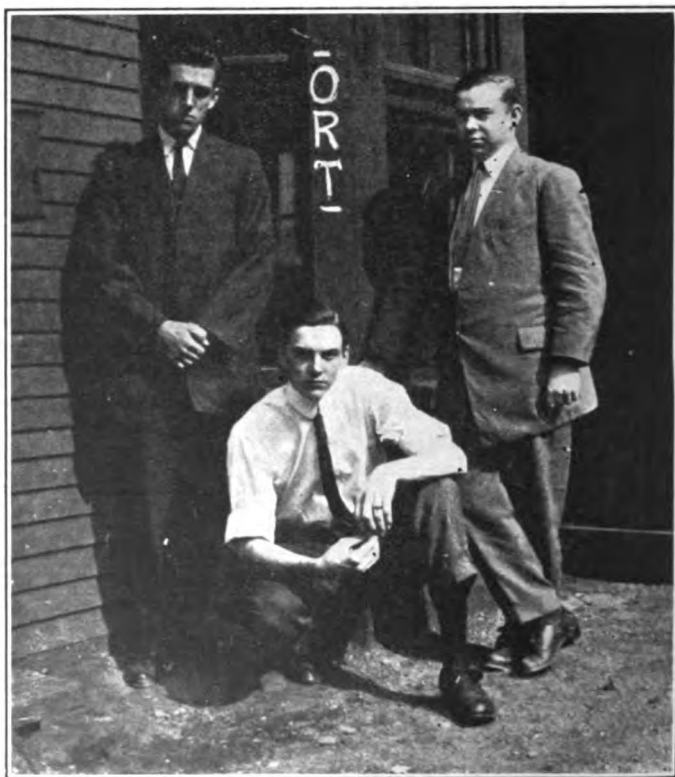
I see a world at peace, adorned with every form of art, with music's myriad voices thrilled, while lips are rich with words of love and truth—a world in which no exile sighs, no prisoner mourns; a world on which the gibbet's shadow does not fall;

a world where labor reaps its full reward;
where work and worth go hand in hand;
where the poor girl trying to win bread with
the needle—the needle, that has been called
“the asp for the breast of the poor”—is not
driven to the desperate choice of crime or
death, of suicide or shame.

I see a world without the beggar's out-
stretched palm, the miser's heartless, stony

stare, the piteous wail of want, the livid
lips of lies, the cruel eyes of scorn.

I see a race without disease of flesh or
brain—shapely and fair, the married har-
mony of form and function—and, as I look
life lengthens, joy deepens, love canopies
the earth; and over all, in the great dome,
shines the eternal star of human hope.—
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POETICAL

June.

Our yearning souls rejoice, when June with her
broad blue skies,
Comes gladly back to us, with Hope in her
flashing eyes.
And the babbling brook and the song of the
whippoorwill
Make our hearts beat warm and happy with a
blissful thrill.

We heark'n to the triumphant voice of the night-
ingale,
And the fragrant breeze carries it over hill and
dale.
We wander through verdant flower-bordered
meadows green,
While the azure realms of the boundless sky are
serene.

And so our souls rejoice, and our hearts beat
warm and high,
The old world's glad and new, as swiftly the days
go by.
And Love's eternal youth has spilled his sweet
perfume,
Making a Paradise through which to walk in June.

—GRACE DAMON BOYSON.

The Two Glasses.

There sat two glasses filled to the brim,
On a rich man's table, rim to rim.
One was ruddy and red as blood,
And one was as clear as the crystal flood.

Said the glass of wine to his paler brother:
"Let us tell tales of the past to each other.
I can tell of banquet and revel and mirth,
Where I was king, for I ruled in might;
And the proudest and grandest souls on earth
Fell under my touch as though struck with blight.
From the heads of kings I have torn the crown;
From the heights of fame I have hurled men down;
I have blasted many an honored name;
I have taken virtue and given shame;
I have tempted the youth with a sip, a taste,
That has made his future a barren waste.
Far greater than any king am I,
Or than any army under the sky.
I have made the arm of the driver fail
And sent the train from its iron rail.
I have made good ships go down at sea.
And the shrieks of the lost were sweet to me.
Fame, strength, wealth, genius before me fall,
And my might and power are over all."
"Ho! Ho! pale brother," laughed the wine,
"Can you boast of deeds as great as mine?"

Said the glass of water: "I can not boast
Of a king dethroned or a murdered host.
But I can tell of hearts that were sad
By my crystal drops made light and glad;
Of thirsts I have quenched and brows I have laved;
Of hands I have cooled and souls I have saved.
I have leaped through the valley and washed down
the mountain;

Slept in the sunshine and dripped from the foun-
tain.

I have burst my cloud-fetters and dropped from
the sky,

And everywhere gladdened the landscape and eye.
I have eased the hot forehead of fever and pain;
I have made the parched meadows grow fertile
with grain;

I can tell of the powerful wheel of the mill
That ground out the flour and turned at my will;
I can tell of manhood debased by you,
That I have uplifted and crowned anew.
I cheer, I help, I strengthen and aid;
I gladden the heart of man and maid;
I set the chained wine-captive free,
And all are better for knowing me."

These are the tales they told each other,
The glass of wine and his paler brother,
As they sat together, filled to the brim,
On the rich man's table, rim to rim.

—ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

Where Ignorance is Bliss.

Lo, in the vale of years beneath
A grisly troop are seen
The painful family of Death.
More hideous than their queen;
This racks the joints, this fires the veins,
That every laboring sinew strains;
These in the deeper vitals rage;
Lo! Poverty to fill the band,
That numbs the soul with icy hand,
And slow-consuming Age.

To each his sufferings; all are men,
Condemned alike to groan;
The tender for another's pain,
The unfeeling for his own.
Yet, ah! Why should they know their fate
Since sorrow never comes too late,
And happiness too swiftly flies?
Thought would destroy their paradise
No more—where ignorance is bliss,
'Tis folly to be wise.

—THOMAS GRAY.

Nobody Knows.

Nobody knows why the summer rose
Droops and dies at the summer's close,
And the vagrant mind its petals brown
Scatter at will thro' the busy town—
Ah, nobody knows!

Nobody knows why the summer goes
And the weary winter brings the snows;
And the boughs are bare and the birds are gone,
And the dreary days drag dully on—
Ah, nobody knows!

Nobody knows why the days disclose
Fears and follies and wants and woes—
And death and duty and pain and care
Scatter their shadows everywhere—
Ah, nobody knows!

Nobody knows why the spirit goes
And the lips grow dumb and the eyelids close;
And the world's desire and the world's unrest
Wake no more in the icy breast—
Ah, nobody knows!

Nobody knows why the day departs
And night brings shadows to skies and hearts
And finds the dreamer at set of sun
With a broken heart o'er task undone—
Ah, nobody knows!

Nobody knows? Ah, yes! Oh, yes!
And that One—God! We grieve and guess,
But He is clearer of sight than we
And he knows why that it comes to be
Yes, somebody knows!

—ARTHUR GOODENOUGH, in
Springfield Republican.

The Railroad Telegrapher.

In a railroad tower not far away
A telegraph operator sits day by day,
Sending messages of safety from tower to tower,
Just a few words, but carrying great power.

Engine number forty on the east-bound track,
Engine number twenty with stock coming back,
A switch here to make, so keep the track clear.
Engine number twenty soon will be here.

Engine numbers fifty and seventy-nine,
With a double-header making slow time.
Conductor McCarthy laid over here
Ten cars of dead freight held into clear.

No fear of collision, no loss of lives,
He must know just the time each train arrives,
How many cars that an engine can pull,
How many cars empty, how many full.

He must tend to all signals to lights burning low,
To guide trains safely, switches he must throw.
All these, yes, and many things more
This operator must do the year o'er and o'er.

He works with a might and a will that is strong,
A heart filled with courage to carry him along.
No medal he wears for the lives he has saved,
Unhonored, unknown he goes to the grave.

Just simple messages, yet holding full away,
Where the safety of life depends day after day
Upon this operator in the railroad tower,
With his telegraph key holding life in its power.

—MYRTLE MAY DRYDEN.

Keep Out of the Past.

Whatever you do in this wonderful world
In business, in church or at play,
Whatever of gain or of loss you have met
With the others who go away,
Keep out of the past
From the first to the last,
And away from its worries stay;
The present has wealth you would never suspect.
If prudent you are and wisely elect
To live in the light of today.

The things that are past did very well once;
Today they are rusty and stale.
That trouble you had with your fellow-man—
Did you struggle in vain and fail?
What of it, indeed?
There is all the more need
That you start on a different trail.
Don't take to the woods, whatever you do.
Just look right ahead; there's a fortune for you
In keeping a well-trimmed sail.

So cramped can we be in our mental states,
So burdened with might-have-beens,
That life will become a woeful waste
For its many outs and ins.
But stop and reflect

You will never be wrecked
By your own or another's sins,
If the past you will keep in its proper place,
And meet what is yours with a candid face—
'Tis the man of today who wins.

—Tid Bits.

Fishing Fever.

I'm wishing for fishing
When blossoms come out.
I'm dreaming of gleaming
And silvery trout.

I'm thinking of slinking
Away from the shore.
I'm sighing for trying
My fortune once more.

I'm talking of walking
Alone by a brook
And luring and purring
Cat fish to the hook.

I'm wishing for fishing
When spring comes this way.
I'm moping and hoping
To try it some day.

FACETIOUS

Hawaii? Pretty Well, Thank You.

"My wife has gone to the West Indies."

"Jamaica?"

"No, she left of her own accord."

Aggrieved.

"Do you think your husband would lay down his life for you?"

"I doubt it. There are times when I want to talk to him, and he won't even lay down his newspaper for me."—*Birmingham Age-Herald*.

Drawing a Bead.

"Did you follow the thread of her discourse?"

"No; I soon saw that she just wanted to string me."

Aftermath.

"Now, Archie," said his teacher, who was trying to teach him the alphabet, "what comes after T?"

"Prayers, ma'am," replied the young hopeful, whose father was a minister.—*Florida Times-Union*.

A Suggestion.

"How did that young architect come out, Slithers?" asked Dubbleigh.

"Oh, we had to fire him—he bungled everything," said Slithers.

"Why didn't you put him in charge of your bungalow department, then?" suggested Dubbleigh.—*Judge*.

Any Time.

Nell—Eliza went to an astrologer to find out when was the best time to get married.

Stell—What did he tell her?

Nell—He took one look at her and told her to grab her first chance.

Unfair.

"Is her complexion fair?"

"Yes, but the way she gets it isn't."

Basis of Opinion.

"Is he fond of peace and quiet?"

"I guess not. He's giving his three daughters musical educations."

Mean Old Uncle Sam.

Stamp Clerk—This letter is overweight, madam.

Woman at Window—Well, of all the mean people! Why, I've mailed hundreds of letters that weren't anywhere near full weight, and now that I'm sending one just a little over you want to charge extra for it.—*San Francisco Chronicle*.

Not a Scarecrow.

A certain Chicago business man has had a great deal of trouble with his workmen, a number of whom have from time to time evinced a disposition "to soldier."

On one occasion, when this gentleman, in company with his brother, was visiting the farm of a friend in Southern Illinois, the two observed an uncouth figure standing in a distant field.

"Since it isn't moving," observed the brother, "it must be a scarecrow."

"That isn't a scarecrow," said the other, after a long gaze at the figure. "That's a man working by the day."—*Lippincott's*.

Couldn't Forget It.

Stonemason (in box describing assault)—He walks into my yard and rams me up agen' one o' me own stones.

Counsel—Did he hurt you?

Stonemason—Hurt me! Why, I've got "sacred to the memory of" stamped all down me back.—*London Tatler*.

Probably True.

"The slashed skirt still holds its own," said Montgomery Carrol, on his return from Monte Carlo. "The slash frequently runs clear up to the knee, too. Sometimes the slash is omitted—the skirt is then transparent to the knee."

Mr. Carrol smiled and added:

"They say—I don't know whether it is true or not—but they say, apropos of these skirts, that the prettier a girl's feet and ankles, the quicker and easier she gets up stares."

Pat and the Apostles.

An English commercial traveler was one day driving past the General Postoffice in Dublin, Ireland. Over the front entrance of the building stand three large stone figures, representing three of the Apostles. The inquisitive traveler asked the Jarvey who was driving the outside car whom those figures denoted, to which the answer quickly came, "The three Apostles, yer honor."

"But," said the traveler, "I thought there were twelve of them. Where are the other nine?"

"Inside, yer honor, sorting the letters."

His Rising Hopes.

Mr. Jenkins was talking with a young man whom he hoped might become his son-in-law. Wishing to encourage the young man, who had very little of this world's goods, the old gentleman said:

"I am proud of my girls, sir, and there is nothing I would like better than to see them married to bright, smart young men. I have made considerable money, and the girls won't go to their husbands penniless, by any means. Now, there's Belle, twenty-five years old, one of the best girls in the world. I shall give her \$10,000 when she marries. Then next comes Caroline, who won't see thirty-five again, and I shall give her \$20,000. And the man who marries Delia, who is forty, will have \$30,000."

The young man reflected for a moment or so and then inquired:

"You haven't got a daughter about fifty, have you?"—*Harper's Bazar*.

Riley at Home.

An Indianapolis lawyer, with a friend, motored down to Greenfield, Ind., the birthplace of James Whitcomb Riley, the Hoosier poet. They had dinner at the hotel and thought they would like to see the house where Riley lived. So they asked the hotel man:

"Where is the Riley house?"

"I don't know any hotel by that name," he replied, "though there may be some such boarding house here."

"I mean the James Whitcomb Riley house," said the lawyer, thinking his host had misunderstood.

"I don't know him. You may be able to find his name in the city directory."

"I guess he's moved," said the lawyer, as he aimlessly thumbed the directory.

"Probably," the hotel keeper commented. "Some of them Irish don't stay long in a place."—*Saturday Evening Post*.

An Obliging Clerk.

She came into the telegraph office and rapped on the counter. The clerk remembered that she had been there about ten minutes before as he came forward to meet her. He wondered what she wanted this time.

"Oh," she said, "let me have that telegram I wrote just now. I forgot something very important. I wanted to underscore 'perfectly lovely' in acknowledging the receipt of that bracelet. Will it cost anything extra?"

"No, ma'am," said the accommodating clerk, as he handed her the message.

The young woman drew two heavy lines beneath the words, and said: "It's awfully good of you to let me do that. It will please Arthur ever so much."

"Don't mention it," said the clerk. "If you would like it I will put a few drops of violet extract on the telegram at the same rates."

"Oh, thank you, sir! You don't know how much I would appreciate it. I'm going to send all my telegrams through this office. You are so obliging."

And the smile she gave him would have done anyone good, with the possible exception of Arthur.—*The Pathfinder*.

Our Correspondents



INEFFICIENCY.

THE *Evening Mail*, for May 4th, says, in a short editorial, as follows: "An examination of the 'help-wanted' advertisements in the daily papers of twenty-eight (28) leading cities for a recent week, showed a falling off of 29 per cent for the entire list. The wonder is, perhaps, that all such advertisements have not ceased altogether. Not ever since 1894 have we had such an epoch of unemployment. And we have 213,000 idle railroad freight cars. And all that happens in the spring of 1914." Go now back to March 17th of our 1914, and a lady writer in the *Evening Mail* then deplores the great mass of women lacking the employment they need. She attributes that, in part, to inefficiency. The same lady deplores also the fact that we have to support institutions for the feeble-minded, the sick, the indigent, etc., instead of restricting the birth rate. Then she adds that "there is always work for the skilled, for those who can do something—*well done*." On top of all that we hear of women taking often the place of men—at lower wages, of course.

We have now collected a little bundle of what we may call petty social evils, yet very perplexing to most people, and even to those engaged in trying to suppress them or curtail at least their bad effects. It is sad and dismal to notice how many fine men and women often become discouraged in their constant effort to at least limit the ravages that all wrongs spread over the human family. Some, on the contrary, appear to be very well satisfied with their efforts against any of the many subsidiary abnormalities we keep having all the time. Any little curtailment of some of them is often taken as a great victory in the march of our desultory progress. That is fatal, because it keeps us sunk in the same chaos of all

times and all ages in historic development. That is what prolongs the kingdom of all serious and deeper wrongs. It is like an army in the field against a powerful enemy, forever satisfied with some petty advantages and never willing to extend its efforts in such a way as to cripple the antagonistic army, to destroy it if possible, to make an end of the war.

It is by the tactics or military processes we have mentioned that progress remains forever a miserable battlefield between humanity and God, between nations and the order of the universe. We assume that to be inevitable, for the present, anyhow. That assertion has never been proved. That is fatalism in the realm of thought. Not until we get rid of that dreadful philosophy can we expect any success in the realm of a real progress. We can not even initiate any positive civilization until we commence with the conviction that evil is necessarily self-destructive, and can only live in so far as we mix it up with some of the good we may see fit to perform. We must eliminate all wrong in our efforts to establish the right. It is then that our victories shall produce great results in our fight against social evils.

We accept the idea of women having to compete with men in our industrial combinations. That has never been proved. Man alone was by God ordained to be a wealth-producer. Woman was to be the home ornament and the mother. That is all.

About forty years ago one of the brightest and most philosophic writers of England said: "A woman can be very homely and does not need to lack a husband." Today, in this grand nation of ours, we have but about five women that are able to get married for every one who goes through life unmarried. Fifty or more

years ago, and down to sixty centuries, at least 95 per cent of women managed to get a husband. We have all of 8,000,000 from twenty-five years of age forced to remain single until death takes them away. That means multitudes of men unmarried for all time to come. Neither the men nor the women in question can afford to go into the matrimonial combination. That is what they think, anyhow. No wonder that competition among workers is more ferocious than ever in human history. We can hardly conceive of any greater social absurdity on earth, no matter what the cause may be. Life seems to be more and more perplexing and unnatural than ever. We may have more wealth than ever, but that does not seem to increase our happiness. All our modern joys appear to lack stamina. They are all so evanescent!

What now about that inefficiency to which we often attribute our industrial troubles? We claim to have plenty of jobs for the efficient in this or that useful occupation, but lack jobs for the many apparently too stupid to be good for anything. Somebody or something must be responsible for the supposed or actual inefficiency of the many. A good general can make good soldiers out of all classes and conditions of men. A good employer can make the best employes in all occupations. A good husband and a good wife can do a great deal for mutual happiness. Good government would soon make good citizens, while the latter would very rapidly make good government. Healthy social conditions would give some form of efficiency to everybody. It is all a question of the education we important men may see fit to establish in the essentials of our combined development. We don't refer to the mere education that fills up the brains with surface or merely ornamental knowledge. We mean the education of duties to God and to each other, for our full life.

Ladies and gentlemen, are we sure that we know anything about the full life we owe to each other? Are we not yet working for the mean life of all of us? Not that we intend to do any such thing, but please let us try to be sensible, and we shall

then find that most of our traditions are yet fatalistic. Sin is yet considered inevitable on earth. Who makes it so—the Creator? Of course not. We have practically received omnipotent power for good, and only limited power for evil, for wrong and sin.

The two kinds of power have been granted to men grouped in nations or social organizations. After centuries of progress, the progress of despair, we still keep legislating God out of existence, as much so as we can. There we have inefficiency with a vengeance. We are all dreadfully inefficient in the most essential departments of human development.

Maximum beauty and complete unity, through boundless variations in phenomena, combinations and details, through all cosmic and conscious life development . . . that is the aim of the universe, men on earth included. We still remain in love with a godless progress. Hence all the inefficiency we manage to have, personal and collective, in every unfolding of human life.

JOSE GROS.

CARD OF THANKS.

As a result of my appeal to all members of the O. R. T., which was kindly given prominent space on page 407 of the *MARCH TELEGRAPHER*, I have to date received substantial assistance from the following brothers: J. O. Johnson, L. E. Whiting, N. O. Lyell, J. D. Stine, W. F. Coleman, J. Kolbo, J. F. Stevens, F. L. J. Maggiola, S. A. Shoemaker, S. S. Kofer, J. W. Burgess, O. L. Howard and C. C. Jewell. The prompt and liberal response of Bro. Stine came from Cuba, and the other loyal brothers named represent nine States of the Union. A letter postmarked Wheeling, W. Va., and without name, brought a crisp \$1 bill. I sincerely thank each of these kind brethren who have given me a helping hand during my affliction; may God bless them. I am quite confident there are others of our craft who will respond to my appeal, as three letters were received yesterday. My condition is practically the same as for the past month, but slightly better than when I left Alabama in January. Will you please read the tenth chap-

ter of St. Luke, verses 25 to 37, inclusive; this lesson has prompted me to refer to all who respond to my appeal, or to that of any worthy person in affliction or distress, as good Samaritans—as the spirit shown by them corresponds with that of the Samaritan. Will be pleased to hear from any brother who may find pleasure in lending a helping fraternal hand as the brothers above mentioned have done. Address, C. E. Moss, Route 2, Smyrna, Ga.

Fraternally,

C. E. Moss, Cert. 1056, Div. 32.

ATTENTION, MEMBERS!

Did you read an appeal in the March TELEGRAPHER, pages 407 and 408? If you overlooked this matter, do not fail to take it up now and give it your prompt and generous consideration.

The appeal is signed C. E. Moss, and I ask your consideration on the following grounds:

Bro. Moss is personally known to me, and up to the time of his disability was not only regular and attentive to his duties at

the telegraph table, but was active in the interest of the O. R. T. He was, in 1906 and 1907, local chairman for Atlanta Division, Southern Railway System, Division 59, and did much organizing on that division, assisted in securing revision of schedule and substantial increase for Division 59 in 1907, and a representative to Minneapolis Convention same year, and did considerable organizing on the Southeastern Division of the Frisco (Division 32) during his three years and ten months with that road and was always ready to assist those in affliction or distress.

Some months prior to the time that severe lung trouble forced Mr. Moss to discontinue work, he had sickness and death in his family, and his expenses were very heavy.

If you desire to assist this worthy brother during his affliction, or, in other words, furnish flowers while he lives, send aid in any amounts to C. E. Moss, R. F. D. No. 2, Smyrna, Ga.

Fraternally,

A. L. ATKINS, Cert. 1714, Div. 59.





NOTICE.

All matter for this department must be in the hands of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer on or before the 28th day of the month in order to insure its use in the following issue.

New Haven, Conn., Div. No. 29.

In the absence of Chief Terry the meeting on May 3d was conducted by General Chairman Ross.

The watch question, the principal topic, provoked a good deal of discussion. It seems like a hardship now, but in a year or two probably all concerned will be glad they have watches measuring up to standard. A good watch is a necessity.

The committee appointed to look after the welfare of Bro. O'Keefe reported that he had been placed in Waterbury hospital, where he is receiving the best of attention.

Everybody examined on the new joint book of rules, effective June 6th, which contains several changes.

Welcome back, Bro. Culver; glad you have arranged other matters so we may see your smiling countenance at the meetings again.

T. A. A.

Western Division, N. H. & C. N. E.—

Bro. L. Schulz, Danbury, was called to Mauch Chunk, Pa., by the death of his mother. He has the sympathy of the division.

The Western Division dispatchers are making their semi-annual trips over the road, relieved by Jesse Brink.

Bro. R. H. Brown, Lee, has returned from a week's vacation. Bro. G. M. Seaman, veteran agent Stormville, has returned after a prolonged absence, due to illness. Bro. K. N. Seaman, his son, relieved him.

The station and all the other buildings at Brewster have been improved by a coat of paint.

Bro. E. L. Clark ably represents the C. N. E., and I will therefore not cover anything west of Hopewell Jct.

T. A. A., Div. Cor.

Western Division, N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R.—

Bro. Babcock, of Terryville, bid in Cornwall Bridge agency.

Bro. Slater, third West Patterson, C. N. E., bid in third New Milford, vice Bro. Bessette, who bid in second Hawleyville, vice Bro. Cassidy, who bid in Canaan second. This brings him near his home town, Sheffield.

Bro. O. C. Wheaton has been appointed on the safety first committee. Congratulations.

Bro. P. J. Reardon bid in second "RX" tower, relieved on bid at second "HJ" Hawleyville Jct. tower by Bro. Sommers, of "BK."

Bros. Cranwell and Gallagher, of Towantic, and Bro. Cassidy, of Sheffield, have returned from a very pleasant journey to the coast, bringing back several interesting pictures taken en route, Bro. Cassidy acting as photographer, except when the subjects were "Indians."

Bro. Gillette, of Pittsfield, recently confined to Griffin hospital at Derby, Conn., with rupture, is out and convalescing rapidly. We will be glad to hear this genial brother's O. K. "G" again.

Bros. Davids and Babcock, of Still River and Cornwall Bridge, respectively, were recent visitors to Waterbury, accompanied by Conductor G. B. Whaley, from Danbury.

Bro. Tarbox, at Sandy Hook, has now a private phone line running from the station to his house; Bro. Nutting, lineman.

Bro. Wolcott has moved to Bridgeport from Waterbury, and is now on Botsford third, feeling fine, his operation for appendicitis having been a success.

Bros. Hydrick and Sommers, of Berk. Jct., got a nice mess of good-sized suckers at Sandy Hook.

Bro. Bigely, at Southbury, has bought a new automobile, and invites the brothers to call and take a "joy ride."

Bro. Brewer, at Southbury, can now supply the brothers with fresh eggs. Bro. Van Deusen, first New Milford, now has a six-wire jack for his office, also a resonator and other improvements to facilitate business. Bro. Ryan, second there, gave a dance recently, attended by a large crowd, including several brothers. Bro. Ryan is the leader of the New Milford Drum Corps.

Bro. Bert Dunbar was relieved on Danbury first, while down with mumps, by Bro. Schultz.

All the dealers are trying to sell the boys a standard timepiece, and some are getting bargains.

Bro. G. M. Seaman, veteran agent Stormville, is off recuperating, relieved by Bro. K. N. Seaman.

T. A. A.

Central New England Ry., Div. No. 29.

Bro. Teasdale, off sick a week, was relieved by Bro. R. Yeager.

Our committee—Bros. Margraf, Clark and Marshall—met in Poughkeepsie on May 11th, and cleaned up all grievances in good shape and lined up our vacations so everyone entitled to one this year should get it without any trouble, as we have two relief agents working.

Bro. Carey is now on his week's vacation, as our schedule now provides for one week's vaca-

tion with pay each year. Agents, after five years' service, receive two weeks' vacation each year with pay. Brothers, we should show our appreciation for these benefits by giving good service.

Wrecks are sometimes caused by brake riggings coming down, derailing cars, etc. Remember, brothers, everything of this nature you discover and report means a merit mark for you. Bro. Scott, third "BO" tower, recently received three merit marks and a commendation from our general superintendent for stopping three different freight trains with brake riggings down.

Bro. Dalley, first "BO" tower, is making weekly trips to Highland lately.

Bro. Hotchkin served as the first operator on the efficiency committee, which meets in the general superintendent's office each month.

The membership on this road is larger than ever before, and we should all work with our chairman to make it 100 per cent by keeping after the few nons until we get them in. They are all good boys and girls, and all they need now is an up-to-date card.

Remember, our motto hereafter will be: "O. R. T. works for O. R. T. members only."

Bro. Joyce was relieved recently for a trip to the "big city" by Mr. Dorr.

I did not receive any news from you brother members. Please send me all the items you can by the 20th of the month, so we can have a good write-up.
E. L. C., Cert. 263.

Providence, R. I., Div. No. 35.

Twenty-two years ago Bro. Joe Buck and John Dunn opened the Orms street tower in Providence, one of the hottest propositions on the Providence Division, always filled by competent men. When all the men employed there become O. R. T. members there will be little left to be perfected.

It is with sincere regret that we learn of Bro. L. B. Timmons being compelled to go to the Massachusetts general hospital for eye treatment, and hope he will soon return fully recovered.

Everyone should study the new book of rules carefully. In this matter it is not sufficient to only "look" wise.

Bro. Remington is trying his hand at train dispatching. A man of his weight should have no difficulty in holding it down.

Very few have purchased new watches, and very few need them. This watch question is an imposition upon our men.

From the fact that no word has come from St. Louis since Bro. Joslin went there, we naturally conclude that Bro. Pearson's namesake has kept him too busy to allow time for writing. It is some kid, all right.

Division members who are members of the benefit association should remember that in order to insure benefits from the B. A. your division dues should be promptly paid. Don't neglect so important a matter.

Bro. Black, second East Foxboro tower, is on vacation to Butte, Mont., relieved by Bro. Pelouquin.

Bro. Provencher has returned from two weeks' vacation spent in Chicago.

Most of us have been taught to believe that money could talk, whereas recent discoveries prove it both deaf and dumb.

Bro. Quick is right when he says "Now is the time to exemplify that motto so long advocated—'A long pull, a strong pull, and a pull all together.'" Let's follow his advice.

Any yet in arrears should pay up promptly, and all make a special effort to go into the second period with a clean slate, thus saving our secretary-treasurer an amount of unnecessary labor for which there is ample use in other directions. You should assist the officers of your division in every possible way to conduct its affairs in a business-like manner. Let us wake up, do something and be somebody. A name to live is not enough; we must be alive.

A committee is at work upon a plan for the proper observance of Memorial Sunday, July 12th. Every member who possibly can should be present and help make it a pronounced success.

Div. Cor.

New Rochelle, N. Y., Div. No. 37.

At our last meeting thirty-four members and officers were present, and two candidates were balloted for and elected to membership. E. G. Smith, of Glenbrook, Conn., was awarded the \$10 goldpiece, and Bro. Minkler, of Riverside, Conn., the \$10 shawl which the division had purchased from a brother in need.

After routine business, we discussed the watch question, and every member spoke, the unanimous opinion being that we should not be compelled to buy watches, but that the company should furnish standard clocks.

Some of the boys were in New York City, April 24th-25th, taking the two days', seven hours each, civil-service examination for inspector of hours or service, Interstate Commerce Commission. The points are: Spelling, 20 words, 5; Arithmetic, to division of fractions and decimals, 5; reporting a wreck, not less than 600 words, 15; practical questions, duties of an inspector, etc., 25; experience and references, 50. Total, 100. A position of this kind would be all right for a single man, but too much running around for a married man. The papers state that the pay is \$1,800 per year and expenses, but one of the first papers handed an applicant asks, "What is the lowest rate of pay you will accept?" Also in what part of the United States or territories you would be willing to work? We hope some of the O. R. T. members are successful in obtaining these appointments. We know they would be a credit to the government service.

Division 37 should have a baseball team. Now is the time to start, and when the time arrives for our annual clambake, our team will be in good playing condition.

Bro. Reif, C. T., announces his intention of touring the country. Perhaps some of us may get the opportunity of touring Mexico.

CERT. 123, Div. Cor.

Springfield, Mass., Div. No. 38.**B. & A. Ry.—**

Bro. Travers, second trick tower 65, has purchased a Ford touring car. His little red runabout was won by Conductor Austin, Harlem Division, Chatham, N. Y.

Bro. H. D. Whitney, covered first tower 65, two weeks, while Bro. E. F. Whitney and wife were in Detroit and Cass City, Mich., visiting Charles E. Wager and wife. Mr. Wager, who was with the B. & A. three years ago, is now station agent for the G. T. at Cass City, Mich.

Bro. W. H. Sweet is covering third Washington, vice Bro. H. B. Rice.

H. L. Moore bid in agency Middlefield. Operator Bondsville, second Washington and third Russell are up for bid again.

Bro. Dwight Chase and other brothers at tower 55, N. A. Jct. are kept quite busy swinging those seventy-six levers, especially "the puzzle," or slip, as they call it.

Bro. Service is at Becket.

Boys, send me some news for the next magazine, and see that the nons get an up-to-date card. They can afford it as well as the rest of us. Members not in good standing should pay up and get back with the regulars again. "Doc."

Boston, Mass., Div. No. 41.**B. & M. R. R., Fitchburg Division—**

Bro. Hadley has resigned the seven-day telegraph position at Union Square, now posted six days. The agent is now to cover the Sunday hours, 8 a. m. to 8 p. m. No bids yet on this vacancy.

Bro. Lawrence, "WJ" tower, viewed the "Votes for Women" parade recently in Boston.

Bro. Jones, at "NY" East Portal, and his wife are enjoying the good country air of North Adams, where they reside.

Dispatcher Whitelaw, third trick "CW," to North Adams, relieved "DS" on third east of Gardner.

We are glad to hear that Bro. Brightman is back at Troy, N. H., after a long siege of pneumonia.

Bro. Campbell, formerly with Bro. Clifton at Roberts, has been assigned to second "FG." When 259 recently piled up seventeen cars in front of Westminster station, Bro. "CN," at "FG" third, went to "RA" to assist in the use of single iron, relieved by Bro. Campbell.

Bro. Handlon, from Gardner, bid in second "JD." It is rumored that "JD" and the Boston office of the Southern Division are to be consolidated.

R. Y. Scott is on third "JD," vice Mike Meehan, now dispatching on the W. N. & P. Division at Nashua.

Bro. Campbell, of Roberts, bid in second East Fitchburg.

Portland Division—

Paul Pitman assigned to Conway agency while Bro. Snow is at Maplewood, Mass., agency for six months.

Bro. Beegan, second Everett Jct. tower, bid in temporary vacancy at first West Lynn.

Ex-Bro. Danforth, formerly sheetman at tower "A," is on third Rugby tower.

Bro. Arason, second Newburyport, bid in Plaistow agency.

Bro. C. L. Beaton, second Portsmouth, has received his appointment in the railway mail service.

Following vacancies have been advertised: Ticket agent and operator Biddeford, Me.; agent and operator Plaistow, N. H.; first Rockingham, N. H., and Kennebunk, Me.; second Newburyport, Mass. Rockingham, N. H., and West Kennebunk, Me.; operator Newburyport freight house.

FRANK B. GRAY, Div. Cor.,
Melrose, Mass.

B. & M., C. & P. South—

Pending bulletin: Clerk and operator Easthampton, New Haven side and Holyoke freight house.

Silver street switch has been reopened and bid in—Bro. Jones, first; Bro. Cyr, second, and Mr. Hurst, third.

It is now Bro. Wells at Willimansett, and Bro. Mulvey at Ashuelot, due to the good work of Bro. Cyr.

Bro. Coombs, agent Winchester, on six months' leave, relieved by Mr. Crowley.

The new dispatcher's office opened at Greenfield abolished "K" message office. The work formerly done there is now handled at the dispatcher's office and the train work at "S."

Thanks to Bro. Cyr for his news items from the south end. Hope he will keep it up.

Brothers, get after that non next to you, get him in line, and remember, "No card, no favors."

C. B., Div. Cor.

New York, N. Y., Div. No. 44.

The regular monthly meeting on Saturday, May 9th, was largely attended, which shows the interest the brothers are taking in the division, and that is what is needed. All who can possibly do so should attend regularly and keep in close touch with its affairs.

It was decided to hold our annual anniversary reception and entertainment on Saturday, June 6th instead of the 13th, the regular meeting night, as it gave the members and their friends more time to enjoy themselves.

Long Island R. R., Station News—

Sister I. Webb was off three weeks owing to the death of her father; relieved by Bro. Dietz. The brothers and sisters of Division 44 extend to Sister Webb their heartfelt sympathy.

Bro. Furmaw, agent Merrick, takes Central Islip on bid, relieved by Mr. Bonuck.

F. W. Jarvis, agent Springfield, recently dismissed. Bro. Anderson bid a tearful adieu to his old love, Richmond Hill, to take second Long Beach, vice Bro. Rust, to first Oyster Bay.

Bro. Nichols, from Glen Head to assistant agent under Bro. Jim Robinson at King's Park.

Bro. Brown from East Williston to assistant agent at Farmingdale.

Quite a number of the agents on the east end are figuring what to do with their spare time as second trick operators when the table is changed.

Signal Station News—

Bro. E. B. Collyer has his baseball team in first-class shape and challenges any railroad team in the immediate vicinity to a game for any amount. Ed can be seen coaching his men any Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday afternoon on the Woodhaven grounds.

Bro. A. A. Leonard is enjoying a well-earned vacation with friends and relatives in Pennsylvania.

Bros. Gregory, Vehlow and Godnick were on a fishing trip in deep water off Wreck Lead recently. Bro. Vehlow hooked the largest fish of the catch, and was pulled overboard when Bro. Godnick jumped in after him, and Bro. Gregory was compelled to use a boat-hook to get them back into the boat. The efforts of the two brothers saved Bro. Vehlow from Davy Jones' locker, a strange place for a railroad man.

The division's most successful farmer, Bro. Heller, should visit Bro. Eastwood's farm and get a few pointers on raising tomatoes for market.

Signal station changes: J. J. Murray, third "BJ" to second "BJ;" F. A. Keenan, extra to third "OA" cabin; E. D. Curran, second "B" cabin to third "PD;" F. Redding, second "OY" to third "HJ;" W. H. Leiffel, second Cave to first "HQ."

Summer positions: T. Bennett, first "OY" to first "WD;" E. Clark, extra, to second "WD;" J. F. Hendrickson, first "HC" to first "RO" cabin; G. Dahlbender, third "HY" to second "RO" cabin; T. J. Cunneely, third "MP" to first "SE" cabin; F. L. Thompson, third "WT" to split trick "FT;" J. J. Smith, extra to helper at "WT;" H. Todd, extra to helper at "FW;" H. D. Rugan, extra to helper at "VA."

On Wednesday evening, May 20th, it being the anniversary of his birth, Bro. Hudson was agreeably surprised by a few of his many friends. After a royal welcome by the host and his wife, the company settled itself to a most enjoyable evening of music, song and stories, also an abundance of the many good things that go to make life enjoyable and show the skill of the housewife. Among the many present were: Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hilley, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. L. Meringer, Mr. and Mrs. H. Schroeder, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Gaffney, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Heller, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. A. Filby, Mr. and Mrs. E. Van Nostrand, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Adams, Miss M. L. Webb and mother, Mrs. J. E. Shields, Mrs. P. T. Mackin; the Misses Gaffney, Burke, Marie; Mr. A. A. Leonard, E. F. and C. O. Webb and F. Goetker. Div. Coa.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our heavenly Father and all-wise Ruler of the universe to call to his reward the beloved son of our Bro. A. Filby; in manifestation of our grief and fraternal sympathy, be it

Resolved, That the members of New York Division, No. 44, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the sorrowing brother and members of the afflicted family their sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved brother, a copy spread upon the minutes of the division, and a copy forwarded to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

O. A. HUDSON,

J. S. MARTIN,

A. F. HELLER,

Committee.

Boston, Mass., Div. No. 89.

Worthy Chief Bro. Enos called the May night meeting to order promptly at 8 p. m., as there was much important business to be transacted among which was the report of General Chairman Bro. Ross regarding standard watches and time inspection. His report also embodied grievances handled. These reports coming direct from our chairman sometimes put on an aspect different from what is heard up and down the line, therefore it is for your interest to attend the meetings where you get the information you seek, from its true source.

Bro. Mullen, our legislative agent, reports that, owing to being short-handed, he was recalled to duty in the dispatcher's office at Taunton, therefore we were without representation at the State House for a short period. He reports that a substitute bill was drafted by the division and placed upon the Senate calendar by Senator Dean, which is liable to be taken from the table any day. The bill in question is a modification of the one championed by the O. R. S. A. and amended by this division, but declared unconstitutional by the attorney-general of Massachusetts, and in consequence thereof a new bill was substituted as above stated.

N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., Boston Division—

Savin Hill tower was abolished May 17th. Bro. Godfrey landed Back Bay tower, a season job during Bro. Keough's absence; Bro. Hickey displaced Mr. Snyder, second Harrison Square station, and Bro. Clark reverts back to the spare list.

Bro. Charles Kohler, unable to resist the beautiful spring weather, laid off Sunday to commune with nature; relieved by Bro. Clark, who also relieved Bro. Waden one day.

Bro. Pierce has succeeded in increasing the female population of Braintree. Congratulations, old man.

Bro. Monson bid in first Nantasket Jct.

Bro. D. J. Hickey went to Springfield for a short visit.

Nantasket and Pemberton agencies, up for bids, are only season jobs.

Bro. Bill Riley, agent at Monticello, while proud of his up-to-date card, has one issued to him twenty years ago, which he holds in high esteem. He waxes eloquent in relating its history, and rightly so, but ask him, it harkens well of war times.

Bro. Joy is relieving Mr. Ballou, of Mattapan, for a month. It would be joy, indeed, if Bro. Joy would land him.

Bro. Don Godfrey has taken a trip to the great white way to fit himself for Back Bay tower, where the headlights loom bright as day.

N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., Midland Division —

Delinquents pay up before you are dropped from the list.

Dispatcher Bro. Jacobs has qualified as instructor and examiner on the new book of rules, and is now out on the road examining and instructing large classes each day.

Third trick tower 214 Hartford, which pays \$20.20, is up for bids, and is the best one advertised since the copier's position some time ago.

A nice, round sum of back time was paid to the sisters and brothers at Plainfield and Oxford.

Bro. W. E. Murphey, promoted to spare dispatcher, is working third trick.

BARDOL, Div. Cor.

Chicago, Ill., Div. No. 91.

East End E. J. & E.—

Bro. Cooper relieved Mr. Maxwell, first Hobart, ten days when called home owing to his father's serious illness. "MC" office was closed and "RH" handled the business. Bro. Cooper has the promise of two of the nons at "MS" to come in this month. We want to see now that they don't forget it, and keep this end solid.

"HN" third now on bulletin, vice Bro. Wolshleg, resigned. We have lost a good member from Division 91. We wish him success.

Div. Cor.

Meridian, Miss., Div. No. 94.

Southern Ry. in Mississippi —

As we have got a schedule now, boys, let us live up to it. We were put in Division 94 with the Mobile & Ohio as it controls and operates this line.

Indianola was bid in by C. M. Hankins, of Kilmichael. Boys, see that he is lined up.

Stewart agency is on bulletin, filled by G. A. Gunter, vice L. P. Brown, former agent, who succeeded Gunter as relief agent.

J. C. Green, agent Indianola, attended the recent Shriners' meeting at Atlanta, Ga.

There is a new operator at Moorhead.

Local Chairman Neyman and Cashier Lamb were on a hunting trip recently.

The depot at Stoneville was somewhat shaken up recently, but no one injured.

We had quite a crowd from here last week for Jacksonville, Fla.

The West Point, Miss., band carried off the musical honors in Jacksonville, Fla., recently, at the convention of the old Confederates.

Some of you fellows send me some news and items of interest for the next write-up.

"SR," Cert. 286.

Sydney, N. S., Div. No. 133.

Intercolonial Railway of Canada—

Our meeting held at North Sydney was well attended. Some important matters were discussed, and some very interesting and beneficial information given by Bros. F. A. Gillis and M. A. J. McDonald.

Two new members were admitted—Bro. Keef. "BR" nights, and Bro. Nesbett, dispatcher on the S. & L. Boys, this is encouraging.

"We are still up and doing.

With a heart for any faith.

Still achieving, still pursuing,

The nons, before it is too late."

Let us keep after the few on our division, they need us badly and we need them.

We are kept pretty busy studying the standard rules, and glad to say most of us have them written and complete and ready for business. Bro. I. W. Reaves, our instructor, keeps after the boys to write them up, but there are only a few more.

Bro. S. W. Burns, agent North Sydney Jct. and relieving dispatcher, is now relieving one of the dispatchers in Sydney.

Bro. T. Dooley, who has been home several months on account of an operation performed at Port Arthur, has entirely recovered and will soon return to his old position at Horn on the C. P. R.

Boys, send in some items, and help to make our division lively. It is time something was done as this is the first write-up for some time.

"C," Cert. 38.

North Adams, Mass., Div. No. 139.

B. & M. R. R.—

The May meeting was called on time, with a goodly crowd on deck, and plenty of argument concerning the big clambake that the division will hold the latter part of July or first of August. The tickets will soon be out, so get your little roll of jingle ready to make a noise like two tickets per head. Loosen up and join the bunch. A good time is assured with plenty of eats and lubrication.

Johnsonville tower third has been assigned to Towerman Lawrence, which makes it quite evident that it is unnecessary for an operator or agent to waste time applying for such positions, and it is to be run strictly of absolute block system. Then it is only right that the operators arrange it so that the towermen can not work straight telegraph nor agents' positions. No better one way than it is the other. See who, on the spare list, will stay idle the most.

Special meeting between the five big Orders, O. R. T., O. R. C., B. R. T., B. L. F. E. and B. L. E. was held May 24th at Greenfield, with the purpose of federating, have not heard the results.

Should the trio at Troy union station apply for membership cards do the secretary and treasurer a favor by sending him the interesting advice so he can furnish the necessary papers to make them up to date.

Bro. Glass is on the pitching staff of Mechanicsville, and making good.

Bro. Hanlon, who bid in North Adams first, is still covering Williamstown second. Third North Adams abrogated, get me? Neither do I.

Greenfield "K" closed; business handled by "N" side wire job. Every little bit added to what you have, makes just a little bit more.

Bro. Banker, our secretary and treasurer, has been sowing the seed of O. R. T.-ism, and is anxiously awaiting the results of a bigger crop of brass pounders who have been enlightened enough to realize that if they have ever received a raise that it did not come through the charity of the railroad company, but through the efforts of our committee, who sure will appreciate it with a greater vim if the receivers will only brace up and recognize the originating point. Be men.

This is short, but hope to see it touching, so I'll beat it and bid you all an enjoyable vacation.

CERT. 4.

Nashua, N. H., Div. No. 152.

Boston & Maine R. R.—

Our regular correspondent, owing to his numerous duties, could not possibly attend to this work, and I have been appointed in his place. I hope every member will co-operate and send me all the news they can before the 20th of every month.

Attendance at our meetings are not up to the standard. Twelve members live here in Nashua, and there is no reason why at least eight of them should not attend. The Keene branch is well represented, and our worthy chief, Bro. Harry E. Heath, of Ponemah, has missed only one meeting since he was elected January, 1913. The east and west ends are always there. These meetings are the life of the Order, and everyone should attend who possibly can; learn each others' troubles and what is going on on the various parts of the road; get in touch with one another, and become better acquainted.

We should get after the non-members on the division, and see that every brother pays up promptly and carries an up-to-date. This is the kind of a solid front to have.

We now have five members out of the nine dispatchers, Bros. A. W. Maloy, F. H. Willard, G. H. Cook, J. P. Osgood and W. J. Knowles recently appointed. We hope to have Messrs. L. S. Bartlett, J. McGuire, Barnes and Meehan with us soon. Bro. G. F. Riley, from Nashua east yard, is now telegraphing in the dispatcher's office.

Owing to his increasing optical business, Bro. Fred H. Collins had to give up his position as dispatcher, which he has faithfully filled for some thirty-two years. Best wishes to you, old Doc, for success.

Brothers, when you read this dig down in your pockets and send \$4.00 to Secretary and Treasurer

Bro. J. W. Vaillancourt, 111 Allds St., Nashua, N. H., for your dues and do not forget to come to our next meeting, as business of the utmost importance will be transacted.

J. I. SAREAULT, Div. Cor., Cert. 7.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, has deemed it best to call to his heavenly home the beloved father of Bro. Geo. H. Mansfield; and

WHEREAS, We bow in humble submission to Him that doeth all things well; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the Nashua Order of Railroad Telegraphers, Division 152, extend to Bro. Mansfield our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in his sad bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved brother, a copy spread upon the minutes of Division 152 and a copy sent to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

F. W. DICKERSON,

S. L. RILEY,

J. W. VAILLANCOURT,

Committee.

Hamilton, Ont., Div. No. 155.

Toronto, Hamilton & Buffalo Ry.—

I wish to thank the brothers in Hamilton, of Division 155, who so kindly sent me a bunch of flowers when I was laid up after the operation on my throat, which in itself was a slight one, but complications set in and I was threatened with blood poisoning. I also wish to thank Bros. Smith, Jerseyville; McClary, Grassies, McDonald, Smithville, and Nevills, Hamilton, for calling and cheering me up. Bro. Smith, of Jerseyville, relieved me on my holidays, which, in this case, was a pretty costly one.

Bro. W. Malcolm, who relieved four days at Smithville, later relieved Bro. Ab Campbell, Stoney Creek, for a trip to Toronto and Niagara Falls.

Sunday, May 17th, the boys had Bro. G. D. Robertson, third Vice-President, out to visit them, and I missed a very good time on account of sickness. This was an open meeting with the brothers of the C. T. U. A., but they did not turn out very well.

EDA.

Boston Elevated, Div. No. 156.

Solid O. R. T.—

Bro. Farley, assigned split trick tower "A.;" Bro. Trask, second tower "P.," and Bro. Roughside, Jr., third tower "D."

Printed schedule received and very much appreciated by the brothers.

Pleasant Sunday time table run Sunday, May 24th. Eighty trains per hour at tower "C."

The legislative committee report progress. The substitute bill for time off with pay was tabled at last accounts. Expect it to be taken up again most any day.

Bro. Tuttle back to work June 1st.

The sympathy of the division is extended to Bro. Connors in his affliction by the death of his

mother. Proper action will be taken at next regular meeting.

The boys are wondering who will land the job at the new Boylston St. tower.

If you don't send any scribbling for the scribe to scribble how do you expect him to scribble it? Send in your items, brothers, if you want a good write-up.

The question of the trainmen entering the tower service will probably be settled by the American Federation of Labor.

Bro. Lucas is back at work and fully recovered from a serious operation.

The boys are all saving up for vacations, and will probably be able to get their choice of vacation time this year. TRUSSELL, Cert. 24.

Grand Trunk Ry., Div. No. 1.

Note--Dues notice and remittance slips for the term, July 1 to December 31, 1914, will be mailed to all members on the Grand Trunk, Grand Trunk Pacific, and those out of the service entirely, about June 10th.

The amount for members in the service located in the Province of Quebec, and the United States, is \$6.00 per term.

The amount for members not in the service of any road, or filling positions not covered by the schedule in Quebec and the United States, is \$4.00 per term.

The amount for members in the service located in the Provinces of Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia, is \$6.50 per term. The extra 50 cents is general counsel fee.

The amount for members not in the service, or members filling positions not covered by the schedule located in the Provinces of Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia, is \$4.50 per term, the extra 50 cents being general counsel fee.

A prompt renewal of cards will be greatly appreciated by your committee. If you will comply with this request, it will enable them to give more time to other matters pertaining to your welfare. Division dues should always be remitted direct to Bro. D. L. Shaw, London, Ontario.

Mutual benefit assessments are also due, and should be remitted at once direct to Bro. L. W. Quick, St. Louis, Mo. On a \$300.00 policy, remit \$1.20; on a \$500.00 policy, remit \$1.80, and on a \$1,000.00 policy, remit \$3.60.

It was thought by the members of the general committee, when the recent negotiations were on, that the men generally would be willing to contribute at least one month's increase secured through the new schedule, thereby enabling the treasurer to liquidate the indebtedness incurred through the deal. After the negotiations were over, the division was \$752.27 in debt to the general committeemen, and in order to clear this debt, and to build up the treasury so as to support the traveling general chairman, the committee, when rendering a report to the membership and others concerned, requested all in the service receiving a benefit to send in one month's increase for the above purpose, as well as to show appreciation

for the improved conditions. This is a rule followed, and is readily complied with, by the same class on all other roads, regardless of size or part of the country located in. A few have complied with this request, some sending in double the amount of their increase, and we thank these good brothers for the proper spirit displayed in the matter. However, a whole lot of the members, and others as well, have so far simply ignored the request. This kind of treatment has led your committeemen to think that a good many of the boys care little or nothing whether they (the committeemen) are paid for the time lost through the recent negotiations or not, that so long as certain ones get an increase, the fellows who lost their time in bringing about the improved conditions can either wait or whistle for amount due them. Now, boys, don't treat committeemen in that way. It is utterly impossible for them to live on wind any more than you could. Neither can your division exist and prosper without funds any more so than could the C. P. R. or C. N. Divisions. When your committeemen convened last fall for the purpose of revising your schedule, they discussed the advisability of levying a special assessment for the purpose of raising funds to carry on the negotiations, but decided not to do so, thinking that everyone in the service would readily contribute their first month's increase for this purpose. Therefore, if you have not already remitted to the undersigned the amount in question, send it in at once. There is some more money to be distributed this fall, and you will probably expect a share of it.

Trusting it will not be necessary to again refer to this matter, and with best wishes, I am

Fraternally,

D. L. SHAW, G. S. & T.

First District--

The meeting held at South Paris, Me., May 10th, was well attended by members from the west end, but, on account of poor train service, the boys from the south did not show up in as large bunches as was their intention. However, a lot of enthusiasm was displayed; only those present can appreciate the up-hill work and tribulations met with during the recent negotiations which was fully explained by General Chairman L. M. Eddy in his usual able manner, at the same time explaining the standing of Division No. 1, both numerically and financially, the courteous treatment the committee received from the officials during the negotiations and which will not be forgotten. Bro. Eddy was followed by Bro. Cowan, local chairman, who explained to the members the manner in which the increase of \$100,000 was distributed, how the next will be divided, all of which was interesting to those present. Both General Chairman Eddy and Local Chairman Cowan dwelt at length on the matter of good service to the company, explaining how it was the duty of all in the service to leave nothing undone in order to increase the revenue of the company, both explaining how that could be accomplished in many ways.

The good and welfare of the Order was taken up, discussed at length by practically all present, resulting in a motion being carried to the effect that the next meeting should be held at Berlin, N. H., Saturday evening, June 27th. Don't forget the date. This meeting will be followed by a social dance, after which light refreshments will be served. Bros. Cowan, Belisle and Doran, appointed as entertainment committee, have already arranged for the hall, music and supper. A good time is guaranteed; therefore, all concerned should endeavor to make the grade, bringing their wife or best girl with them.

Bro. E. F. Belisle, Percy, N. H., was appointed district correspondent; therefore, members should hereafter send their notes for the journal to him direct, so same will be in his possession not later than the 18th of each month. Cor.

Second District—

The meeting held at Island Pond, Vt., May 8th, was not the success desired, owing more to the fact that the notice was not out soon enough to give the boys time to get transportation. Don't forget the Berlin meeting on June 27th, as "a whale of a time" is in store for those who manage to climb the grade. Cor.

Second and Third Districts—

The meeting held at Richmond, May 6th, was well attended and very successful, the following being present: General Chairman Eddy, Assistant Local Chairman Tardif (presiding), Beaubien, Mulbens, Cormier, Astell, Eastmand, Jutras, Demont, Hamel, Hatcher, Ling, Provencher, Desjardins, Normandin, Potias, Auger and Marquis, Bro. Marquis acting as secretary.

It was decided to hold regular monthly meetings at Richmond, the next to be held June 24th. Resolutions were adopted to form an O. R. T. club, officers and complete arrangements to be finished at the June meeting.

General Chairman Eddy explained in detail the meaning of all the new rules, which was much appreciated.

It is not Bros. Findley, Astell, Pym, Segee, Harrison and Cormier, which makes the line solid Island Pond to Richmond, only one non now on the Third District, and by the first of July the Second District will be practically solid, but everybody has to take a hand, and work hard, too.

Send me your notes by the 20th of the month.

O. A. COWAN, Local Chairman.

Belleville Division, Fifth District—

We will soon have lots of work again, with the extra passenger trains and increased run of freight.

We are pleased to have our genial trainmaster back again, after his illness, and know that he has completely recovered.

Bro. Lepalm was recently married. Congratulations.

Bro. Sheets has purchased a sailboat.

Our meeting in Montreal, at the St. James Hotel, on Friday night, May 15th, was not very large, owing, no doubt, to the pay checks not getting here soon enough. Our June, July and August meeting will be held on the 25th days of those months, and it is to the interest of every brother to attend and talk over the affairs of the Order, meet the other members and become acquainted.

The meeting was called to order at 8 p. m., with A. O. Talbot in the chair. It was moved by Bro. Woods, seconded by Bro. Richardson, that a list be made of all the nons and members on the Fourth and Fifth Districts who had not paid their voluntary contributions.

On motion by Bro. Woods, seconded by Bro. Carrier, \$10.00 was contributed towards a wreath for the late Mr. Wainwright, the amount to be deposited in the hands of Bro. Corbet to purchase the same, and members not present donate at least 25 cents each for said wreath, any surplus to go into meeting fund for expenses of hall, etc.

Moved by Bro. Woods, seconded by Bro. Poirier, that a vote of thanks be tendered Bro. Talbot, our local chairman, for his efforts in our behalf. Motion unanimously carried.

On motion by Bro. Fullom, seconded by Bro. Leroux, the meeting then adjourned.

E. RICHARDSON, Div. Cor.,
Vaudreuil, Que.

Seventeenth District—

Meeting held by Bro. Shaw, London, Friday afternoon, May 15th, for night telegraphers, was fairly well attended. Night telegraphers should make it a point to get out to these afternoon gatherings wherever held. If they would they would hear matters discussed pertaining to their welfare. Matters probably that interest them more than they dream of. Cor.

Nineteenth District—

The initial meeting of the season for Southern Division members held in Simcoe, Ont., Friday evening, April 24th, in Hotel Norfolk, was well attended considering the threatening condition of the weather, and everybody had a most enjoyable time. At the appointed hour all present repaired to the comfortable apartments of Bros. L. M. Eddy, general chairman, and D. L. Shaw, general secretary and treasurer.

Bro. Shaw, in his old-time genial manner, opened the meeting, and to further emphasize his humorous remarks, he passed around a box of good Havanass. Reference was made to our recent schedule negotiations, and while the importance of the negotiations called for much forethought and consideration on many occasions, the final result proved to be the essence of cordiality and harmony, and our schedule today is one worthy of the labor and sacrifice wrought upon and given for it. Our faithful committee are surely worthy of much praise and commendation. In this connection it is probably not out of place to pause and ask all concerned whether or not they have

sent in their first month's increase as requested by the committee thereby enabling our worthy treasurer to liquidate the indebtedness incurred through bettering our conditions of employment which all appear to enjoy? Throughout Bro. Shaw's deliberations several points of interest to the company, as well as the telegraphers, were taken up, and it was plainly evident that those whose misfortune it was to be absent, missed a rare treat.

Bro. Eddy was next called upon, and though in a measure a stranger to some, his discourse throughout was flavored with the spirit of speech that warms its way into every heart in a brotherly way, making the rough places smooth, and the crooked places straight. Various matters of vital concern to all were then taken up and discussed in a general way to the satisfaction of everyone.

While it is the reasonable duty of every member of our Order to do his very best for the company, without coaching, a duty expected of every employe, yet, we were pleased to hear both these brothers advance the spirit of fairness towards the company and its officials, also the matter of giving the company, in way of appreciation for the liberal way they dealt with our committee, the very best service possible.

It was decided to hold another meeting Friday evening, June 26th, to which all telegraphers are cordially invited. At this meeting, business of importance will be taken up, and it will be to the interest of every telegrapher that can possibly get there, to be on hand. Arrangements are being made for a private assembly room, and it is up to the telegraphers on the Grand Trunk to fill it. Don't forget the place and date, Simcoe, Ont., June 26th. Make application for relief and transportation two weeks ahead if possible.

Our meeting drew to a pleasant close in the small hours of the morning by a vote of thanks being tendered our visiting brothers, and also to our superintendent, Mr. J. C. Crombie, Trainmaster J. A. McLardy, Chief Dispatcher T. J. Cassidy and trick dispatchers for the many kindnesses and considerations received at their hands.

CERT. CXCI.

Middle Division—

The meeting held in Hamilton, Friday afternoon, May 22d, at the New Commercial Hotel, for night telegraphers, was not as well attended as it should have been, some of the boys getting place of meeting crossed with that of the Dominion Hotel where the majority congregated.

Bro. W. Faskin, agent Belgrave, was in Montreal two weeks having his leg treated; relieved by Bro. Hodgins, of Denfield.

Relieving Agent Bro. Loftus, Simcoe, and Bro. Patten, White Church, are on a trip to British Columbia; Bro. L. K. Fox relieving at White Church.

Bro. Lem Taylor bid in Brussels agency, Bro. S. E. Smith having returned to the C. P. R.

Bro. W. J. Master, agent at Bluevale, spent two weeks recently in Montreal and Portland;

relieved by Bro. Taylor. Sorry to hear that the former has been on the sick list again.

Work trains out of Port Elgin pit this month ballasting up the Southampton and Owen Sound branches.

Business is good on Kincardine branch. All way-freights for the past few weeks running double-header. Con.

Stratford Division—

Our meeting in Odd Fellows Hall, Stratford, May 15th, was attended by twenty-two O. R. T. men and two O. R. C. men, as follows: From Stratford—Thos. Higgins and Matt Fox (conductors), Bros. F. W. Holman, A. Webster, E. H. Trethewey, J. D. Craig and ex-Bro. S. D. Craft, L. G. Connell, Pinkerton; W. Rife, St. Pauls; F. McConnell, Listowel; W. Brandle, Thorndale; A. J. Casson, New Hamburg; W. A. Crearar, Shakespeare; R. J. Murray, Ethel; J. L. Taylor, Brussels; G. S. Cline, Thedford; A. E. Robinson, Berlin; W. Clancy, Cargill; M. A. Swift, Guelph Jct.; W. J. Dore, Lucan; H. G. Simmons, Simcoe; J. Towner, Durham; W. Routley, Clinton; R. Middleton, Newton; W. Middleton, Breslau.

Stratford "Belles" were very much in evidence, and the boys smoked to their heart's content while Bro. Trethewey regaled them with choice selections from his "New Edison" phonograph, and the evening passed off very pleasantly. Some of the boys were fortunate enough to be treated to a spin around the city in Bro. Fred Holman's new Ford. Owing to the hot weather coming on and vacations the meetings were discontinued until September, when we will have a big reopening with the full O. R. T. orchestra on hand. The date will be announced later. Bro. Eddy was busy down east. Bro. D. L. Shaw conducted an afternoon meeting in London and was unable to make connections for Stratford.

New Hamburg agency and day telegraph positions bulletined. Ex-Bro. Phillis acting as agent, and Bro. C. Ober relieving days.

Wedding bells will soon be ringing at Walkerton, Hanover and Ayton.

Bro. Cunningham, Milverton, holidaying, relieved by Bro. J. Wagner.

Bro. R. Middleton, Newton, relieved a few days by Bro. Fox.

Bro. Jack Downs, St. Marys Jct., on vacation in Buffalo, relieved by Bro. W. A. Brent. Bro. Connolly is relieving Bro. Abb. Casson at St. Marys Jct. nights.

Bro. C. Dopfer visited in Hespler recently, relieved by Mr. Blyth.

The boys bought forty-two of the flashlight photos of the April meeting. The May meeting photo turned out poorly.

Dispatchers telephone being installed between Stratford and London makes the Fifteenth District all four jobs, giving London another source of communication with Sarnia and Toronto in case of wire trouble on Seventeenth District.

Bro. R. J. Murray, agent Ethel, joined at the May meeting.

Only three nons left on the Twenty-second District, two agents and one operator, and none on the Twenty-third or Twenty-fourth Districts. Keep up the good work.

Bro. Bill Rollings and wife, of Weston, visited over Sunday in Stratford recently.

Keep your stations and freight sheds clean and tidy, boys. The trainmaster and traveling agent are checking you up, and there will be some more dismissals unless there is an improvement at certain stations. Take warning in time.

Bros. Kinder and Hooper, of London and London East, were in Stratford on payday.

Bro. J. Hunter, of Sound, was relieved by Bro. Brent for fifteen days. Div. Cox.

London Division, Twenty-fourth District—

Bros. Lyons of Londesborough, Case of Hensall, and Local Chairman McTaggart, of Blyth, attended the London meeting, May 15th. Those who have not yet paid their first month's increase should do so at once. It took a lot of money and trouble to get that increase, and you should be men enough to do your part. Div. Cox.

Grand Trunk Western Ry., Div. No. 1.

Main Line—

Bro. Neal, third dispatcher east, off sick a few days, relieved by Bro. Kay.

The boys at Pt. Huron tunnel yard, and 16th St., all welcome the change in their working hours from nine to eight hours. Since May 1st the other man has been added, making eight hours straight for all. We should see now that Mr. Hammond stops dolging and shows his appreciation for the better pay, shorter hours and vacations secured for him, and come in.

Bro. McFall is now on third "HR," Summers relieving him on third "TY."

In bidding on a position be sure and send a copy of your bid to your local chairman, also length of time in service and then it will be easy for him to check you up, and if there should be a mistake in placing men he will know it at once. A great many neglected to do this. It is impossible for Bro. Case to check up correctly unless it is done. Only one delinquent this term, January to June. We will not mention his name.

Bro. Rennel's mother, of Durand, is very ill. We all wish for her speedy recovery.

A seniority list will probably be furnished the western lines shortly.

Bro. Thompson, Belsay, on two weeks' vacation, was relieved by regular relief agent.

Through the efforts of Bro. Leverick, of South Bend, the applications of three men at Blue Island were received, making that point solid.

The new depot at Capac, rapidly nearing completion, will be a dandy.

A bad wash-out recently, half a mile west of Previlleon at the big concrete bridge, was noticed in time to save any disaster to trains.

Bro. Boylan is on an enjoyable vacation to Portland, Ore.

Bro. Shea is back on first Imlay City, after a short illness; relieved by Climer, of Elkhart, Ind.

We are sorry to hear of the illness of Bro. Bottomley's children at Nicholas yard, and hope for their speedy recovery.

Bro. Fairchilds relieved Bro. Haun at Haslett a few days, who relieved Bro. Burdick at Shaftsbury while taking his wife to Detroit for treatment.

Thanks to Bro. Brophy for his help in the news this month. STUB.

Grand Trunk Pacific Ry., Div. No. 1.

Bro. Roy Moore is now on third "DI," Mr. Brown taking second. Mr. McKeegan, days Scott, bid in Three Hills agency, and Bro. J. Flynn, at Tako last grain season, bid in Cudworth agency.

H. E. Franke relieved Mr. McKeegan, "SK" days, who got Three Hills on bulletin. Relieving Dispatcher Bro. Reid later relieved Mr. Franke, who bid in Biggar nights. Bro. Reid also relieved Bro. Carnal at Mirror a few days.

Local Chairman Bro. C. J. Mitchell advises that the next local meeting will not be held until Nos. 3 and 4 are back on again.

The steel was joined about one mile east of Nechaco River crossing shortly before 2 p. m., April 8th, connecting up with Prince Rupert on the Pacific Coast. There are sixty-five steel bridges on the road, making a total of about five and a half miles. The three largest are on our own division between Saskatoon and Edmonton, over the Saskatchewan River at South Saskatoon, 1,500 feet long; over the Battle River, west of Wainwright, 5,410 feet long, and another over the Saskatchewan at Clover Bar, 1,653 feet long. The highest bridge, 208 feet, is over the Pembina River, just west of Entwistle.

Not many news items sent in this time. Get busy, boys. Div. Cor., Cert. 1505.

Wabash R. R., Div. No. 2.

Springfield Division—

The Wabash is reorganizing, and we should be organizing and be ready as soon as the officials are ready to handle us. Boys, you put too much confidence in your local chairman. You do not take enough interest. I have attended the division meeting twice recently, and I find that there is considerable lack of interest. There was a fair bunch of the boys out, but not what it should be. Each member located where it is possible, should attend every meeting of the division, not only his own, but other division meetings if held in the near neighborhood.

Bro. G. E. East, third Baylis, relieved a few days on account of sick relatives in Kansas City by Mr. Deerwester, who also relieved Mr. Hancock on Barry first.

Bro. Zold, third Valley City, off recently, relieved by Mrs. Leeper.

Bro. Tolle bid in Berlin third, and Mr. Leeper, Valley City second. He should send in that application now.

A good bunch of the boys were present at the Lanesville meeting recently, and things important were brought before them.

Bro. McRoberts, agent Curran, out motoring recently, relieved by Bro. Constant, from Dawson, who also relieved Mr. Clause, at Bluffs, and Mr. Omer, third Lanesville, while visiting his wife's folks at Beardstown. Later he relieved Local Chairman Abbott while attending the division meeting in St. Louis, accompanied by Bro. Flint, agent Lanesville. Bro. Wood, general chairman, who visited Local Chairman Abbott at Dawson recently on business for the Order, also accompanied him to the St. Louis Division meeting, May 18th.

Bro. Bales, agent Buffalo, recently attended a Masonic class at Jacksonville, relieved by Bro. Constant.

Extra Dispatcher Bean, relieving dispatchers on vacation, placed Bro. Anderson back at "JN," and Bro. Smith, from Iles, back at Shops.

We welcome Bro. Ross, second Griggsville, back in the fold again. CERT. 748.

Detroit Division—

North Morence is solid now.

Bro. V. A. Wood, first Milan, was off a few days, relieved by Bro. J. H. Pickering, and Bro. J. W. Bloom, agent Cone, by R. S. Farrar, of Ashley.

Bro. M. E. Fohey saw the Tigers at Detroit recently clean up Cleveland.

Bro. F. B. Hanes, first Crocker, called on the boys at "NG" recently when returning from his vacation at Hamilton, his old home. He has purchased a touring car and Vibroplex. The nons will certainly have to run to cover now.

It is now Bro. D. C. Stoaks. He recently bid in Kunkle second, relieved on second Magee by Extra Pavers.

Bro. W. B. West, second Westville, and wife were recent Chicago shoppers. The electric bell recently installed at Westville crossing gets on the boys' nerves. Their new flower beds are beauties and show careful attention.

Bro. Jas. Sero is now at Tolleston as bill clerk.

Bro. R. H. Bowers, third Gary, and wife spent Sunday, May 3d, at his old home in Helmer. Freight Agent J. D. Herr, of Gary, is visiting in Houston and Dallas, Tex.

Bro. R. T. Zook, agent Romulus, is in Peru hospital with a siege of typhoid fever, relieved by his clerk, Tracey Maink. Bro. W. B. West, second Westville, while in the Peru hospital having his tonsils removed, was relieved by G. W. Rowe.

Bro. P. L. Havener, of "NG," off owing to the illness of his wife, was relieved by C. P. Feemyer, who later relieved Mr. Kriser, first Romulus.

Bro. T. Coughlin is relieving H. L. Quackenbush, of Tolleston, while in the hospital.

Bro. Boaf, of Gary, took in the sights at Chicago recently.

The Western Union has installed a new ticker in "MN" Gary, to get the baseball "dope" on. The boys there say their motto is "No card, no favors," to the "tourists" who apply for work at that point.

Bro. C. W. Edson, second Ashley, was off a few days recently visiting relatives in Fort Wayne and Bro. A. W. Bailey, agent Willis, and wife.

It's getting near schedule and vacation time. A card helps to get them both.

Bro. E. Brown, third Britton, on his vacation, was relieved by G. W. Rowe.

Bro. R. A. Mills, agent Crocker, wife and little daughter visited Westville in a big touring car May 9th, the former playing out in the field in the opening ball game for the Westville team.

I wish to thank all who sent me items for this write-up, and hope they will come again. Boys, we want to soon go up for a better schedule, giving us more money, so let us do all we can to get in all the nons on this division. Remember our motto, "No card, no favors."

Div. Cor., Cert. 2647.

Decatur Division—

Boys, you should attend every meeting of St. Louis Division No. 2 you possibly can get out to the first and third Mondays of each month in the Odeon Building, Grand and Finney avenues, St. Louis. This is the only place you have an opportunity to attend a meeting, and it is your own division. If you have anything to say, the division room is the place to come to and speak your piece, as you have a right to your opinion.

Everything in our constitution at one time was the private opinion of some one individual. If the majority thought it best, they adopted it, if not, they rejected it. So don't be afraid to come out and say what you think because it may be unpopular; some day it may mark for uplift and progress.

Brothers, there never was a time when there was greater necessity for working class solidarity than at present. In Colorado, State laws with reference to labor are practically inoperative, and innocent women and children have been murdered because the miners asked for a little more of what their labor has created.

In the Dewitt County jail at Clinton, Ill., lies one of labors' staunchest and truest friends, Carl E. Person, editor of the strike bulletin, the official organ of the System Federation of the Illinois Central shop men, awaiting trial charged with the murder of Tony Musser, a slugger for the Illinois Central, who decoyed him from his office by misrepresentation, attacked him without provocation and severely injured him. While cut and bleeding Person drew his revolver and shot Musser dead. He is now being held without bail for defending himself against this brutal giant. Organized labor throughout the country is rallying to his support, but it will require both publicity and funds to help Person to get a fair trial. Every individual member should contribute what he can, and every local and system division should lend a helping hand. Today it is Person, tomorrow it may be one of us.

Bro. C. C. Hess is now at home at Sullivan waiting for something to show up.

J. T. Duncan, agent Windsor, on thirty days' vacation, was relieved by Bro. T. C. Burwell.

Bro. Holmes and family, of Cornell, recently visited over Sunday with relatives and friends at Steele, where he was formerly located.

Bro. Stephens, of Ashburn, spent a few hours with the boys at Forest lately.

An order issued on the north end prohibiting the use of motor cars by employes unless duly authorized affects several of the boys who purchased cars expecting to spend their leisure time along the banks of some stream with hook and line this summer.

Forest agency now on bulletin again, Bro. Nelson having failed to take it.

Bro. Fleming bid in first "AH." Bro. Koeller, off a few days, was relieved by Bro. Settles from the "Van."

Bro. Summers has been awarded Strawn agency. Bro. Kurtz, Manhattan, off thirty days, was relieved by Bro. Engle and he by Bro. Hultz. Bro. Link has returned to third after several months' tour of the West.

Palos crossing opened again, making a twelve-hour job for Bro. J. L. Rufty who worked there last summer.

Bro. Evans, extra Symerton, resigned.

On the return of Dispatchers Lomison, Sullivan and McCormick from their vacations, McGrath, Fightmaster and Renner will go back into the telegraph service. There is not much work for the extras.

G. R. Layher has gone to the Pere Marquette, relieved by W. D. Lewis.

The write-up in April should have stated that Bro. Keyes resigned from Stonington instead of Staunton.

Sister O'Neill is still on third Staunton. Bro. M. W. Million is on Stonington third.

Bro. Newlin, first Staunton, bid in Stewardson agency, and first Staunton was bid in by Charley Case from third Litchfield, now Bro. Case. We hope bad company won't spoil Bro. Crack, and that he will be able to show the boys the error of their ways.

Bro. Harry Custer bid in Palmer, and Bro. G. L. Logsdon, third Morrisonville.

Bro. R. R. Heerdt, agent Boody, is visiting in Tennessee, relieved by Bro. T. C. Burwell, who later relieved Bro. L. L. Steinheimer on second a few days.

Bro. P. W. Ishmael, second Stonington, was a recent Decatur caller.

Bro. T. A. Childers, sick with mumps, traded tricks for a week with Bro. Warren Childers, third Allen.

Bro. W. E. Moore worked first Litchfield ten days recently.

Many thanks to those who assisted in this write-up. Hope you will all do the same next month.

R. V., Cert. 1613.

Peru Division—

J. C. Cox, agent Liberty Center, off several days on vacation, relieved by F. O. Graham, who also relieved G. B. Parkman, agent Lagro.

S. P. Aubrey on third Gould; E. E. Jackson, third Hugo, and C. M. English, first "GS" tower, all pending assignment.

B. Dickman, second at Defiance, off several days on vacation, relieved by E. E. Jackson.

F. E. Webb, dispatcher, off a few days on account of his wife undergoing an operation in a hospital at Indianapolis, relieved by L. R. Rex.

J. W. Kieff, third C. & O. crossing, off a few days on account of sickness, relieved by H. Brooks.

A. H. Barto, third New Waverly, off a few days on account of sickness, relieved by G. May, a new man.

T. A. Kinsey, third "Z" Peru, on thirty days' vacation, relieved by L. R. Cochrane.

W. L. Craig, on extra list past three months, now out of service.

Recent assignments: S. D. Bridenbaugh, second Wauseon; C. F. Smith, third Tilton; F. O. Graham, third Hugo; R. Hoover, third Gould, and Walter Muzzy, second Butler. First "GS" tower and second Williamsport on bulletin.

Dispatchers' force reduced, Edwards and Gladden taken off. They are now on vacation. When they return other dispatchers will take their vacations, and by the time all are through, about August 20th, business will probably justify putting them on again. We hope so, at least, as we would not like to see anyone hitting the extra list who has been regularly located.

J. S. Rizzor, L. C.

Mobile & Ohio R. R., Div. No. 2.

Murphysboro District—

Bro. E. W. Loeper relieved at New Hanover several nights by Extra Crocker.

Bro. Corrigan, second Sparta, off a few days seeing home folks at Mountain Glen, relieved by Bro. Mathis.

Bro. Brewer, second Pomona, off four days fishing, relieved by Bro. Crocker.

Bro. Fletcher relieved Mr. Bryant, second Jonesboro, while working at the wrecks near that place.

Bro. McCord, agent Pomona, off four days, relieved by Extra Sumner, who also relieved Bro. House, third there, a few days.

Bro. McNealy, agent Burksville, off a few days sick, relieved by Bro. Mathis, and G. B. Satter, second "BK," off three weeks on account of sickness, relieved by Extra McDermott.

Bro. H. E. Parker, agent Ava, while taking in the sights at "St. Louie," was relieved by Mr. Zimmer.

J. E. Cox, agent Baldwin, relieved a few days by Mathis, on account of death in family.

Bro. Spencer relieved several nights at Oraville while sick by Extra Sumner.

I am indebted to quite a number for items this time, especially the extra men, who all responded with news. Keep it up; it's fine business.

I wish all you operators on Cairo Terminal would send your items to Bro. McNealy at "CO," or mail direct to me. I don't want to overlook anyone, but it is impossible for me to get news on the Terminal, having no wires to listen to.

Bro. Haynes, second Waterloo, off a few days, relieved by Bro. Crocker, and Agent Greer, Jonesboro, by Fletcher.

Cairo Terminal—

Bro. M. M. Hayden, Davis, relieved a few days by Mr. Elsey, and Bro. Billings by Bro. R. R. Hayden, relieved by Extra Hullen, from Sandusky.

J. B. Gannon, extra dispatcher from Davis tower, relieved Dispatcher J. P. Hayden and J. H. Haiden a few days.

Bros. Hill and McNealy, "CO," are putting in eleven hours now, with banana and vegetable billing, with prospects of being much heavier shortly.

Boys, when sending in news, always give full names of persons and places, and whether Bro. or Mr.

Any who are working under conditions with which they are not satisfied drop Bro. Murdaugh a line, so he can take it up with the management. Have your grievances ready when the regular letter is passed around previous to Bro. Murdaugh going to Mobile in July. He is going to try to have every job pay extra in accordance with the amount of work done solely on a minimum basis. The only way he can do anything accurately is for you to describe your work the best you can, show just what you have to do and why it should pay more than the regular minimum salary. Co-operate with him, so he will be in possession of information that will get us the raise that is needed.

Bro. Lameson, third Alto Pass, off a few days, relieved by Extra Zimmer.

Conditions are steadily improving, but we must keep the harness on and live up to the O. R. T. rules if we expect to continue progressing. The number of nons on this end is gradually decreasing, and others have promised to come in, but sickness is holding them back.

Write Bro. T. K. Knauer, assistant local chairman on this end, and he will give you all the information necessary.

A new interlocker tower is being installed at Levee Jct., Cairo Terminal. This will be quite an improvement over the old hand switches. There being no flood stage at Cairo this year, the officials are better prepared to improve things along the line and also help the "ops," which I am confident they will do.

"The Molly" has been doing the business of its history, and it keeps the equipment "on the hike" to move the business. The big engines have cut down train crews, but haven't lightened telegraphing.

Don't forget your items, not later than the 20th of each month.

"X," 973.

St. Louis & Southwestern (Cotton Belt) Lines, Div. No. 2.

Rap, rap, rap! Good morning. May we come in? We have been so long on the road that we are weary, hungry, thirsty, and would like to sit down and rest our weary bodies, quench our thirst, and satisfy our hunger.

Thank you, sirs; it is such a blessing to sit at the O. R. T. table with our brothers from the

other roads, where so many good things have been provided for us.

How shall we ever repay you for this favor. Bro. Perham and Bro. Newman? There are improved hours, overtime rules, seniority, right of grievance, improvement in transfers and relief work, and work at wrecks, relief from such objectionable work as scrubbing depots and out-buildings, an increase in wages to many, no discrimination on account of membership in any railway labor organization, positions bulletined! My! won't that tickle our palates? Watch us, brothers, lest we overeat and founder.

"Hully Gee!" Look what delicacies our brothers have, further up towards the head of the table! Here, you B. & O. S.-W. and Mo. Pac. brethren, please pass some of that "leave of absence without loss of pay" sauce down this way. My dear Frisco brothers, pass us some of your "better wages" preserves. Say, you Can. Pac. boys, don't be so hoggyish with your "Sunday off" dessert; pass it down here, I say. You I. C. boys and—what's that? "Not quite so fast, Mr. Cotton Belt brother, you have considerably more to start with than we had. These delicacies that you are asking for were only secured after years of hard work. We have established a precedent and set an example, by which you Cotton Belt boys will be the gainers, and which will enable you to secure these delicacies much sooner than we did. But your men will have to join the organization. See to it that the committee is of the right material, and then stand solidly behind it. That's the way we did." If you think that after the many years of self-denial, during which economy was necessary to such an extent that your menu consisted of nothing much more than sow belly and beans, that you can really enjoy these delicacies, then join our organization and assist in securing them. Some have eaten nothing but huskings so long that they do not appreciate cake and pie, but the telegraphers on the Cotton Belt are not afflicted with such a poor digestive apparatus now.

The committee did its very best and secured the most favorable settlement possible under existing conditions. The only regrets, the only heartaches we have left is that so many good men have had to suffer the loss of their positions on account of our little difficulty. We hope, though, that before this is before you that all men will have been reinstated to the positions from which they were dismissed. We did not get all that we asked for, that is true. However, the end of the earth is not expected before another meeting with the officials will be given us. More concessions will be secured then, and each succeeding year, until you will have a schedule worth while.

By this time each of you will have received a copy of the schedule. Study it; do not violate it, nor let it be violated by a telegrapher or the company without referring the matter to your local chairman. If any part of the schedule is not understood, ask him to explain.

The committee never met each other before we assembled in Tyler. We were strangers, but

Immediately we were filled with such a brotherly feeling for one another that it made the work of the committee proceed perfectly and harmoniously. My work and associations with them, both on and off the committee, were of the most pleasing. I shall cherish their acquaintanceship always, and feel the richer for having associated with them. I have a complaint to make, however, against Deacon Palmer for persuading me to eat chop suey, and we had to eat pie to take the taste out of our mouths. Camp, Jordan and Palmer were men who seemed to be all heart. Not one but who stood ready at any time to sacrifice himself for the men they represented. Brighter, more capable committees there may have been, but none truer or more faithful in the discharge of their duties.

I ask that the O. R. T. men on the Cotton Belt, and everywhere, render the very best of service. Perform your duties in such a pleasing and efficient manner that our officials will be forced to acknowledge that Order men are the best. Be loyal to your company and to yourselves, remembering that loyalty, like charity, begins at home.

Our association with everyone around headquarters at St. Louis was delightfully pleasing. President Perham, Grand Secretary and Treasurer L. W. Quick, those old warriors, Finnan and Long, McQuade, Bull, Burtch, McElhinney, Hill, Dougherty, Weidner, Schutt, Waples, Thomas, Christianson, Pringle, Livesey, Veach and all the rest, made us welcome and feel right at home. Members passing through St. Louis should not neglect to call at headquarters. They want to meet you, and you should meet them.

Particularly do I wish to thank President Perham and First Vice-President J. A. Newman for their valuable assistance during our negotiations. Without it we would have been as a ship at sea without its rudder; and also we thank that gallant band of organizers, Brandon, Dunn, Huff, DeBus, Holton, Schroeder, Bray and Dellaplaine, who did such efficient service at the front; and lastly, we thank the men on the Cotton Belt, who gave this committee such loyal support. After all has been said, it was the men out on the line who made it possible for us to place a schedule on the Cotton Belt. Gentlemen, all, we thank you, and thank you again and again. I trust that some time I shall again have the pleasure of meeting each and every one of you.

GENERAL CHAIRMAN.

Illmo Division—

At last we have the long-looked-for schedule. Boys, it is a great improvement over old wages and working conditions; now, help us build up our organization in anticipation of the time when we can again go before the management and ask for what the future will prove we need and are entitled to. We had a long, drawn-out conference, but the sacrifices made and the courage and determination displayed by the men involved helped us eventually to win. Our business now is to

organize, and the only one way to do this is to keep after every non-member you know until you convince him he is wrong and you are right. It is not necessary to threaten, coerce or intimidate anyone to get his application, a member secured in that manner would not make the kind of man that we would want. There are sufficient good and substantial reasons to convince any fair-minded thinking worker that it is not only to his personal advantage, but necessary to the advancement of the working conditions and wages of his craft as a whole, that every man affiliate with and support his craft organization. When a man's membership is secured under these conditions and he becomes imbued with this knowledge and belief he will join and become a good working member.

Let us remember the old axiom, "United we stand; divided we fall," and don't rest until we can say, "Every telegrapher on the Cotton Belt is a member of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, believes in it and will support the principles it represents."

We should make every effort to improve the service and eliminate every cause for complaint by the officials. In doing this we will not only prove to them that we appreciate the concessions granted in this, our first schedule, but also convince them that we are worthy and deserving of greater concessions when we ask for them in the future.

S. G. CAMP, Local Chairman.

Illmo Division Notes—

Our committee is to be complimented upon the successful termination of the long drawn-out conference with the management, which gives us a new birth of prosperity under a new schedule. We are all very grateful to the management for the courteous treatment shown our committee during the past five months, and we must show our appreciation by giving the best service possible. We have a good schedule, which contains some articles better than we expected. Our committee done exceedingly good work, for which we are all thankful. Each member should take a particular interest now as it is a matter for his own welfare. See that your dues are paid promptly and that not a single member goes delinquent. See that the nons around you realize the necessity of our being 100 per cent strong, and we need their help to accomplish this. If each member does his duty in securing the few nons still out of the fold ere another year rolls around we can have just as good a schedule as any road in the southwest territory.

This is my first attempt at writing for a publication, and I trust you will furnish me with all the news you can so we can have a write-up every month.

Bro. H. J. Rudy, report man Illmo, was relieved by Extra Dispatcher S. D. Irwin, and returned to Malden third, his former position.

Bro. Shellton, second Jonesboro, off a few days, was relieved by Bro. W. R. Hensley, and Bro. G. W. Laws, first Malden by Bro. Williams.

Bro. Woodson bid in Henderson Mounds agency, relieving F. W. Hopper, who relieved Bro. S. G. Camp, agent St. Francis, who bid in agency Lilbourn, relieving Mr. Richardson. Bro. Bowers, who formerly relieved Local Chairman Camp at St. Francis, is now at Lagrue, Ark.

G. A. SIMMONS, Div. Cor.

Chicago & Alton R. R., Div. No. 2.

Our joint meeting, held in Elks' Hall, Joliet, Saturday, May 9th, proved very successful. Quite a number of the brothers were present from the various lines entering Joliet. Bro. Wagner, local chairman, Rock Island, presided.

Among those present were: Bro. Newman, Bro. Jones, chief telegrapher Division 91; Bro. Brown, and our general chairman, Bro. Gentz, all who made some excellent talks on various matters pertaining to the betterment of our fraternity, and a number of important subjects were discussed and explained.

The brothers not present missed more than they realize, and we regret very much their inability to attend.

We contemplate organizing a joint telegraphers' club in Joliet, which will no doubt prove successful. The recent change in time table prevented many from attending from the south, but the brothers from the north had good train service between Joliet and Chicago. Boys, you should attend these meetings, get acquainted, and learn what's going on, and if you have any grievance let it be known in order that it can be discussed and settled satisfactorily to all concerned. We should have a better attendance at our meetings and develop more enthusiasm. We hope our next meeting will be well attended and every station be represented.

CERT. 1266.

Relay Division—

The Relay Division is solid, with the exception of "DV" Kansas City, but the future looks quite promising, as the brothers in the Relay Division have been doing their share of the work getting in the nons. Keep up the good work, brothers; if you know of a non who should be furnished blanks advise your local chairman, and in the meantime try and land him.

Let's remit Bro. McElhinney promptly for our new cards as soon as we receive the notice, and keep right up to date.

Wire Chief Bro. Cook while visiting friends in Havana and Springfield, Ill., was relieved by Bro. Major, relieved later by Bro. De Vault. Bro. Major was relieved ten days by C. D. Cornett, and Bro. De Vault bid in third "RO" Roodhouse, relieving Extra Peters.

Bro. De Normandie, "GO," has gone East on account of poor health.

Bro. Symons, "RO," relieved Bro. C. D. Cornett first part of May account sickness in Bro. Symons' family.

We are expecting quite a large attendance at our Bloomington meeting, June 20th.

H. L. MAJOR.

Northern Division and P. & N. Line—

Bro. Mahan, Covell, was relieved while painting and moving into his new house by Bro. Premersdorfer, relief agent.

Ashland third cut out, Mr. Feathers back to third Glenn. Bro. Robinson, first Ashland, on his return from Missouri found his nine-hour job changed to twelve hours, using only a leverman, with a \$7.50 per month decrease in Leverman Schamburg's salary. Mr. Crank, second Ashland, bid in Stanford agency.

When the committee goes in again telegraphers should be granted annual passes for themselves and wives, same as the agents get now.

Tower jobs at Minier, Mason City, Ashland and Murrayville have been cut to two men, with a leverman on twelve hours. Bro. Walters is working the levers at Mason City.

C. L. Allen, third Pekin, relieved by W. B. Banes, relieved on second Sherman by G. H. Alter.

Agent McDonald, Green Valley, promises to join this month.

P. & N. Jct. closed, F. Langford going to Green Valley tower nights, and Mr. Clenden to San Jose days.

One agent says he has never derived any benefits from the Order. Remember, "No card, no favors."

Thanks to Bro. Schlicht, first Pekin, for assisting with the items in this write-up; wish some of the other members would do the same, then we could be properly represented. C. WRIGHT.

Southern Division—

It is surprising after the amount of energy expended by organizers in the past year that we still have a few who still refuse to join the Order, that not only protects themselves, but also the little ones at home. We anticipate a nice increase this fall. This was not the case before a few live ones started the ball rolling. It was simply "\$52.50 and \$55.00 this year and every year thereafter. Gee, but I'm a lucky guy." Get it?

Bro. Leslie Baker, first Atlanta tower, claims to be some checker shark. It takes brains to be one, also to have a card. The nons should read between the lines.

L. E. Mason, second Atlanta tower, is still between two up-to-dates; likewise, A. C. Carlson, second Lawndale.

Bro. Melton, third Nilwood, is taking thirty days off, relieved by G. O. Davis, a new man.

Bro. Vosburg, agent Sherman, has resumed duty after a six weeks' vacation.

Sister Karr, first Carlinville, called to her home on account of the illness of her mother, was relieved by Mr. Jacobs, second Carlinville, and he by Mr. Schlicht, from Nilwood.

THOS. RILEY, Div. Cor.

Western Division—

Bro. Sommers, of Pleasant Hill, recently received a pleasant visit from his sisters, of McCredie, Mo. Wish someone would persuade Miss Sue to join.

It is now Bro. Waddell, at Slater, and Bros. Stubblefield and Adams at Mexico. Please send Local Chairman Mullen, at Pleasant Hill, the name and address of every non you know of.

Boys, give the company your very best service, very few have been laid off so far. Attend strictly to business and you will be kept at work.

Since the dispatchers were put in at Roodhouse business moves along in fine shape, with A. C. Poole chief, and two trick men from Kansas City. A fine set to work with. Kansas City had too much track to handle alone.

Bro. L. A. Winn, third Marshall, Mo., is now on first Straut.

Sister Ellen Hughes has moved from her old home at Carder, Mo., to Kansas City.

Bro. W. R. Branscom is back on third Blackburn after being off several weeks owing to his wife's death at Alma, Mo.

Bro. A. F. Bergschneider was relieved on Higinville third on ten days' honeymoon by Bro. W. F. Baker, now relieving at McCredie, Mo., agency.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our heavenly Father and all-wise Ruler of the universe to take unto Himself the beloved wife of our dear Bro. W. R. Branscom; in manifestation of our grief and fraternal sympathy, be it

Resolved, That the members of Chicago & Alton Division No. 2, O. R. T., extend to the sorrowing brother and members of the afflicted family their sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved brother, a copy spread upon the minutes of the meeting and a copy forwarded to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

O. P. MULLIN,

E. A. GRIMSLEY,

W. P. MAUPIN,

Committee.

CARD OF THANKS.

BLACKBURN, MO., May 8, 1914.

Through THE TELEGRAPHER I wish to thank my brother telegraphers and others for their sympathy, the beautiful floral offerings and their kindly remembrance of me in my great sorrow in the loss of my beloved wife.

May the richest blessings of heaven be with you and yours.

W. R. BRANSCOM.

C., St. P., M. & O. Ry., Div. No. 4.

Minnesota & Iowa Division—

Another old land mark has gone. On May 3d E. E. Gresham, for many years agent at St. Peter, passed to the great beyond after a lingering sickness with hardening of the liver. The railroad boys presented a beautiful floral wreath, and as there was \$20.00 raised, above the cost of the wreath, it was given to Mr. Gresham's little boy, Quinton.

Bro. W. W. Jones, at Miloma, is on three months' leave, relieved by Bro. F. F. Frost, of Merriam.

Bro. O. J. Smith, of Brewster, has taken up his new duties as agent at Wilder. Mr. Barnisch, of Minneopa, was sent to Brewster several nights, relieved by Bro. C. R. Williams.

Bro. J. L. Kelly, of Stone, spent several hours on the shady banks of the Minnesota River recently in a vain endeavor to entice some of the finny tribe his way, but there seemed to be "nothing doing."

We were pained to learn of the death of the sixteen-year-old son of Roalmaster and Mrs. C. Lundquist, at Eau Claire, May 12th. Interment taking place at Altoona. The telegraphers extend sympathy.

After a few days' stay in his regular position at Heron Lake nights, Bro. W. J. Jarman hit the relief trail again. During the eighteen months since he was assigned to Heron Lake he has been there only ten days, the balance of the time has been put in as relief agent. He is now relieving A. W. Beek, at Slayton, for several months, after which he will undoubtedly take up his new duties as second telegrapher at Belle Plaine.

Bro. F. H. Spatgen and E. T. Brady, filling in at St. James on the side wire, are delivering the goods.

A. P. Jamieson is working as dispatcher while the different trick dispatchers are taking their vacations.

A. E. Stemple has been acting agent at St. Peter since Mr. Gresham's sickness, relieved by Bro. C. N. Frank, from Belle Plaine.

Traveling Freight Agent L. A. Mizner reports that the prospects for a splendid crop was never better.

Mrs. J. N. Alvord, wife of Bro. Alvord, of Mountain Lake, is improving very slowly from her sickness and operation.

Bro. M. Hayes, of Blue Earth, bid in and has taken charge for three months, at Sioux City shops, relieving R. R. Phillips, who was there temporarily, and who now has his application papers filled out.

General Chairman Bro. W. J. Liddane, who attended the general chairman's meeting in Chicago, May 12th, 13th and 14th, returning initiated Bro. J. L. Mayfield, at Crofton, Neb., into his new duties as local chairman. From there he went to the Northern Division in the interests of the brothers there. Later he transacted business with the general secretary and treasurer, and wound up by settling a few grievances satisfactorily at Eau Claire.

The dues-paying period is again upon us, and as money is what talks and is what makes the mare go, it is quite essential that we respond promptly. Remember that your dues should go to the general secretary and treasurer, and your insurance assessments to the grand secretary and treasurer, if you will bear this in mind you will save work and confusion, and will get a new card quicker.

As we start on the homeward stretch of this grand old year 1914 let us cast about to see if we have done our duty. Have we taken as much

pains as we should in seeing that non-members have had an invitation to come in with us? Have we asked our neighbor if he has received his new card? Or have we been so busy that we have failed to do this? Individual effort is what built up the O. R. T. to its present high standard, and the same effort is what will keep it built up. Now, it's up to you to exercise some of that individual effort, for it's dollars and cents to you.

There are a few on this division that should feel ashamed of themselves for not lining up; they are setting back accepting the betterments that your money is bringing to them; you continue to help them along by doing them favors, and they are holding your committee back every move they attempt to make.

A. J. Lang, at Ottawa, is still satisfied to take the increase the O. R. T. got him, but thinks because he is not a member he stands higher in the estimation of the railway officials, and by delivering the goods secured the agency at Ottawa. Another "cigarette dream."

J. H. Nelson, at Shakopee, refuses to loosen up, although he admits the O. R. T. has boosted his salary \$15.00 per month in the past ten years.

A. E. Stemple, at St. Peter, is on the wrong side of the fence, because, well we think because his candidate did not win out in the last election.

Jack Linehan, at Heron Lake, and E. R. Butterfield, at Ashton, both nons by mutual agreement, have no grievances against the O. R. T., but it's cheaper to be out than in.

Dad Beyer, at Dundee, is getting his money back from the O. R. T. which he didn't get, thinks the local chairman handed him something; maybe he did, but not intentionally.

Will let you know about the rest of the nons next month.

CERT. 2.

Members Nebraska Division—

Having succeeded Bro. Poole, who resigned to go into the banking business, and being elected by you to succeed him as local chairman, I wish to thank you all through the columns of the journal for the honor you have conferred upon me.

Being practically a stranger to most of you I consider it a great boost. In assuming the responsibility of local chairman, I will do my best to have any differences between yourselves and the company righted. The position is new to me, but I hope every one of the brothers will do his part, keep up his dues, and drop me a card before the 20th of each month, advising me of any changes or news of interest. This will be greatly appreciated.

Every member on the division should keep paid up. Get after the non next to you, and give him no rest until he gives us his application, and I will do the rest.

I desire to thank Bro. Poole for what he has done for us, and wish him success in his new undertaking, and I think expresses the sentiment of every brother on this division.

With best wishes for the success of every brother on the division and the Order, I am,

J. L. MAYFIELD, Local Chairman,
Crofton, Neb.

Nebraska Division Notes—

Many of the brothers from the branches were able to attend the union meeting in Omaha, Sunday, May 10th, as they have no train Sundays.

Bro. Mayfield, of Crofton, succeeded Bro. Poole as local chairman. We trust he will be given the support of every member in lining up the nons. M. R. Hansen relieved Bro. Mayfield at Haskins pending relief by Bro. Mathews, of Tekamah, who bid it in.

Bro. Gabrielson, at Bancroft, transferred from Division 76.

Bro. C. P. Wilson, of Division 130, is on second "C" Omaha while the dispatchers in "C" are laying off.

Bro. Potts was off several weeks owing to the sickness of some of his folks.

Bro. G. W. Smith was relieved a week by Bro. Fox, of Maskell.

Bro. Gabrielson took in Sioux City sights by "gas light" several nights recently.

L. G. Hallisey, Coburn, resigned.

Brothers on the Wynot line, run in the man at Jackson, and make it solid; take turns getting after him.

Bro. Schaller, of Fordyce, has been very ill for two months. We all hope he will soon be out and able to work again.

W. M. Wassum, relief agent, on three weeks' vacation at Lodge Pole, Neb., will be with us on his return. Former Bro. E. W. Wilson, at Hubbard, will also be with us soon.

Brothers, help the local chairman to get the nons north of Emerson in line; ask him who they are.

If you lay off, are sick or know of any items that will be of interest to any of the brothers, advise the local chairman.

CERT. 3.

Carl Knudsen, returning from a visit to home folks, was assigned Nacora station, vice Mr. Wassum. Someone get after Wassum, he has the papers.

Mr. Jager relieved at Fordyce by Mr. Dyle, from Bloomfield, for an extended trip to Boston, has promised to come in.

Mr. Hanson is at Hoskins pending bulletin.

Bro. Mathews, at Tekamah, was the first to pay his dues till December 31, 1914, and Bro. Fox, at Maskell, is the next. If some of the delinquents would pay up their back dues this month it would be very encouraging. Keep after them, brothers.

Wanted—Some live brother on the "BO" line, and another on the "ON" line to secure a few notes each month. Not a single note received this month from any of the brothers.

Bro. Schaller, agent at Fordyce, is back from the Omaha hospital for a few days on a recuperation trip. We are glad to see him out and hope to soon see him back to work again.

Bro. Stevan is at Sholes, vice Mr. Halpin, who went to "SD." Someone nail him. Premium in it if you do.

Bro. Parchen is being relieved by ex-Bro. Hinthorne, from the "Q," who has promised to come

in soon. Bro. Parchen is spending his time with home folks at "KS" and on the reservation among the "Injuns" in South Dakota.

Mr. Plumleigh, at "U," has the papers; someone see that he gets into the fold.

Bro. Liddane spent a day at "RO" recently transferring the O. R. T. records from Bro. Poole to Bro. Mayfield.

Bro. Donahue was recently transferred to Division 96.

Ex-Bro. Wilson, who bid in "HD," will also be a brother soon. The old-timers appreciate what the O. R. T. has done in the past.

CERT. 155.

Eastern Division—

The Wedges Creek gravel pit opened May 10th for about two months, patching up on the new line between Baldwin and Northline, with Bro. Waldum as operator. Dispatching force split at Eau Claire—Mr. Swanson on east, Mr. Stubbs on west and Mr. Rosencrans to side wire. Seems good to hear "RO" back on the job. Later Bro. Waldum relieved Bro. Bartness; first Sheppard, on two months' leave to the coast, relieved at pit by Thomas, a new man, and Lennie working at junction.

Bro. Engebretson relieved Bro. Crandall, first Marshfield, on vacation.

Roy Bigger, first Merrillan, relieved for a month by a new man from M. & I. Division.

Mr. Johnson, second Levis, is farming on the side. It keeps him busy running back and forth between there and Tunnel.

Bro. Engebretson relieved Mr. Pope at Knapp a few days.

Mr. Gaffney, hurt about a year ago at Minneapolis, still has to walk with a cane. He bid in Hersey agency. Bro. Phillips on Northline agency pending bulletin.

Bro. Campbell relieved Bro. Mullhollam at Elmwood for two months.

Brothers now delinquent, you are in the same class with the nons. Your insurance is all to the bad now until you pay up, and if anything should happen to you your families are unprovided for. It doesn't cost any more to pay up one time than another. Don't hang back and wait until the last minute. The Order needs your support at all times, and you need its protection. Send in your dues at once. The time is drawing near when our committee will go before the management to ask for something better for you, and will need your support both financially and morally. It can go in with more confidence with a solid backing. Do your share.

No news from west end this month. Some of you brothers up that way send me a few items.

CERT. 7.

Northern District—

The membership is pretty well paid up, but we have too many nons on the road yet.

Local Chairman Jacobs, who went to Chippewa Falls, May 9th, in the interest of the Order, was also in Spooner with Bro. Liddane, May 13th,

interviewing the officials in regard to O. R. T. matters. Many members are going in to Spooner for examination on eyesight and hearing.

Frank White relieved Bro. Saulcen at Baranett, who drew Solon Springs third.

Bro. Reid, agent Deer Park, got agency Boardman instead of Bro. Olson—error in bulletin—Reid being the oldest man.

Mr. Britten, agent Jim Falls, off on account of sickness, relieved by Mr. Trogan, of Eastern Division.

Bro. F. J. Payson, member of State Guards, attended the Chippewa Falls review.

Harry Thorpe, of Hayward, has taken out papers again. Mr. Filbey, of Duluth, and Mr. Carriere, of Spring Brook, both joined recently, also I. W. Morris, New Richmond.

Mr. Coulter is on first Clear Lake.

Understand Bro. W. E. Steiner is coming back, as he does not like the hardware business.

Bro. Amdahl's job at Burkhardt was bulletined in error last month, being temporarily located at Minong, but not assigned any other agency.

Our committee is going in soon again, boys, and we should see that it has the financial as well as the moral support of at least 90 per cent of the men on the division. A little money expended now will be returned to us ten-fold in the future. Let's be there with the support.

Div. Cor.

Kansas City Southern Ry., Div. No. 5.

Bro. J. C. Smith, second Trigg street, is contemplating a trip shortly to Vicksburg, Miss.; a visit to his mother at Hammond, La., also to New Orleans, La. Understand he became quite a hero on a boating excursion recently by saving one of the ladies of the party from drowning. Bro. T. M. Sims, first Trigg street, visited at Horatio, Ark., recently.

Bro. H. E. Long, "J" shops, while on the sick list was relieved by an extra from the Western Union.

Dispatcher Moss, of Texarkana, is on vacation, visiting Los Angeles, San Francisco and other coast cities; on his return he will visit friends and relatives at Kansas City, Mo., and Lansing, Kan.

Dispatcher James was on a fishing trip recently, some of his catch weighing over four pounds.

CERT. 95.

Union Pacific R. R., Div. No. 6.

Nebraska Division, First and Second Districts—

Bro. F. J. Hansen, who has been relieving Bro. Parker at Maxwell, relieved Mr. Clinton at St. Paul, resigned; agency on bulletin.

There are some twenty-five extra men on the entire division, and it has been a problem to pass the little extra work around.

Bro. J. W. Stepnoski, all are glad to learn, is able to resume work, displacing W. B. Hanson, extra, at Cozad.

Bro. Dohner, at Elm Creek, was relieved a few days recently by Mr. Robert.

Bro. J. N. Collier, who drew Kearney third, was bumped, owing to reduction at North Platte, by Bro. F. J. Evans, who traded jobs with Bro. W. J. Lewis, of Dale Creek.

Bro. Brown was relieved by Mr. Roberts at Eddyville while he drove a brand new Maxwell roadster up from Omaha, via Grand Island. I am under obligations for the spin he gave me.

Bro. L. M. Knoop is relieving Bro. Stevenson at Arnold for three weeks while he visits relatives on the Northport branch.

Bro. W. E. Dodendorf has gone to the claim near Keystone he drew in the North Platte drawing last fall. The boys are glad to know that he secured some very good land. Bro. Feeney, bumped by Bro. J. W. Langley, is relieving him.

Bro. C. E. Cole was displaced in the dispatcher's office at Grand Island by the closing of Sidney dispatcher's office and taking care of the dispatchers there. King is back in the relay office, bumping me to the graveyard trick, and Bro. J. H. Atchison is waiting for something to show up.

A fine, new-model switchboard will soon be placed in the relay office at Grand Island. The wires are now being brought under the tracks in a cable. This should eliminate wire trouble in Grand Island yard. The latest model fluto meter is also being installed, and we will have the distinction of being the first office on the system so equipped. Naturally, its work will be watched with interest.

Fred Shumaker, at Silver Creek, was off several days, looking at St. Paul agency with a view of bidding on it.

Bro. Geo. Birmingham was relieved at Columbus a few days by Bro. E. W. Laum, of Valley.

Three men have been taken off in the general office at Omaha. Bro. Langley went back to yard office Grand Island, bumping Bro. Feeney; Bro. Cochran back to North Platte, bumping Bro. Evans, and Bug Holmes is sitting at the hole in Omaha.

Her many friends were sorry to hear that Bro. Joe Ackerman's wife fell through a defective manhole near her home in Omaha recently. No bones were broken, however, and the prospects are she can command all her grace at the next club ball we have in Omaha. CERT. 217.

CARD OF THANKS.

Members Division Six, O. R. T., U. P. R. R.—

EDGEWOOD, ILL., May 8, 1914.

We wish to express to you our heartfelt thanks for the beautiful floral design you sent for the funeral of our son and brother, Louis G. Ging. Such tokens of respect help us to bear our great sorrow:

MR. AND MRS. SAMUEL GING,
EMMA GUY,
ANNIE WHITE,
KATE CLYDE,
LILLIAN DURRE,
H. P. GING,
IRA A. GING.

Nebraska Division, Third and Fourth Districts—

Dispatcher's office Sidney discontinued and North Platte dispatchers working from North Platte to Cheyenne. Chief Dispatcher Zentmyer, North Platte, now has supervision over the Third and Fourth Districts and North Platte branch. J. T. Davis, former chief at Sidney, is now night chief at North Platte, and V. A. Wirt is now trainmaster over the Third and Fourth Districts, vice G. D. Sage, who has taken his old run on passenger. Claude Delaney, appointed trainmaster over the North Platte branch, a newly created position.

Bro. Cochran is back to "NO" North Platte first on account of the reduction in "U" office, and Bro. J. T. Evans is back to Kearney third.

Bro. Christensen, "NY" North Platte, off on account of sickness, relieved by Mr. Taylor, from O'Fallons, closed several nights, and he by C. A. Lauthlin, from Sidney.

Bro. A. H. Becker, "NY" North Platte second, off a week moving his household goods there, relieved by Bro. W. J. Fields, from the Fourth District.

Bro. J. W. Glasgow, agent McGrew, off a month, relieved by Bro. L. E. Johnson.

Thanks to Bro. Jim Becker for items this month.

CERT. 693.

Colorado Division, D. P.—

"UD" reduced one man, closing the office from 10 p. m. to 1 a. m. Bro. Gates back to Pullman second.

Dent has been made a one-man job, bumping Bro. Seeley.

It is now Bro. Gallavan, operator and time-keeper on one of the extra gangs.

Bro. Kelly, agent Crook, on a vacation, relieved by Mr. Doherty, who has been braking.

Bro. Wooley, agent Dacono, on a vacation, relieved by Bro. Thompson, from Frederick.

Bro. Noon is relieving Agent Scott, Platteville, on sick list.

Bro. Vickroy, agent Lupton, off a few days sick, relieved by Bro. Hannon.

Bro. Minnick, Greeley third, on vacation, relieved by Mr. Payne.

Am indebted to Bro. Brawner for the above notes, the only ones I received this month.

K. P.—

Deer Trail closed as a continuous office May 1st, Woodward and Bro. Barnhart going to Byers, which was made a continuous office. Agate also opened as a continuous office with Mr. Girdner and Bro. Schnieder, new men, working the two tricks.

We were pained to hear of the recent death of J. Q. Matthews, our old trainmaster, at Lafayette, Ind., who had long suffered with a complaint which finally caused his death. He was well liked by all the boys under him.

A depot inspector made a trip over the line a few days ago. We should all take pains to keep our offices tidy, as that will catch the eye of our superior officials quicker than anything else.

L. C. DUEBWEG, Agate, Colo.

Wyoming Division—

One man taken off at "N" Cheyenne, and Bro. Cronk working that trick pending bulletin, has resigned. Bro. L. Q. Long has also resigned at "N" and goes with N. W. at Deadwood, S. D., as city ticket agent.

Bro. W. W. Wood assigned managership Rawlins.

Bro. F. E. Smith, agent Hermosa, is expecting his mother to spend the summer with him.

Bro. Pennington has gone on report job at Evanston, and force there cut to three men, Bros. Cue, Thomas and Hix, on first, second and third, respectively.

Bro. M. C. Stratton, of Carter, is visiting relatives in Vermont.

G. H. Arnold has gone to Arkansas City, Kan., as dispatcher on the Santa Fe.

It is now Bro. Whitaker, at Red Desert. Mrs. Whitaker was called to Illinois recently owing to death of her brother.

If every brother will mail notes to me before the 20th of the month we can have a more presentable write-up. H. A. MATHENY, Div. Cor., Tipton, Wyo.

St. Joseph & Grand Island Ry., Div. No. 6.

Bro. Shortridge, Fairbury second, and several other boys were recent St. Joseph callers. Understand the brother is arranging for a newly furnished house and congratulations will soon be in order. R. V. Tye, second Fairbury, is on ninety days' leave.

R. C. Harris, of the T. & B. V., got second Marysville; C. F. McCall, first trick there, resigned.

Bro. Krug, agent Herkimer, Kan., is spending his honeymoon autoing to Colorado. Best wishes to Bro. and Mrs. Krug. A. C. Gabbard relieving.

Since the opening of the Western League, it keeps us guessing who is the "DS" these days. Dispatchers Cahill, Watts, Harrison and Meriman are always on the ground. "BO."

Canadian Pacific Ry., Div. No. 7.*Alberta Division, First District—*

Mention was made in last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER of the transfer of Chief Dispatcher Ryan from Medicine Hat to Toronto. On April 22d, the date of his departure, a presentation was made on behalf of the members of the First District by Local Chairman Brown of a beautiful Masonic emblem ring, set with a half-carat white diamond. The inside was engraved "To J. E. R., from the members of the O. R. T., First District, April, 1914." In response to the presentation Mr. Ryan said he could not find words to express his appreciation of the gift, coming as it did from the boys out on the road, a great many of whom he had never seen and knew only through business dealings, but if any of them ever came to Toronto and made themselves known they would be gladly welcomed by him. Some very beautiful gifts were also made to him by the office force, conductors and trainmen. We wish him success in his new position.

Bro. W. H. McEwan, first trick east end dispatcher, left April 25th on an extended trip to eastern points, Toronto included, where he was married a short time ago. Dispatcher J. A. McLean, third east end, is relieving, he being relieved by Dispatcher R. J. Gough, from "NS."

Bro. Wheeler is also on an extended trip East, which is to terminate in a honeymoon. Seems to be rather contagious among the dispatching force at Medicine Hat. Wonder who will be the next "victim" there?

Bro. J. H. Boston bid in Kincorth nights; Bro. J. Favreau, Tilley agency; Bro. J. E. Dessert, Bow Island agency; Bro. H. D. Patterson, of Maple Creek, bid in Scepter agency, a new position just opened on the Empress Subdivision, and Bro. T. F. Cain, Retlaw agency. Maple Creek and Brooks days on bulletin.

Bro. Beattie, Carlstadt, spent two weeks on his ranch building stables and incidentally putting in sixty-five acres of wheat—some farmer; relieved by Bro. Barr, Third District, an old-timer.

Bro. C. G. Taylor, at Bassano, has a large hog and chicken ranch started to supply the needs of the surrounding country. Anyone desiring fried chicken or fresh pork sausage call on him. Bros. Wade and Blair have standing orders in.

The discovery of oil near Calgary recently is the sole topic of conversation, and excitement is intense. Several of the brothers will be classing themselves with John D. in the near future from present indications.

Bro. N. K. Black bid in second trick dispatcher's position east end Medicine Hat. Understand he still has visions of that hog ranch, and anyone wanting information on the hog industry would do well to seek his advice. They have inaugurated a "hog day" at Medicine Hat.

I am indebted to Bros. Brown and Burpee for items this month. Thanks, brothers; come again, as every little helps. Wish some brother on the Crow would keep me advised of the happenings on the Lethbridge and Coutts Subdivisions.

As the time is drawing near for your new card get in early and get after that non that is near you. Let's get them all up to date for the last six months of 1914. Get that helper into line also.

Div. Cor., Cert. 2194.

Third District—

That was a dandy write-up in the March number. Cert. 1247, you should get some news in every month. I am sure every member on this district was pleased to see the news.

We had one of the best meetings ever held in Calgary recently. We had the pleasure of meeting a number of brothers and one sister of the C. T. U. A. Bro. Pryde, of that organization, is a true union labor man. He gave us a very fine talk, and we urge the brothers of our sister organization to attend all our meetings.

Everybody on this district is oil-crazy since the discovery of oil near the town of Okotoks, south of Calgary.

Bro. McCue is relieving at the yard office in Calgary for a month.

Our brothers of the C. T. U. A. gave a fine dance on May 1st. It was a success and elicited praise from all who attended for the elegant manner in which everything was carried out. As this was their first dance it was not a great financial success, but it is sure to be a grand success the next time. Their invitations were tastefully gotten up in the form of a telegram.

The brother who rode to Banff in a box car to see the beautiful scenery from an unobstructed viewpoint was met at the station by our genial trainmaster who did not approve of the tour very much.

Bro. McFarland has returned from Texas, and is again on nights at Banff.

Bro. Wilkinson has gone to his home back East for a few weeks, relieved by Bro. Williams.

Brothers who do not attend the meetings do not know what they miss; it is the greatest treat we operators can get.

Bro. Dowler, who went to Airdrie when he left this road, is now at Calgary days for the C. N. R. Bro. Rick is back at Sunalta from a visit to the coast cities.

Bro. Buckingham is relieving the agent, Bro. Young, at Exshaw.

When Bro. Taylor, from far-off Coronation, and Bro. Rutledge, from Stettler, can come to the meetings at Calgary, there is no excuse for the brothers on the Big Hill, etc.

Bro. Conductor Fryers, an old-time dispatcher and conductor for a number of years, has been promoted to trainmaster at Saskatoon. Joe will be a success and will be coming back to us as superintendent one of these days.

Several trainmen in my office recently said our magazine was the best of all railroad publications. Of course, we telegraphers knew this, but it was pleasant to have others say so. We have reason to be proud of our TELEGRAPHER.

As I scan the write-ups from different divisions, I notice very many references to Mr. So and So, who, of course, is a non. Now, unless I am writing of an official, I never mention a non. This is a journal of union men, and if these nons want to be mentioned, let them get a card. My idea is to ignore these "Mr." people entirely.

Our genial dispatcher, Bro. Woodrow Wilson, has developed into a captain of finance or an oil king.

Do not buy oil stock until you have paid your dues and you are up to date. Believe me, you will need your jobs, notwithstanding the oil boom.

About the only out-and-out non we have, had the effrontery to put his grievance in to our committee. Did you ever see a non who was minus his gall?

There are about five or six brothers behind in their dues, all good friends of the writer, and we ask you to get up to date at once. Do it now.

The *Educational Bulletin* in these days is a large and curious magazine of fiction. Mr. Brown, the American railroad official who introduced this form of discipline, would not be very proud of his invention if he was aware of how it is applied here. It is a living example of the saying, "Consistency, thou art a jewel." F. S. T.

British Columbia Division, District One—

Relief Agent Bro. Tibbs, relieving Bro. Keech, agent Field, for a trip to England, was relieved at Rogers Pass by Bro. Kenney, and he days there by Bro. Logan, who later bid in Beaver-mouth nights, relieving Bro. Helmer, who bid in the Pass nights, with Bro. Withler on days extra.

Bro. Foster bid in Spillimacheen agency, vice Bro. Morrison, to Taft Pit.

Bro. Yeager, nights Albert Canyon, while ranching on his land at Golden, was relieved by Bro. Neigut.

Bro. Boughtin, a new man, who relieved Bro. Forbes, agent Cambie, a few days, also relieved Bro. Foster, Clanwilliam agency, until Bro. Lane, Three Valley, took it on appointment.

Bro. Bennett is now at Boulder Pit.

Bro. Von Winkler, Sicamous days, relieved several weeks by Bro. Maloney.

Bro. Callaghan, agent Taft, relieved on account of sickness by Bro. Alexander.

Bro. Hanna bid in "BY" first. Bro. Logan relieved there a few days while Bro. Boyle relieved Dispatcher Bro. Webster, off for a few days to North Bend.

A meeting was called in Revelstoke, May 23d.

CERT. 1819.

Saskatchewan Division, District One—

On May 1st the operating department took over the new track from Assiniboia west to Shaunavon. Three tricks dispatching at Assiniboia and nine new stations were up for bid, which were filled as follows: Dispatchers—first trick, Bro. J. A. Merkley, from First District; second, Bro. W. J. Barry, from Second District; third, Bro. J. R. Leydon, from Third District. Stations—Limerick, Bro. Turley; LaFleche, Bro. Baker; Woodrow, Bro. Webber; Aneroid, Bro. Boyd; all from District No. 1; Kincaid, Bro. Theberge, Pontix, Bro. Hennessey; Notoken, Bro. Hunter; Shaunavon, Bro. O'Brien; Cadillac, Bro. Gaudit; all from District No. 2. Our worthy brothers from the Third District seem to be satisfied where they are, or fared poorly in the drawing.

Other appointments on District No. 1: Agencies—Viceroy, Bro. Geo. Smith; Verwood, Bro. J. E. Demars; Readlyn, Bro. Wm. Bell; Fillmore, Bro. F. Whiting; Stalwart, Bro. Dawdy; Forward, Bro. Dawe; Amulet, Bro. Turney; Tregarva, Bro. G. E. Brasher; Sintaluta, Bro. Hanley; Hazelmore, Bro. Hunter. Day operators—Grenfell, Bro. T. W. Davidson, Shaunavon, Bro. D. C. Cooper. Night operators—Shaunavon, Bro. R. S. Wilson; Pasqua, Bro. R. J. Green.

Dispatchers Bro. V. J. Stubbings and Mr. Hilier are enjoying holidays, relieved by Bro. Zinger and Mr. Gish.

Bro. Levenway, Wolseley nights, and Bro. Green, Pasqua nights, on holidays, relieved by two new men. The brothers will have to send in a little news if they expect a write-up.

We have a few nons on the district. We should see that they send in their papers; have them all lined up in June and help support the schedule they are working under. CERT. 1604.

Saskatchewan Division, District Two—

The tireless efforts of Local Chairman Horn have at last been rewarded, and F. J. Milestone, agent Dunkirk, and A. J. Cunningham, third "YD" Moose Jaw, are now members, making this district solid. Now, boys, when any new men come around without cards, it is your duty to see that they get in line.

Do not make grievances out of trifles, but if you have any, take such matters up in the way our schedule calls for. That portion in regard to grievances reads: "All grievances in dispute must first be referred to the officer of the company having immediate jurisdiction by the telegrapher aggrieved. If reasonable efforts in this direction does not result in a satisfactory adjustment of the case, he may then file a statement giving full particulars, together with all correspondence in connection with the matter, with his local chairman, who will give it prompt attention."

Several grievances regarding the placing of operators at stations have been settled satisfactorily. The double track between Moose Jaw and Swift Current, now in operation between Moose Jaw and Herbert and between Notman and Swift Current will soon be cut through, and the operators at Notman will have to chase for other jobs.

Owing to train service, it is impossible to have a meeting at present, but things are in very good shape, better than for a long time, and we hope to have a meeting in the near future.

The few who have not yet paid their first month's increase should do so at once. Don't allow yourselves to be classed as "cheap skates."

We are all glad to see Mr. Trump, our capable chief, back again, after a month's absence on account of the illness of Mrs. Trump and their four children, who are now on the road to recovery.

General Chairman Mien was in Moose Jaw several days recently, helping Bro. Horn with grievances, and we are hoping for a visit from Bro. Campbell, our general legal adviser, the exact date for which has not been set.

Bro. F. H. Flett, dispatcher Moose Jaw, has returned from his holidays East.

Five of our members bid in positions bulletined on the Assiniboia Shaunavon Subdivision; A. F. O'Brien, from Lang, going to Shaunavon; T. J. Hennessey, Neville to Ponteix; F. L. Theberge, Keeler to Kincaid; N. Hunter, Notman to Notoke, and E. J. Gaudette, Wymark to Cadillac. We all wish them success.

Neville, Glenside, first and second "YD" Moose Jaw, Rouleau days and Outlook nights now on bulletin.

Bro. Prowse bid in Keeler.

Bro. J. R. Jones, third Swift Current; Bro. T. Kellagher, Wymark; Bro. T. King, Hitchcock; Bro. W. J. Barry, dispatcher Moose Jaw, second dispatcher Assiniboia, and Bro. A. J. Adams, third Swift Current, Parkbeg agency, vice Bro. Geo. King, resigned to go into business at Pambrum.

Bro. McConnell, Roche per se, has returned from the South.

Bro. Bowlier, Lang agency, is holidaying on his chicken farm in Montana.

Bro. J. Ouellet, Friar's Pit, has transferred to District 1. Sorry to lose Joe. Drv. Coa.

Manitoba Division, District Four—

A seniority list has been mailed every telegrapher on this district. Any corrections necessary should be taken up with Superintendent Souris and your local chairman notified accordingly, so he can correct his copy.

The called meeting held in Napinka on Thursday, April 23d, had an attendance of fifteen, including Bro. Mien, general chairman Western Lines, who gave a very interesting address, outlining things in general, which we all certainly very much appreciated. We hope to have him again in the near future.

The few who have not yet sent in their first month's increase in connection with our last schedule will greatly oblige by doing so now, so our general secretary and treasurer can clear his books, and when doing so he wishes all remittance slips filled in full, with division, district, station and certificate number, as shown at top of left-hand slip No. 1. If this is done, it will save him considerable trouble; also your post office address and name of station. Remittances have reached him where only the name of the remitter has been shown on the sheet.

Bro. Herriot, from "D," is now out on the farm at Souris. We hope that his position, closed in January, will soon be opened, so that we may hear his glad fist on the wire again. None of the positions abolished in January have as yet been reopened, and we have still ten spare men on last seniority list out of jobs—something new for this district. There should be no trouble getting holidays this summer nearly on time.

Bro. J. Casey is relieving Bro. Evans at Carn-duff, and Bro. A. I. Kraft, agent at Bender several years, is relieving Bro. Baker, Napinka station, both on leave of absence.

Our next meeting will be held at Napinka before the rush starts, and we would like as many present as possible. At our last meeting there was only one from the Arcola Subdivision and none west of Napinka on the Estevan Subdivision. Most of you can get transportation and relief for one day by making your request to Chief Dispatcher Scott in time.

The only three nons on the division have all their application papers and promise to come in this pay day. With the two delinquents paid up again, we will then be 100 per cent strong.

Those who have not yet sent in their first month's increase in connection with the present schedule should attend to it at once.

When a new man comes on the district, find out if he has a card, and if not, do not forget our motto, "No card, no favors." By each one taking hold of this personally we can keep our district solid. Will gladly send you application papers at any time.

It is now time to remit your dues. Brothers, attend to this promptly, and save our general secretary and treasurer a lot of trouble through correspondence.

A. D. ANDERSON,
Local Chairman.

Ontario Division, Districts Three and Four—

Bro. Milmine, Muskoka days, is on vacation. Bro. McLean relieving, and Bro. McCoy is being relieved by Bro. Pattison.

We are pleased the way the clerks are coming in; Bro. Johnston being the first man here to get a card. Some of the boys find it difficult to raise the necessary funds out of the pittance they now receive, but Bro. Berry, baggageman at "JU," managed to do so, and also get married. Congratulations.

Bro. Rutledge has our sincere sympathy in his recent sad bereavement.

Bro. Wansbrough has returned from New York, where he found the lights of Broadway as bright as ever.

The three London dispatchers, whose faces appeared in the April number, are really very good looking gentlemen.

Bro. McDonald is relieving Bro. Walker, at Carley nights, who may return with a wife.

Bro. Dan McCaughrin spent Sunday at his home in Mono Road. He is having a very interesting time in Ottawa, but we will be glad to have him back in our midst again when the house adjourns.

A full attendance is requested at our next meeting, as several important matters will be given attention. Bro. McCaughrin and Bro. Rooney expect to be present.

CERT. 859.

West End, District Five—

Special meeting was called in Arnprior, May 9th, by request of one of the brothers who did not attend after all. Brothers present were T. P. Eagen, in the chair; J. C. Rooney, Chairman Eastern Lines, and J. Reynolds, from the G. T.; F. Pierce, Franktown; Geo. Eitherington, Almonte; F. Shanks, Carleton Place; E. Hogan and L. Jelly, Arnprior; N. Smith, Braeside; T. Coulter, Moose Jaw, and J. H. Healey, Renfrew.

Bro. Worley, agent Haley's, on holidays, touring around in his car, relieved by Bro. L. B. Smith. There are a few posts Mr. Cook can not upset down in Smiths Falls, and Dick, I understand, has never run up against this kind yet.

Bro. Bailey, agent at Meath, and Healey, at Renfrew, are tormenting the chief dispatcher for transportation.

The C. P. R. have an A1 baseball team in the league at the sporty town of Renfrew. May they not lose a game.

We all hope to see Bro. Usher at the dispatching table in Smiths Falls before long, and wish him success.

CERT. 1023.

East End, District Five—

Bro. Collum is relieving Bro. Legault at Beaconsfield.

Bro. Barclay, relieving Bro. Harvey, has gone back to "DK." Mr. Lauber is back at "MK" nights again, relieving Bro. Collum for the summer.

St. Polycarpe Jct. is a busy point, owing to the opening of a C. P. R. branch line to Cornwall.

Bro. H. Harvey is back at Kempton nights from his honeymoon. We all extend to him heartiest congratulations.

Bro. Farrel, who relieved Bro. Rioux on vacation, was relieved by Bro. Courier.

CERT. 2016.

New York Central R. R., Div. No. 8.

Hudson Division—

The regular meeting on May 19th was very largely attended by brothers from along the division. These meetings are very interesting as well as instructive, and any one not a regular attendant is missing something.

Judge Addington, of Albany, gave a favorable decision in regard to the "Two Days Rest Law," and the company gave notice at once of an appeal to the higher court. If this appeal business is going to continue, we might as well try for a law for six days work a week, the same as our brothers in Canada are enjoying, and other lines in New York State now have. It will be just as easy to fight appeals for one day off a week as two days off a month.

It was clearly demonstrated on this division recently that we have "some schedule." When the proposed displacements were taking place our superintendent decided that a position not in our schedule can not displace a scheduled position. One of the men affected protested, but the superintendent held to his previous decision and the men displaced returned to their positions, while the men from the abolished non-scheduled positions had to accept bidding rights only.

Brother, get that non working with you or next to you to come into the order. In 1913 we secured thirty-seven applications. Of course, we can not do that this year, as there are not one-quarter of that number still out, but we can make it less. Get after the few desirables. They can be landed if approached in the right way.

The mother of Bro. Thos. Murray, who was struck, at Rossmans, by an electric car on the A. & S. Ry., died shortly after being taken to the Hudson hospital. Bro. Murray was a member before this division was organized, and we are all sorry to hear of his loss.

Bro. Lockhart, was relieved while off on account of sickness, by Bro. W. A. Smith and Bro. Dedrick, who also relieved on S. S. 54, while Bro. Fraligh was on committee work. Later Bro. Dedrick relieved Bro. McGranaghan, second S. S. 46, several days.

S. S. 39 closed. Bro. Falco displaced Bro. Lounsbury on third S. S. 51, and Mr. Underwood goes to Peekskill drawbridge.

Bro. A. W. Kabes is now manager of the Western Union at Hackensack, N. J.

Latest assignments: H. Simmons, third S. S. 71; Bro. J. T. Bellew, second S. S. 47; Bro. F. T.

Hallock, second S. S. 55; Bro. W. E. Trowbridge, third S. S. 76; Bro. Lewis, second S. S. 81.

Bro. Filler, first S. S. 63, off two days moving, was relieved by Bro. W. A. Smith.

Bro. Bellew covered second S. S. 37 one day for Bro. Ayers. Bro. Clarke put in two nights on second S. S. 90, and he and Bro. Kabes covered first S. S. 77 while Bro. Gardner was off on account of his mother's illness, and Bro. Witty was relieved one night on third S. S. 63 by Bro. Decker, who also relieved Bro. Overton one day on second S. S. 65.

The dispatchers' phone has been installed at S. S. 60, where Bro. Manion was relieved by Bro. Sheffer.

Bro. Dedrick covered third S. S. 71 while Mr. Simmons relieved J. Smith on third S. S. 74 two weeks.
A. A. S. Div. Cor.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Our heavenly Father has deemed it best to call to her reward the beloved mother of our esteemed brother, Thomas Murray; and

WHEREAS, We, the members of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers of the N. Y. C. & H. R. R. R., Hudson Division No. 8, bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well; be it therefore

Resolved, That we extend to Bro. Murray our fraternal sympathy in his sad bereavement, commending him to the One who doeth all things well, for help to bear his sad affliction; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved brother, a copy spread upon the minutes of this Order, and a copy forwarded to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

F. P. FRALEIGH,

A. A. SMITH,

W. CLEARY,

Committee.

Mohawk Division, Main Line and W. S.—

The day meeting held at Syracuse on May 21st was very well attended.

Bro. Morey, who was present, decided to hold day meetings every odd month, that makes the next one come in July. Brothers, you should attend these meetings and help make them a success. If you have any grievance come to the meetings and talk them over with the rest of the boys. It will do you all good, and make you better acquainted with the men you are working with every day. There is no reason why the second and third trick men between Utica and Syracuse can't attend these meetings. Come to the one in July and have a good talk.

On account of closing all three tricks at Crawfords grade, Bro. J. V. Spencer displaced the first trick man at Frankfort.

Mohawk grade also closed recently, causing H. Cooper to displace Bro. Lee at S. S. V. G.

Andy Furman displacing Bro. H. A. Wood second at "VG," who displaced H. Hooper at "VG," and Bro. Lee went on the extra list. Furman on the road eighteen years could never

afford a card. Of course, he wouldn't refuse an increase in wages, and is always very anxious to know what the boys are doing when the committee is in New York. G. F. Lackey, second "NF," and C. D. Gitchell, third "VO," are of the same type. The latter has his whole family working, and then has to peddle eggs to live. He won't join while a certain man is a member, who the objectionable party is we have never been able to find out. The less we have to do with such fellows the better off we will be.

Bro. Frank Caraher has been appointed third trick dispatcher at South Utica, and Bro. Joyce, from S. S. "CT," is now extra dispatcher. Both of these brothers have been on the road a long time, and their promotion is well deserved.

Bro. Shutts, first S. S. "AK," bid in first S. S. "VG," and Bro. Porter, first at "WX," bid in first at "AK." Bro. Stinard, second "WX," relieved Bro. Porter, on first there, while he was away.

Bro. E. A. Wright, third S. S. "WU," displaced by Mr. Hartwick, went on the extra list.

Bro. Geo. Levey bid in second S. S. 37.

Tower 36 recently closed, and tower 30 is expected to be taken out any day now.

Bro. F. E. Down, second at "JO," was off a few days.

Bro. Bob Farley, second "AK," has been on second "NF" for a month.

Recently Bro. Smith, at "WU," going down stairs to fix the fire, obeyed the command, "Hands up," when he found himself looking into a six-shooter. As the robber started to go through the brother's pockets, he brought the poker down on the fellow's arm, causing him to drop his gun and beat it up the track. Bro. Smith chased him awhile, gun in hand, but he got away in the darkness.

Dispatcher Trimm, on ten days' vacation, relieved by Bro. Caraher, and he by Bro. Joyce.

The new Utica depot was opened to the public May 24th. It's certainly a dandy.

Plenty of extra men on the line, so it should be easy to get away this summer.

Now, boys, be sure and come to the next meeting in July. Help to make them a success.

CERT. 661.

Western Division—

Our regular day meeting, held in Clinton Hall, Syracuse, May 21st, was one of the largest attended in a long time. Ontario Division was out in force, and most of the time was taken up with affairs of that division. General Chairman Morey brought up a number of topics, and the attention displayed showed that all were deeply interested. One thing especially to occur in the near future will have an important bearing on the welfare of Division 8.

We hope the night meeting in June will be well attended.

Lineman Hassett's wife died very suddenly, and was buried April 30th. She had been an invalid for some time, and Mr. Hassett intended taking her to Baltimore for treatment again, but she was too weak to take the journey.

Bro. Potter, at Jordan, was given his vacation the first week in May.

One man taken off and Bro. Sheppard assigned "MI" Syracuse, vice Bro. Garrison. Bro. Ritter, "MI," relieved several days by Mr. Duffy, owing to the death of his mother.

"DW" closed night and day; Akron Jct. closed nights, and Cokfield from midnight until 6 a. m. Newark block station changed from yard office to freight house, and leverman taken off days at tower 1.

Hoist bridge over Congo Canal, W. S., put in service May 15th. Conway days and Proseus nights are both eligible for membership. See that they come in.

I wish to thank all who forwarded items this month and hope they will continue to do so.

G. A. N.

CARD OF THANKS.

I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to the members of Division 8 for the floral offering, consisting of a beautiful pillow, also to the office employees at "MI" for the large wreath which they presented during my recent bereavement in the loss of my beloved mother.

G. F. RITTER, Cert. 1489.

River Division—

Operators Harris and Donohue off line. Bro. Hyde has left us. Good luck to you, brother.

Awards: Hasbrouck, agency "HO;" Goodwin, to "DU;" Buddington, to "MX;" Mr. Johnson, to "QA," which is contested; Elting, to "HM."

Bro. Hoag, on a trout fishing trip, relieved by Bro. McNamara, who later relieved Bro. Buddington, off to the circus. Bro. Brooks, also attending circus, relieved by Bro. Dean.

Bro. "DR" took the tariff inspector examination with such high honors that it was decided to start him out immediately.

"MR" second abolished.

Bro. Hotaling, who was hit on the head with a poker while on duty at "PA" about 1:30 a. m., Thursday, May 21st, revived as the robbers were leaving after rifling money drawer, and ran out of his office after them, when they turned and shot him twice in the head and once in the chest killing him instantly. No trace thus far of the assassins. The funeral was held at his home in New Baltimore the following Saturday. Several floral offerings were sent, including one in Division 8's name, and several of our members were present at funeral. The boys extend their heartfelt sympathy to his parents and relatives. Bro. "H" carried series A insurance in the O. R. T.

Judge Addington, of Albany County, decided against the railroad company in the two-days-off law, upholding it as a health measure, and the company has carried the case to the Court of Appeals. The New Jersey bill upon same subject was vetoed by Gov. Fielder, and Massachusetts is trying to secure practically the same law. The workers sure have a time trying to secure remedial legislation.

The steamer Hendrick Hudson, of the Hudson River Day Line, is in service, and the Washington Irving started Decoration Day. These boats are the largest and finest river steamers in the world.

Poor showing at our last Newburgh meeting. This is the place you will hear exactly what is going on, turn out and interest yourselves. Our meetings at Newburgh will be held the 3d Tuesday of each alternate month at 7:10 p. m., Odd Fellows Hall, banquet room; same old hall, but downstairs. Haverstraw meetings each alternate month, Junior Order A. M. Hall, the 3d Wednesday, at 7:10 p. m.; next meeting at Haverstraw. Drv. Coa.

St. Lawrence Division—

I want to see this division represented in THE TELEGRAPHER every month. Please send me your items to Harrisonville in time, so I can arrange and send them in before the 28th.

The few delinquents on this division should pay up without further delay. We need their support, and every member we can get hold of.

Judge Addington, of the Albany County Court, has rendered his decision in the two-day-rest law in our favor, and the company has given notice of appeal, which will act as a stay of execution the same as in the decision given by Judge Brady.

A great many of the boys attended the civil service examination at Ogdensburg, April 24th and 25th.

Herbert Devereaux, passenger conductor for the last twenty-seven years, has gone into the livery business at Newton Falls. Herb is a hustler, and we all know he will succeed.

The C. & A. freight trains are now running nights through the forest preserve of the Adirondacks to comply with the law.

Agent Penoyer, of Natural Bridge, while at County Court two weeks in regard to the case of the Chinamen who tried to smuggle themselves into the United States, was relieved by F. Macomber. Call up the force at Oswegatchie station and they will put you wise as to what has been doing at Canton Court.

The new time card will create some new positions and cause some changes to be made, if not promptly bulletined notify me and I will give it my prompt attention.

G. W. BACKUS, Local Chairman.

St. L. & A. Division—

Chief Dispatcher A. J. Tessier, who has been sick for the past year, passed away April 14th. Flowers were sent by the employees of the St. L. & A. Division, and Bros. C. McPherson, P. M. Phaneuf and A. Weaner attended his funeral at Syracuse, N. Y. He was a faithful employee. His family has our sincere sympathy in their loss. CRAT. 1839.

Harlem Division—

Bro. J. R. Ostrander has been assigned to second "UN."

Bro. H. P. Palmer, on a few days' vacation, relieved by Mr. Siegel.

Bro. W. H. Gardner, on vacation, relieved by Bro. F. Wall, relief agent.

Mr. Guyger, on second "NS" pending bids, Bro. J. Scolpine extra.

Fred Clum is baggageman at "G," vice Mr. Gately resigned.

Bro. F. O'Hara covering second "SA," Bro. Reinhart on sick list.

Bro. Smith relieved by Bro. Thomas several days owing to the illness of his mother.

We hope the three delinquents on this division will pay up before it is too late.

Thanks are due Bro. Grant for the notes sent me. Evidently a couple of brothers from the north end are not interested in having this division represented in THE TELEGRAPHER, as they didn't have the courtesy to reply to the notes sent them.

BUNK.

Electric Division—

The merry game of abolishing jobs and cutting down force still goes on. Bro. Jimmy Howarth was one of the latest to feel the axe when the split trick at "BR" was done away with. He will displace a younger man, and so it goes down the line. In the stations the same situation exists, and some of the brothers will have to move to less desirable places, or find themselves out in the world when jobs are scarce. The thought of going home to your family to say that you have no job and your income has stopped makes a man's heart sink. And the cause, as we see it, leads to the question: Why should the members of a Government Commission, drawing what to us seems high salaries, drool along month after month playing to a galaxy of farmers while thousands of men to whom two or three dollars a day means everything fall by the wayside?

Bro. H. A. Smith, who has been in Fordham hospital for a long time, is out, and we all hope to see him at work soon.

Bro. Fenstermacher and family visited Harrisburg, Pa., Memorial day.

Bro. Bowish, of "MJ," is away getting his spring crops in.

Bro. Bowen has gone to "G" office as dispatcher's operator for the vacation season. Joe is an old hand at the business and seems pleased to get another crack at it.

Ex-Bro. Short, extra on third at "PF," feels out in the cold and has promised to come back in the fold. Don't let there be any pie-crust to that promise.

Bros. Hooper, Schwartz, Kidney, Hitchcock and Moss attended the Hudson Division meeting at Poughkeepsie, April 21st, and enjoyed the meeting, clam chowder and cigars. The Hudson men are good sports and Poughkeepsie is a hospitable town in spite of its queer name.

Bro. Hodgeboom is back from a two weeks' visit to his folks in the maple syrup belt. Don't be stingy, Hodge!

Bros. Kneipp and Kahn went fishing recently and a big storm came up. The next man who goes out in a boat with Harry won't be Henry, or vice versa.

Bro. M. J. Kane, leverman at "HM," away sick, has resumed work. Bro. Wm. Kidney, third "BR" to first "HS," is so pleased with his new position he don't want to go home when his relief shows up. W. Gramp, first "HS" to first "GD," is also pleased and will soon be with us again. Bro. H. L. Wood is feeling fine since he came to "HM" and has taken to riding a bike.

The moving picture show said to be visible from "MJ" tower is very fine if you put the light out in the tower.

Our baseball team is doing some good work and have won every game so far. Hope to see the interest in the game increase and the good luck go hand in hand with the love of the game. When we do lose a game, or our work goes wrong, try to think of something like this:

"An' after all your fussin' did the world stand still a bit?

Did the universal forces seem at all inclined to quit?

Make the most of all that's doin' in the labors of the day,

An' the future will be better for the trials of the way."

H. D. S.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst our beloved brother and co-worker, A. Magaw, a loyal friend and loving son to his mother; be it therefore

Resolved, That the members of Division No. 8, O. R. T., extend to the bereaved mother their sincere and heartfelt sympathy; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved mother, a copy spread on the minutes of this division and a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

L. W. BUTTERFIELD,

H. J. KNEIPP,

J. M. MOSS,

Committee.

Electric Division Notes—

Bro. Collins, on a week's vacation, relieved by Mr. Hynes. Mr. Rice also on a week's vacation.

My apology is tendered Bro. Sullivan, acting agent, for referring to him as "Mr." instead of "Bro." in April write-up. Bro. Sullivan has been a good member for years. He is now relieving Bro. Frewdenberger, on his honeymoon.

Get acquainted with your neighbor and make him show you the proper colors. Brothers, say what you like about the nons, but don't violate your obligation or let personal quarrels interfere with your duty to your brother member. Let the spirit shown in our meeting room, working for our betterment, govern us always, and tell the new men that our motto is "No cards, no favors." Were it not for the men who always carry an up-to-date, jobs that now pay \$75 and \$85 a month would be paying \$55 and \$60. This increased pay every month is a good return for the \$12 or \$15 a year put into the Order, and you have the protection and respect of the other Order men among whom you are working.

Some of our assistant agents are charged with carelessness in failing to keep a clear record of registered letters to and from their station.

Mr. Schwartz awarded "YD" nights, and Bro. Fenstermacher relief agent, vice Bro. Alrutz resigned.

Supervising agent has been abolished, Mr. Mugler going back to White Plains freight office.

Freight clerks at "KO" and "WM," baggage-men at "RN" and "M," porter at "MH" have been taken off.

After reading your journal, send it to the non nearest to you. It may enlighten him along lines he has heretofore not understood.

Bro. Donetz entertained a few of the brothers at the Gramatan Inn recently.

"CE," Div. Cor.

Monon Route (C., I. & L. Ry.), Div. No. 9.

Southern Division—

Bro. Harmon, second McDoel, was off a few days, relieved by Bro. Rainey, from the Sou. Ry., who was later relieved by Ex-Bro. Harbin, and went to Shelby. Hope Bro. Rainey will stay with us. He is an up-to-date man and a good agent.

Bro. Royster has gone to "AD" days, south end, which he bid in several months ago.

Bro. "Slim" Bennett is back on second Shops, relieving Bro. Keefe, who returned to Brookston. It is now Bro. Schmalz, third Greencastle, and Bro. Slough, first Orleans.

Bro. Dunkin has been given his rights on second Wallace Junction, relieving Bro. Salvo, who relieved Bro. Kern on third Bedford, to extra list.

Brothers, if you don't get a square deal, don't fail to take it up with the local chairman. He is not in a position to know everything going on. Make your wants known to him and he will gladly take up any grievances you may have. Be sure to send him a copy of your letters making application for positions bulletined, then there will be no question as to your getting a square deal.

There may be no more meetings called unless a petition is presented to the local chairman signed by at least eight members agreeing to attend. On account of trick arrangements those who would like to attend can not, and those who can don't. All the meetings should be well attended, there is where we can find out what is going on and we always have a good time.

Bro. Fox, second Gosport, was off a few days recently on account of sickness.

West Baden and Frankfort second, and "FH" days, Louisville, are up for bid. Bro. Eastbridge is at "FH" days, and Bro. Christie nights.

Bro. Kern, while off getting married, was relieved by Mr. Harbin. All the boys extend congratulations. Later he relieved Bro. Roach, second Bedford.

The "Lamb and Berry" specials are now hitting the high spots between New Albany and the Windy City. Brothers, give the dispatcher the best service possible in handling this class of business.

Bro. Packwood, first West Baden, is recuperating down on the farm.

Bro. Wood, local chairman, first Salem, spent Sunday, May 3d, at Bloomington, attending the O. R. T. meeting and visiting his brother, who is in I. U. there.

Boys, each of you send me an item, and we can have a good write-up every month. I thank Bros. Speer and Woods for the notes sent me.
T. E. SHORR.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, C. I. & L., Division No. 9, for the beautiful floral offering presented by them in token of their sympathy for the great loss of our beloved father.

MR. AND MRS. G. P. BENNETT.
Lafayette, Ind., May 5, 1914.

Norfolk & Western Ry., Div. No. 14.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, to call to the great beyond our beloved brother, Paul C. Umstead; in manifestation of our fraternal sympathy, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the Norfolk and Western System, Division 14, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the bereaved wife and family our heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the wife of the deceased brother, a copy spread on the minutes of the system records, and a copy sent THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

L. W. LUNSFORD,
T. G. SEXTON,
J. K. MCCUTCHEN,

Committee.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our heavenly Father, and all-wise ruler of the universe, to call to his reward our beloved brother, E. B. Glenn, of Saltville, Va.; in manifestation of our grief and sympathy, be it

Resolved, That the members of Norfolk and Western System, Division No. 14, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the sorrowing wife and children their sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved wife, a copy spread on the minutes of the division, and a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

R. G. GARDNER,
W. A. T. OVERSTREET,
C. I. KERR,

Committee.

Michigan Central R. R., Div. No. 16.

Middle Division and Branches—

The special meeting called at Jackson, Saturday, April 25th, for the purpose of getting the sentiment and approval of the members of the O. R. T. to affiliate with the other brotherhood Orders of the M. C. Ry. System, was well attended.

The matter was discussed quite freely and all seemed to be in favor of a federation with the other Orders.

On invitation, we also attended a joint meeting of the brotherhoods on Sunday, April 26th, to further discuss the question of federating the Orders. There was a large attendance of the other Orders, but only five O. R. T. members. There is not very much excuse for the members who live in Jackson for not being at this meeting. It will probably mean better schedules and other conditions if this federation is made a success. The meeting was very large and enthusiastic. On motion it was recommended that each Order elect a delegate to meet at some place later agreed upon, to draft a set of rules or regulations for the federation.

Mr. Laughlin, of the firemen's organization, chairman of the meeting, made a good talk, which was well received. He stated that the proposed federation could put up a strong front and see that the company lived up to the schedules after we worked so hard to get them.

I hope Bro. Shoemaker will keep track of the main line, and Bro. J. F. Wholihan, of the Air Line, and send me the items before the 20th of the month. I was elected division correspondent at the last meeting, and want to have a good monthly write-up. Bro. Palmer, Eaton Rapids, resigned to take a position in the bank there, and Bro. Beitler, Vanhorn, bid it in after Bros. Renrick, Kenrick, Cunningham and McEldowney had all taken a whirl at it. Bro. J. M. Hickey, of Jackson, bid in the Vanhorn vacancy.

Agent Fairfax resigned to go into other business; position bid in by Bro. McMillen, relieved at Nashville nights on bid by Bro. White, and he on first there by Bro. Sheiffer on bid. Later Bro. Ramsay, agent Vermontville, resigned to go to California, and Bro. White bid in the vacancy, relieved at Nashville on bid by Bro. Carpenter.

Bro. E. H. Dormer, agent Homer, bid in Union City nights, relieved on bid by Bro. Kenrick.

Grand Rapids nights bid in by Bro. Reynberg, vice Bro. Carpenter, on extra list.

Parma nights up for bid; Bro. Wherle resigned to take a position in Cassopolis postoffice.

Bro. Fred Fitch was off three days trout fishing recently.

Bro. E. E. Warner, Irving, is doing nicely since being operated on for appendicitis at Butterworth Hospital, Grand Rapids, May 11th. He was relieved by Bro. B. F. Gillette, and he by Bro. Spooner, at Middleville nights.

Bro. Salter bid in Augusta nights.

Botsford "BO" yard office Kalamazoo is open nights with Telegrapher Wightman in charge.

Bro. I. Ketchem is on Kalamazoo nights since second day there was taken off.

Bro. McMurray, a new man, bid in first, and Bro. Nysewander, second Glenwood nights, when the office was opened up.

Bro. Rouke, Dowagiac nights, while attending the meeting at Jackson, was relieved by Bro. Fitch, who also relieved Bro. Shoemaker several days recently on account of sickness. The latter

was relieved while attending his wife's father's funeral by Bro. Moon.

Barron Lake closed, putting Mr. Lindsay on extra list; Fabius nights closed, making it a twelve-hour job for Bro. Bowlby, recently back from Western Canada. Colon nights closed, making Bro. Watson's job twelve hours; he is now on vacation east, relieved by Mr. Lavalley.

Bro. Avery, first Three Rivers nights, on vacation, relieved by Bro. McEldowney.

The new single-track blocking system will open up soon some good offices at new place, and change some twelve-hour to eight-hour tricks, and we hope it will soon go into effect.

You brothers at Three Rivers get after that non and rid of that student. Your obligation prohibits student-teaching.

I thank the brothers who sent me items. Any time any of you have any news of interest send it to me at Vanhorn. Am open day and night, so you will always find me there.

J. CLISSOLD, Div. Cor.

West Division—

A great change has taken place at Kensington. The old depot which stood there so long has been torn down, and, along with the old water tank, has gone to its last resting place; not a landmark remains by which one would recognize the place. The tracks are being elevated, the telegraph office has been closed and the ticket office is now located in a temporary shack across the tracks from where the old depot stood. Bro. Borsos, who was at "CA" when that office closed, bid in second "KD," relieving Bro. Hensell now on extra.

We are sorry to hear that Bro. Cripe has been taken out of the service on account of some trouble at Buchanan, which was bid in by Bro. Durlfinger.

Bro. Ault, dispatcher, is now "pounding brass" in "TV" days again on account of the reduction in force. Bro. McLean is on the examiner's job, and Bro. Tone is back on third. The phone and the wires keep Bro. Wilson jumping all day, but he is always on the job when you want him.

Bro. Croxton, second Tolleston, has resigned to go on his father's farm. We all wish him success, but are sorry to lose the co-operation of such a good brother. Bro. Henderson, from the P. M., bid in the vacancy.

Bro. VanRiper was away several days looking at some land in Michigan.

Local Chairman Booth has been lining up nons and delinquents, but they are almost extinct on this division now. Boys, let us get busy and hook the two or three left; you all know who they are.

Bro. Brown was relieved at Hammon1 during the illness of his father, by Mr. Watson.

Bro. Hensell relieved Mr. Nickerson, second East Gary, two days on account of sickness. Mr. Nickerson promises to get an up-to-date on pay day. This will make this division about solid.

Thanks to Bro. Borsos for his items, and hope this will not be his last effort. Boys, get busy, the new tariff don't stop you from giving your local correspondent at least one item a month.

"UNCLE DUDLEY."

Pennsylvania Ry., Div. No. 17.

Baltimore Division—

The ball given by the five brotherhoods on this division on May 12th was attended by more than 3,000 people, and the receipts amounted to something like \$1,000. As this was the first annual ball held by the brotherhoods it was considered a success from every point of view. Bros. J. F. Miller, T. E. Fidler, L. T. Scally, N. G. Wilson, J. T. Brenize, L. H. Nelson and C. S. Lowe represented the telegraphers on the committee.

Bro. F. O. Warner, foreman of linemen on this division, who was struck by an engine near Biddle street station and taken to St. Joseph Hospital, is greatly improved, and we hope that ere long he will be able to be among us again. He has the sympathy of the entire membership on this division.

Many of the telegraphers on this division have been laid off. Bros. Abe Sirkis and R. E. Lloyd are now with the Postal.

Dr. J. B. Sebastian is planning to leave for the West to open a dental office. We all regret to have him leave Baltimore, as he has been an active worker in behalf of the telegraphers in the East for a number of years. He will carry with him the best wishes of all the O. R. T. men in this territory.

Brothers, get after the few delinquents and insist upon them paying up before June 30th, otherwise they will be dropped from the membership roll. This is important. We should work hard to hold the present membership intact and organize the nons, as the stronger the organization the better conditions and wages can be secured. We must back up our officers when they are negotiating in our behalf with a solid organization.

Our regular monthly meetings are well attended and those present take an active interest in what is being done in their behalf, but a greater number should turn out and find out what is being done, and there would be fewer knockers and more real workers. A few have been paying all the expenses and doing the hard work, while the men in union station and other larger offices on the division who have really received the real benefits the O. R. T. has secured continue to give the excuses that they are afraid to join a labor organization. This is a progressive age; labor organizations everywhere are pressing forward, and unless we desire to work the balance of our days under present conditions and wages we must get into the movement at once.

Bricklayers and plasterers get \$6.00, iron workers \$7.00 and carpenters \$5.00 a day for eight hours, while telegraphers on the P. R. R. get \$2.00 a day and are glad that the P. R. R. permits them to work. Solid organization is what betters the conditions of the toilers, and it is the only way in which the telegraphers can hope to accomplish anything. There is nothing to gain by remaining outside the organization that has shortened our hours and increased our salaries. Be a man among men and stand for justice and the things you are entitled to. The man who joins the union that represents his craft shows that he desires better living conditions, a fair return for

the labor he sells, and signs a declaration of independence.

Brothers, be prompt in the payment of your dues and give the non no rest until he joins. Remember, your influence counts; help build up the organization by trying to get at least one new member this term.

Our committee is now holding hearings in our case, give every assistance you can. Get busy today.
"ISAAC."

Buffalo Division—

Brothers, now that the other four brotherhoods are doing so much to help us and are willing to co-operate to help us get recognition, keep after the nons and get them in line. We need them and they need us. Attend all the meetings you hear of, and bring all the nons you can find, so they may learn for themselves what we are trying to accomplish for them. Secure one new member a month, and it won't be long before we will be strong enough to get what we are entitled to.

Bro. O. R. Heck is now chief clerk to the yardmaster at Emporium Jct., relieved on second "WB" by W. W. Taylor. Bro. Marriott bid in second "AD," relieved by M. F. Rose on third "WB" on bid, leaving Eldred third on bulletin.

Glad to hear Mrs. M. M. Kirby back again at Porter, after several weeks' absence.

The boys are all working on the south end again, after taking the medical examination. Guess some of them had to purchase glasses.

Two very interesting joint meetings of the five brotherhoods, held in Olean on Sunday, April 26th, in Shean's Hall, were very well attended, considering the time we had to advertise them. Bro. Glaney, a Grand Lodge officer of the B. L. E., and our general chairman, Bro. J. F. Miller, gave us very interesting talks on the co-operative plan. We expect to have another meeting before long.

Bro. Miller and Assistant General Chairman Fidler stayed with us the week of April 27th, helping us to organize and telling the boys what was being done for them.

All the nons were very much pleased to meet Bro. Miller, and realize that he's a fighter who only needs the proper amount of backing to win, and, from present indications, he is going to get it.

Brothers, stay on the job, keep awake, and show the company that union men are the best to employ.

Brothers, keep after those nons on the Chaut branch until they are ashamed to work beside good union men and get in line. Keep your shoulders to the wheel and it will soon be moving our way at a lively pace.
JACK.

Renovo Division, East End—

A large number of extra men on this division have either resigned or been granted leave of absence on account of slack working conditions. We were sorry to see these men go, as they were practically in line.

Bro. Hoffman spent his relief day at Erie, Pa., and Bro. Mathewson spent his in Buffalo visiting friends.

Bro. Lem Kane, from Howards, is now in the superintendent's office at Renovo.

Bro. Seth Johnson, Driftwood, made quite a fine catch of speckled beauties while off several days recently.

Bro. Blassey, Scachonda, will make good use of his new motorcycle as soon as the roads are dry enough.

Bro. Zaner was relieved at St. Mary's a few days recently by Miss Bessie Seid.

Bro. J. P. Frampton while on the sick list was relieved by Bro. C. W. Johnson.

Bro. Leo R. Burlingame, displaced at Rathbun, gets third Cameron.

Bro. Luke Griskey, of the superintendent's office, relieving at Emporium, Erie and Renovo, recently bid in first "FN" Warren.

Bro. Westley Pfoutz, of Huling, Pa., recently enjoyed a few days' fishing.

Bro. Rosenkrans gave us a very pleasant call on his relief day, accompanied by Smiling Sam Harding, lineman, of Ridgeway. Come again.

We notice some of the operators on the division using figures for personal signs, such as "6 K-4- & 3." Guess they mean "HK," "V" & "Q."

Bro. J. F. Mann, our able chairman, is running for State committeeman on the Democratic ticket. We all wish him success. W. S. B.

Renovo Division, West End—

Bro. Barry, extra, bid in Anchor Line dock, and Bro. J. C. Frick first Clarendon.

Operators in "CY" tower have been moved into Erie R. R. tower east of Corry station.

Would be glad to get some news from Bro. Hovis, of Garland, before the 20th of each month.

Owing to reduction in force at Renovo superintendent's office, Bro. Price, first Irvineton, is back on the farm, and Bro. W. S. Barner on message trick at "KZ" Kane.

Bro. Lindquist, Sheffield, visited friends in Cleveland. Bro. B. H. Woodruff, Warren Jct., visited friends at Sheffield, and Bro. S. W. Johnson, Ludlow, visited his parents at Wetmore, on their relief days.

Bro. M. E. Crowe, third "JN" Emporium, bid in first "PR" tower, Preston.

Mrs. Geary, first "KZ" Kane, on sick list, relieved by Bro. C. H. Nagle.

Chas. T. Witter, of superintendent's office, Renovo, was a pleasant visitor recently, looking over old records soon to be sent to Sunbury storage house.

"WY" tower, west end Kane yard, reopened, with Operators Daugherty, Bro. Crawford and Miss Kiernan. W. S. B.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our heavenly Father, our Supreme Ruler, to remove from our midst Bro. J. A. Dunkle, in manifestation of our grief and fraternal sympathy, be it

Resolved, That the members of Pennsylvania Railroad, System Division 17, extend our sympathy to his bereaved parents, other relatives and friends in their sorrow and sadness; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family and also to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

J. E. O'LEARY,
B. J. KANE,
A. L. GOODWIN,

Committee.

Williamsport & Susquehanna Division—

It certainly is gratifying the way the brothers are paying up on this division, all having paid but two, and they will also probably do the right thing before you read this.

Bro. C. A. Riland, the good old war horse, first "RV," was defeated for the Legislature in the Democratic primaries by only a very small majority, which shows his great popularity. Bro. P. A. Herman, of Selinsgrove, candidate for General Assembly on same party ticket, was defeated by only ten votes.

Bro. C. C. Spade was relieved on first "GD" recently by Bro. H. E. Boyer.

Several first-trick brothers have traded with second-trick men, so they would have more time to work on their farms.

Bro. H. A. Roush was off several days, and Bro. A. Wetzel was storm-stayed in Sunbury recently.

Bro. M. J. Snyder was also out in that storm, and didn't discover that his umbrella had turned inside out until he asked someone why he was getting wet. Pretty bad storm.

Bro. E. I. Leister and W. H. Kebach recently moved from Dalmatia to Sunbury.

Bro. C. S. Dieffenderfer was off May 11th to 14th attending the annual convocation of the Grand Commandery of the Knights of Malta at York, Pa., as a delegate, relieved by Bro. L. W. Auchmuty. Bro. E. J. Fetterhoff was off May 12th to see the grand parade of the Knights of Malta at York, Pa.

Bro. G. E. Shaffer recently went on one of his famous fishing trips in the wilds back of Mifflinburg. No report from him yet.

Bro. F. W. Wetzel wishes to express his heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the brothers and others who contributed to him on account of being burned out by fire.

Bro. H. J. Engle recently attended a banquet given by a Sunday school class in Herndon, and asked several of his friends, but they evidently were out of his class in the eating line, for they did not go. Bro. Engle is some eater. He was relieved at "RV" tower by Bro. A. L. Grimm, who was off two weeks recently to look after a house in Herndon—"not too large a house." Well, we know what that means. Pass the cigars. Bro. S. W. Reichenbach was also off recently visiting

near Herndon. He is in the same fix as Bro. Grimm, except that he was pricing furniture instead of a house. Watch for the smokes when it comes off.

Bros. Jos. Derrick and L. E. Engle are busy making mallets and handles. If business doesn't soon pick up they are going out among the farmers to kill potato bugs.

Bro. J. H. Zerbe has traded tricks with E. M. Weaver.

Bro. G. H. Wetzel, third "RV" tower, one of the progressive school directors of Herndon Burrough, was recently in Sunbury to help elect the superintendent of schools of North'd County.

Bro. W. E. Williams, second "XA" tower, has to come to Herndon to have his shoes repaired on No. 39 and get back the next morning twice a week. What do you think of that? He says "Daisies won't tell," and guess Bill knows. Some more cigars! "STEVE."

West Jersey & Seashore Division—

Our March write-up reached St. Louis too late for the April number and was merged with the next month's items and given the lead in the May issue.

Our last meetings were not as well attended as they should have been. Bro. Miller was delayed on account of the soldier movement, and did not get to the morning meeting. Several men from the south end were disappointed in not meeting him.

We are glad to hear Bro. Stratton back, after his long illness, but regret that Sister Stratton is now indisposed, no doubt partly due to the nursing of Bro. Stratton. We hope she will soon be around again.

We seldom hear anything of Bro. Coles since he has a twelve-hour job and went into the chicken business.

Lloyd and Bates won out and got "CF," as they were entitled to; Justice took second "HN" and Filer second Pitman. Bill is about where he started out. He held a job in "KN" on account of his special fitness. How things change in a few short years! All ye loyals, beware! Such is fate when the glitter wears off. Div. Cor.

Trenton Division, Lower End—

After all our hard work, the two-day-rest bill was vetoed by Governor Fielder, after he had practically promised to sign it; therefore, we need not expect any favorable legislation under his regime. We should remember all such people at election time and cast our ballots only for those whom we know will give us a fair deal.

Everything was done to make "ladies' night," Thursday evening, May 28th, a grand success, and the committee deserves great credit for the manner things were prepared for that special occasion, giving the L. A. the support it is entitled to.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Mr. Clark in the loss of his daughter. Div. Cor.

New York, Chicago & St. Louis R. R., Div. No. 18.

"Nickel Plate," Second District—

Bro. R. O. Waddell, Conneaut dispatcher's office, was relieved a few days by a Buffalo Division brother. Bro. Frank Kelly, Conneaut yard, was also absent about a week, and Mr. Smith, third Conneaut yard, was relieved by Mr. Wilcox, a newcomer.

Bro. E. A. Hill was relieved several days at Bellevue yard by Bro. Glosser.

Operator at "NS," in the Cleveland general office a year ago, who went into the real estate business East, is back again, extra. A good operator and a pleasant fellow. Boys, see that he has or gets an up-to-date.

The telegraph office at east end of Cleveland double track has just been moved across the track in order that the operators will be in a better position to see trains coming.

Bro. "Mack" McGuerdy, first East Lorain, is now on his farm near Sheffield, relieved by Telegrapher "NS." "Mack" will soon have "punk-ins" to give away.

Mr. Baxtine, third Vermillion, Ohio, in the service since 1883 or 84, was retired recently on \$15 a month pension, granted by this company to all employees over 70 years of age. Third Vermillion is up for bid.

Bro. Jas. E. Baker, Bellevue depot, was relieved by Bro. Glosser, from Cleveland, a few days recently, while taking a civil service examination at Cleveland with a few other telegraphers and conductors.

If one of "Uncle Sam's" mail bags hits you, look in the mail car door and see if there is not an O. R. T. member in charge of the mail car.

Bro. W. A. Stover, Bellevue yard, while off attending the funeral of his father, Jos. Stover, at Bellefontaine, Ohio, was relieved by Mr. Stoneride, who later went to Cleveland, is now on the sick list.

Those not attending the meetings are missing the "doings" and some good things in the eating line.

Keep alive to the welfare of all concerned, and do a little personal work. Cnat. 142.

"Nickel Plate," Fourth District—

We had a good turn out at the Hammond meeting in April, yet many who were not there could have been on hand. Regular meetings will be held the fourth Saturday night of each month.

Bro. Gorman, third Dunfee, is on vacation.

It is now Bro. Donart, third West Ft. Wayne. Welcome to the Order.

Bro. C. O. Crisenberry, first Knox, was off ten days, relieved by Mr. Collette, on account of the death of his father-in-law.

Bro. H. E. Holmes, first Valparaiso, bid in second copying, west end, Ft. Wayne, relieved by Foster Groves. V. O. Behmer is on second Valparaiso. We trust Jack will get busy there. Nons may be good fellows all right, but every up-to-date man should practice "No card, no favors."

Bro. Lidgardt, second Hibbard, resigned, relieved, pending bids, by Bro. Pasley, of third there.

Bro. H. E. Ruhl, first Osborne, is on thirty days' vacation, relieved by Bro. Teeters, of second there.

Bro. H. E. Hutchins, off two weeks with rheumatism, was relieved by Bro. R. A. Newland, from C. H. D.

Bro. A. T. Hixon has been covering the Ft. Wayne and Chicago Divisions, learning the road for a turn at the dispatcher's chair. We all wish him success.

A list of the nons on this division has been prepared. Secure a copy from the local chairman and get after those near you with a vim and win some of the prizes Bro. Quick offers for new members.

Bro. Hamilton, third east end double track, is on vacation, relieved by Bro. Cassidy.

Boys, it is time for the payment of dues again. Let's all pay up promptly and get our cards early in the term.

Bro. Wilson, agent Burnham, has returned from the meeting of the agent associations at Houston, Tex., and reports crops looking fine.

I wish to thank Bros. Crisenberry and John Rittenauer for assistance in this write-up.

"ALEX," Div. Cor.

N. Y., O. & W. Ry., Div. No. 20.

Northern Division--

Bro. Shepardon, Smyrna, on a two weeks' fishing trip to the Adirondacks, reports many fine catches; relieved by Extra Lewis.

It is now Bro. C. L. Clifford, at Kenwood. There are still a few agents with good jobs whom should follow suit.

Bro. and Mrs. J. B. Dixon, copier and extra dispatcher at Norwich, have the sympathy of Division 20 in the death of their infant daughter.

The Oneida office has been improved with a new telegraph table and generally cleaned up.

We regret Bro. Wentworth, at Clinton, has been forced to leave the service on account of poor health. J. J. Dickie has bid in his position.

Those contemplating vacations better hurry in their requests for relief.

The N. Y. C. boys are not entirely pleased with their bumping system since testing it out. Men who held regular positions for fifteen years have had to accept inferior jobs or move out of the town they had selected for a home. Our schedule on this point is very satisfactory.

We all regret to hear of the sudden death of our assistant paymaster, Ivan King. The family has the sympathy of Division 20 in their bereavement. H. K., Div. Cor., Cert. 122.

Southern Division--

Agent Kitchen, of Centerville, resigned, to go into the grocery business in Middletown. Bro. George Merwin, of High Falls, landing Centerville on bid, and Agent Reynolds, of South Unadilla, securing High Falls.

Bro. Terwilliger bid in first Burnside tower, relieved on second there by Mr. Sherwood.

Bro. Maynard went from East Branch to South Unadilla agency.

Fallsburgh second assigned, no bids.

Bro. A. V. Kerwin, second Wheelers tower, and bride, on return from their wedding trip through the Eastern Atlantic States, will reside on East Front street, Hancock, N. Y.

Bro. Cassidy, of East Branch, is closing out his business there, and many of the brothers and other railroad men are laying in a supply of shoes and wearing apparel at very low prices.

Brothers, send in the news if you want to see a better write-up next month.

H. J. DEGRW.

Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Ry., Div. No. 21.

Springfield Division--

Bro. J. H. Carter, local chairman, called to Cincinnati, May 18th, to assist in the final details of our new schedule, was relieved by Mr. Vickory. Understand we will get about a 6 per cent raise, with some other concessions as to hours and vacations. The brothers have been waiting very patiently for a raise in pay, the only howl coming from the nons. Our committee must be fully instructed next time in regard to this matter, as we don't want them worried, especially during the hot weather.

Several agents on this division seem to be running in opposition to the Dodge Telegraph School of Valparaiso, judging from the supply of (so-called) operators they are turning out.

The committee appointed to secure concessions from the U. S. Express Co., has the support of the entire division, with the exception of two offices. If we all continue to return our bond premium expenses, we will be able to make the company offer us something, and not ignore us as heretofore.

Bro. Miner, first Montezuma, bid in first State street, but decided he did not want it. Bro. (Slim) Canigan, who bid it in later, is being relieved by Mr. Slieth, while undergoing an operation for appendicitis.

Bro. Mutt Cummins, second Moorefield, is confined to the city with tire trouble.

Bro. Singleton was relieved at Bloomingdale while attending to business at Rockville by Mr. McIntyre from Marshall.

Bro. Lambert, Milligan, is sporting a Ford.

Bro. Miles, second, and Bro. Burk, third Montezuma, exchanged tricks during the street carnival there, in order that Bro. Miles could attend evenings. Bro. Burk did not get much rest until after the noise had subsided as he lives close to the grounds.

Bro. A. P. McCown, first Hume, while in Indianapolis, and Mr. Perkins, third Hume, working first State street a few days, were both relieved by Mr. Vickory.

It is now Bro. G. S. Aikman, second Hume, and will soon be Bro. Perkins, making Hume solid.

Bro. Stabler, of Scotland, has our sympathy, owing to the death of his baby.

Bro. Sutton, Hillsdale, on two weeks' vacation, was relieved by W. C. Daugherty.

Sister B. M. Dickey, Lintner, off fifteen days, was relieved by E. B. Tackitt, from Carmado. "B" and her mother spent a pleasant afternoon and took supper with Bro. C. E. Robinson, second Decatur, and family, while on vacation.

Bro. Clingan, first Shops, spent a Sunday with relatives in Decatur. Bro. Sing, of second, spent an unsuccessful day fishing, and Agent Shannon spent a week at Dayton.

C. A. Miller bid in Bolivia, relieved at Hunt on bid by Gordon Kay, helper from Hammond.

Thanks to the brothers who contributed to this write-up—send along the news. "B," Cert. 83.

M., K. & T. R. R., Div. No. 22.

Smithville District—

Everything is moving along nicely, and the boys are all hard at work endeavoring to give the company the very best service possible. The big booster meeting held at the Cotton Hotel, Houston, Tex., on Sunday, April 5th, is still the topic of conversation. Large delegations were present from the S. P., H. & T. C., S. A. & A. P., I. & G. N., T. & B. V., and the M. K. & T., with their wives and sweethearts. Refreshments were served during the evening and some delightful music rendered by the ladies. The day was one of enjoyment, and well spent. This "get-together" meeting was brought about through the untiring efforts of Bro. Jno. E. Cowgill, general chairman of the S. P. lines, and Bro. E. B. Hill, general secretary and treasurer of the S. A. & A. P., and the "True Blues" of the other divisions above mentioned. Some able talks were made by officers and members present, ideas exchanged and other important matters discussed for the good of the craft, the Telegraphers' Club of Houston was also organized at this meeting.

It was our good fortune to have another big booster meeting again on Sunday, May 17th, at Waco, Tex., along the same lines as the Houston meeting. Representatives of the different lines in that section were present, besides a large number of visiting members, which resulted in a great deal of good.

Recent changes: Bro. B. H. Middleton bid in second Hewitt; Bro. J. L. Smith relieved Bro. R. C. Jackson, on second Temple, on account of the serious illness of Bro. Jackson's little daughter, whom we are pleased to state is now out of danger; Bro. Sam Bailey was relieved a few days by W. H. Currier; Bro. C. O. Jones spent a week with home folks at College Station, Tex., relieved by Bro. J. L. Smith, of Temple; Bro. A. G. Hastings bid in second Granger, vice Bro. T. E. Anderson to Smithville relay extra; Bro. W. D. Thompson, cashier San Marcos, bid in Bastrop agency, relieved on bid by Bro. Winfrey, operator LaGrange; Bro. W. W. Moody on first New Braunfels, Bro. Allen Dunn on second, Bro. Alfred Davidson bumping him off third Temple; Bro. Frank Haggard first, Bro. Logan second, Bro. V. R. Haggard third San Marcos; Bro. G. H.

Spears bid in Weir agency; Bro. McGee transferred to West Point agency, relieved at Gruene by Bro. E. B. Moore; Bro. M. F. Dickerson to second New Ulm; Bro. Frank Rigdon extra; message job Houston yard office abolished, Bro. R. W. Burton displacing Bro. T. E. Anderson on second. The Smithville district is almost solid to a man, the few not lined up being on the way.

It will soon be time for the new card; keep your dues paid up; see that you are in possession of an up-to-date card, and remember, "No card, no favors." P. J. KELLEY, Local Chairman.

T. C. Division—

Bro. Kinzie, third DeLeon, is on vacation on account of ill-health. Cisco and DeLeon third on bulletin. Mr. Painter, from Comyn, sent to the former as no one bid on it. Mr. Bodiford, a brother of Conductor Bodiford, is on third DeLeon.

Bro. Sam Williams, first Walnut Springs, was sick several weeks, relieved by Bro. Wilson, and he by Bro. Finger. Bro. Sullins, from Aquilla, relieved Agent Dakon at Walnut Springs, on the sick list seventeen days, was relieved at Aquilla by Clerk Conner, who will come in soon.

We hope the boys will get after the nons on the DeLeon branch. Mention to them that we have a schedule, maybe they don't know it.

CERT. 2518, Div. 2.

St. Louis District—

Brothers, if you know of anyone taking a vacation, or of any changes, drop me a line; in this way we will know what is going on and get acquainted.

Bro. Beck has been down south. We are glad to see him back again, and feel proud that a man was selected from this district for general chairman. Let us back him up by paying our dues promptly, keeping him on the road and assist him to line up the nons.

Bro. Bradley is now on third "MO" extra. He was formerly a Mo. Pac. man and knows the value of an up-to-date card.

Bro. Mittler, while moving to McBaine, was relieved by Mr. Logan, who will get a card, if we give him enough extra work, so do not be afraid to take a vacation and give the extra boys a chance.

Now, boys, all send me a few notes by the 20th of the month. CERT. 4235, GRAND.

C., M. & St. P. Ry., Div. No. 23.

H. & D. Division—

Local Chairman Deming has been out several weeks and lined up the following twenty-five new members: Bros. L. C. Hanson, Hector, Minn.; T. W. Dawson, Bonilla, S. D.; P. W. Holleran and J. Kurtz, Groton, S. D.; E. F. Crandle, Ellendale, N. D.; H. S. Guernsey, Edgeley, S. D.; E. J. Scott, Eureka, S. D.; W. L. Bessemer, Java, S. D.; H. T. C. Forbenson, Sacred Heart, Minn.; J. O. Trice, Granite Falls, Minn.; H. Remmer, Wegdahl, Minn.; Geo. R. Hakes, Milan, Minn.; H. H. Reinde, Odessa, Minn.; Gus H. Hart, Corona, S. D.; Geo. E. Crosby, Sisseton, S. D.;

C. L. Matzall, Big Stone City, S. D.; H. O. Wanous, Milbank, S. D.; F. B. Stanton, Summit, S. D.; F. L. Petrick, Clinton, Minn.; D. J. Clark, Christine, N. D.; L. L. Otto, James, S. D.; Theo. Dols, Hopkins, Minn.; H. E. Holmes, Carver, S. D.; H. W. Guerensey, Shakopee, Minn., and Sister G. V. Gehrke, Westport, S. D.

This cuts down our non list greatly, and if each member will try to get the non near them (if any), we will soon be 100 per cent strong.

Bro. Deming is to be highly commended for securing these new members, and we hope he will be able to soon get out again. He was relieved by Bro. J. M. Sherin while covering the division, the latter being relieved on second Olivia by J. C. Brown, who has promised to join next month.

H. G. Crosby, agent Sisseton, S. D., is East on a wedding trip, relieved by Bro. G. E. Crosby, his son, with Bro. McReynolds on second.

Bro. L. C. Hanson attended the celebration at Minneapolis, May 16th, 17th and 18th, Bro. W. J. Beck relieving.

Bro. F. W. Covnick is relieving Mr. Mayer, agent Bristol, S. D., on an extended trip to the coast.

Bro. Ronning, second Montevideo yard, while in St. Paul taking civil-service examination, was relieved by G. P. White. Bro. B. Fuller relieved Bro. Johnson on third there while he relieved A. Nelson on third "MA," relieving Mr. Dunlap, first "MD."

Bro. Winn, second Milbank, bid in Marion agency.

Agent Smith, of Brownnton, relieved a few days by Former Agent Wilson.

It is indeed a pleasure to have an old-timer like George Hakes, agent at Milan, join the Order. He has been with the C. & M. & St. P. continuously for nearly thirty years, being the third oldest on seniority list. Welcome, Bro. Hakes.

There are a number of operators traveling through the country out of work, and many have had scarcely any work this year, and it is a pleasure to see so many of them up to date in spite of existing conditions. This tends to still further show up the men who are steadily employed who claim they are too hard up to join; a goodly number, too, are single men who squander *each* month more than enough to pay their dues for six months.

I am indebted to Bro. H. S. Deming for most of the news items this month, and kindly request you all to let me know of any news, so we can have a better write-up each month. Call me on the wire if you don't wish to write it up. There should be quite a bit of news within the next sixty days, as many will be taking their summer vacations, and we want to give them all a notice.

CERT. 1866.

S. C. & D. Division—

Bro. A. E. Morrell, third "BN" yards, a recent Elk Point visitor, has resigned and gone to St. Paul.

Bro. Burt Wright was in Sioux City recently while his boy underwent an operation for appendicitis in the hospital there.

Bro. Baker was relieved several days by Extra Reidmiller, who later went to Grant Center.

Bro. T. C. Strobel has purchased a "Ford."

Bro. J. C. McGuire, who bid in third "BN" yards, is relieving the agent at Colton.

Elk Point is to have an electric light plant. It certainly will improve the city.

Bro. Reidmiller relieved Agent Bartholomew at Fairview a few days.

Dubuque Division—

Mr. Mullin, third Dubuque shops, off on account of sickness, was relieved by Worster, and he on second by Hickey, from the W. U.

Bro. McGowan, Pleasant Creek, spent a day at Dubuque recently.

Townsend, third LaCrescent, resigned, relieved by Manning, from Heytmans, on bid for three months.

Bro. Wright relieved by Bro. McCurdy at Dubuque a few days.

Agent Ed Christ is back at Turkey River, after a severe illness.

Second Preston taken off and a helper put back instead.

Bro. Hatfield, agent Spechts Ferry, was off a few days, relieved by McCann, from Cameron.

Div. Cor.

C. & C. B., In Iowa Division—

Not much of a write-up this month on account of scarcity of items. Must have more help or will have to resign.

Bro. W. W. Key, Madrid second, visiting a few days at Gretna, Neb., relieved by H. W. Marshall.

Bro. L. J. Miller back on Madrid first, after a month's visit with friends and relatives at Staples, Minn.

Bro. O. J. Darby, Madrid third, on vacation, relieved by Mr. Whitney, now in the train service.

Bro. R. M. C. Condon has taken the Master Masons' degree at Jamaica, Iowa. He is not telegraphing now, but is still a brother.

CERT. 1408.

Prairie du Chien and Mineral Point Divisions—

Bro. Milbon, first Edgerton, on sick list, relieved by Bro. Symons, with Bro. Fish on second. Bro. Richter, extra, on third, previously relieved Bro. Porter, agent Sauk City, a few days.

Bro. O'Leary, relieving J. F. Coleman, ticket clerk Madison west side, relieved on third by Mr. Knutson, La Crosse Division.

Bulletin on Monticello agency canceled.

Bro. Vaughan, third, and Martin, second Wauzeka, were given permission to exchange tricks. Bro. J. Lawless, agent there is back, after a short illness.

Telegraph offices at Palmyra and Lima Center, closed during the winter months, are again open on Sunday.

The severe storm of May 11th caused considerable damage. Wires and poles were down between Stoughton and Edgerton, and only one wire available for two days.

Bro. J. M. Sickhart, second Madison, on vacation, relieved by C. J. Marsh, will probably return with a better half.

Bro. Shore, agent Woodman, will soon be in the new depot there, as it is nearly complete and is a credit to the village.

Bro. E. R. Derrickson returned recently from a Cross Plains fishing trip with a few nice trout, but we were unable to find out what they cost him.

Drv. Cor.

Kansas City Division—

Recent assignments: Second Chula, Bro. T. H. Trendley; first Sub. Jct., Bro. Dave Fulton; second Coburg yard, Bro. Bert Barnard; second Ottumwa Jct., John Sanford; temporary vacancy Ottumwa Jct., Frank O'Neill; agency Farson (temporary), Ben Staufft; first Laredo (temporary), Bro. W. A. Hatfield; Rathbun agency, W. M. Crandall.

Bro. Owens is at Excelsior Springs again, Bro. Cross going back to Ottumwa, Bro. Barnard on second and Bro. "Fat" O'Neill extra at Cone. On account of his great strength and watchfulness, "Fat" makes a good man for the lever job at Cone.

Bro. McCullough relieved at Braymer, Chillicothe and Newtown. Bro. Ferrell, Chillicothe, visiting his folks at Sewal a week. Bro. Gatson on second a few days.

Take warning—Two boys on this division out of service for working for each other.

Bro. John Chase, Rutledge second, off, relieved by Staufft.

Bro. Kay Lewis, a new man, relieved a few nights at Sewal.

Bro. Gus McCarthy bid in Linby extra while the agent, Bro. Allen, worked at "DS" awhile. He did not like side-table work well enough to bid in a regular job in the dispatcher's office. Bro. Jesse L. Wright, set up as extra dispatcher, worked a few days in May. All good things should come to the O. R. T. brothers, for they are the most deserving.

Helper Carson is on second Seymour. The bearded gent on third Seymour ought to line up; there are too many nons around that office.

Bro. Pollard is on second Coburg pending assignment and transfer.

Sister Butler, third Excelsior, is on vacation, relieved by Bro. Baker.

Bro. Roy O'Neill, extra Laredo, visited his folks at Bucklin, Mo., and Brookfield recently.

Bro. T. H. Tuomey, son Ward and Section Foreman Tiernan motored up to the Anama Lakes from Parnell on a recent Sunday and brought home a nice string of bullheads.

Bros. Roy O'Neill and J. V. Tuomey, after repeated trials, failed to pull any fish out of Snake River at Laredo, and gave it up as a bad job.

There will be wedding bells next month when one young operator on the east end goes back to Missouri to claim his bride. Watch for report.

Bro. W. D. Wright, of Chula, journeyed to Laredo to see Laredo beat the Indians at baseball and visit the boys at "RD."

Very few items received from anyone for this write-up.

CERT. 2215.

Missoula Division—

It is now Bro. Parsons, of Deer Lodge, and the only nons left on the division regularly assigned are: C. K. Leach, Hudson, Mont., third; G. B. Baker, Alberton, Mont., first, and Mr. Hughes, Clinton, Mont., second. Every member should keep after them until you land every one of them.

Bro. Dean has done good work for the division, and we should see that not a non is left. Mr. Estep, Haugan second, has promised to be with us in June. Mr. Rhinehart, now at Deer Lodge, the only extra non, has promised to join inside of thirty days.

Brothers, it is not a good policy to let trainmen use phones so much. You are paid for this work and are held responsible for all that takes place in your office. Tell the trainmen that you will do the talking over the phone.

Bro. Harrison, a new man is now on third Avery, vice Bro. Sowden, who bid in second.

Bro. Waters, second Avery, bid in third Roland, vice his wife. Sister Eva Waters gone on extra list.

Sister Mrs. McCormack relieved a few days at Kyle while Sister M. Ray visited and worked at home in Superior. The latter is now relieving the man on first Kyle, who has gone East with his wife. Sister Mrs. Kight is on second Kyle.

Sisters Smith, Margaret Ray and Mrs. Kight entertained Messrs. Boedeker, Byrnes and Kight on a recent Sunday at Kyle.

Sister Mrs. Van Antwerp accompanied Sister Miss Trimble to Missoula en route to Spokane.

Sister Miss Lena Huibregtse has joined the baching club.

Sisters Mrs. Clark and Dean visited in Spokane a few days recently.

Bros. Clark, Dean and Glover attended the new county meeting and banquet at St. Regis, May 16th.

Bros. Glover and Brien attended the G. A. R. dance in Missoula.

Bro. Ben Betts, of Haugan, was a visitor in Missoula and St. Regis recently.

Sister Mrs. Jean Dehlene worked third Haugan a few nights.

Sister Mrs. Maud Martin worked a day at St. Regis and then went to Adair.

Bro. Cullen, relieved on first Gold Creek on bid by Bro. Sellars, bid in second St. Regis.

Bro. Ray, first Superior, made several trips to Missoula in behalf of the new county.

Bro. Fisk Marshall, relieved by Bro. Parsons on first Deer Lodge, is dispatching in Missoula. J. P. P. on a visit to Boulder.

Bro. Downie, from the "Q," Chicago, is relieving Bro. Brink at Alberton, who has taken up the carpenter trade. Boys, get after Mr. Baker, first Alberton.

Don't violate rule 99. You will be held responsible for any trouble.

Miss Kate Ray is now Sister Mrs. Spangler. We all wish her happiness and are glad that she will remain with us for awhile yet.

Sister Mrs. Dean and Sister Mrs. Waters relieved Mrs. Van and Miss Trimble at Falcon.

Bro. Glover attended the recent safety first meeting at Missoula.

Boys, send me any news items you can from out along the line.

Watch for another wedding on this division.

CERT. 2695.

Rocky Mountain Division—

Bro. O. Stromberg has returned from his latest trip around the world, and is now at Arrow Creek on Great Falls line.

Bro. James Campbell is relieving Bro. Roberts, agent Martinsdale, who is very sick with pneumonia. The membership on the R. M. Division all hope for Bro. Roberts' speedy recovery. Local Chairman Bro. Kearby is providing the sick-room with flowers through popular subscription from members.

Bro. Pete Entringer, first Summit, and Mr. Hughes, second Lombard, lose their rights by overstaying six months' leave.

Operators Kennedy, Artz, Harmon, Daniels, Caldwell, Breslin, Wilkerson and Stromberg recently hired at Three Forks and sent to Northern Montana Division.

J. L. DuHoux is now on second Lombard, vice Mr. Hughes, Bro. Joyner on second and Bro. Bradley on third Three Forks. June 1st the latter took four months' leave to work at the Mammoth Hotel in Yellowstone National Park during the tourist season. Other recent assignments on bulletin: Bro. J. J. Early, from Ringling to first Summit; Bro. Jake Schaeffer, third Two Dot; Bro. Monthey, Deer Park; Claude Molchior, Canyon; Bro. Harrington, third Ringling; E. E. Elliott, second Ringling; Bro. Robinson, Finlen, and Bro. E. L. Riddell, third Lennep.

Bro. E. S. Bleichner is contemplating a trip to his Minnesota home, shortly, it is intimated, to get married.

Bro. Curn, at Sixteen, was off a few days.

Bro. Crowder, at Two Dot, is laying off a few months.

Butte Relay: Bro. A. F. Faucher on two weeks' vacation to his home in Saginaw, Mich. Bro. W. J. Doherty, formerly wire chief, relieving on third temporarily. Bro. Chas. Gray, second wire chief, handles the office alone after six p. m.

The electrification of the west subdivision has been started. Voyer's outfit is setting up poles out of Three Forks, and Hessling's outfit is operating on the mountain between Piedmont and Butte yard.

CERT. 1489.

CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to thank all who have been so kind and thoughtful during our sickness, also the operators for the beautiful flowers, and can think of no better way than through these columns.

MR. AND MRS. E. C. E. ROBERTS
AND SON, DAYTON ROBERTS.

Columbia Division—

Twelve work trains on bulletin. Looks like a busy year on the Columbia.

Bro. Woods has sent a non list to all members, asking that each of us make a special effort to land one of them. With a little activity, there shouldn't be one left by the first of the year. The committee is going in soon, and conditions look good for a substantial increase if backed up by a good percentage. Each one do his or her duty, and the result will be gratifying to all.

Keep after the new men and remind them that they must do the right thing if not already lined up.

Bro. Vassey, first St. Maries, is relieving in the dispatcher's office again, relieved by Bro. Caples. Bro. E. O. Walden, second St. Maries, bid in third Malden relay, relieved by Mr. Rylander, a new man, and Bro. C. A. Olsen bid in Spokane bridge.

Bro. Kirkpatrick is relieving Bro. Parker, agent Tekoa.

Lone Pine opened for the benefit of work-train service.

Bro. Swartz, third Lind, is relieving Mrs. Rudloff, second Ralston. Bro. White relieved by Mrs. Brittingross on second.

Bro. Stites has resigned third Othello, relieved by a new man.

Bro. Hearn is on first Ellensburg while Bro. Kilbourne is East.

Manito has been made a continuous office and another trick also added at Disham for the convenience of work trains on the C. D. A. Line.

Operators are being furnished for all work trains not handy to open telegraph stations, the practice of giving orders to conductors on the line having been discontinued. This will greatly increase the telegraph force and provide work for the extra men.

Now is the time to hold out that \$6 for the price of a new card. Don't become delinquent, as it takes up the time of the local chairman to remind you of this. We have no delinquents on the division. Let's begin the next current term with a clean sheet, so Bro. Woods will have more time to devote to the nons, but don't leave that all for him to do, either. Remember, he is getting no more benefit than we are, and we should give him all the assistance we possibly can. CERT. 910.

Coast Division—

Bro. R. C. Nisonger wishes me to express his appreciation of the honor and confidence conferred upon him in electing him local chairman, and desires to say that he will endeavor to perform the duties of the position to the best of his ability, with the time he has to devote to our interest. Owing to his poor health he is taking an extended leave of absence, but will remain in Tacoma and enter the dairy business with Bro. H. Boylan. We wish them success. Bro. Nisonger will make a trip over the division shortly.

Bro. J. Q. Adams, agent Laconia, has gone East, relieved by Bro. J. C. Martin, and he on third by Bro. M. McEntee.

Bro. R. M. Cronk, displaced at Bandera by Bro. R. A. Kinnear, relieved Bro. C. F. Wooten on third at Cedar Falls, and was later appointed work train operator between Whittier and Easton. Bro. C. C. Taylor, second Cedar Falls, was off a few days.

Whittier office closed, Bro. E. H. Chadderdon bidding in North Puyallup second.

The snow is going fast. Weather fine. Lake Keechelus opened up for navigation. The Robins are here, and the banks of the Yakima are lined with "boes boiling up." Spring is at hand.

Bro. J. C. Martin, third Laconia, off few days, relieved by E. G. Merritt.

W. P. Ohern has gone East account sickness of his wife.

Work train pulled off, putting A. G. Owens, Greendale, back on extra list again. The three work trains put on Tacoma and Summer during March have been pulled off indefinitely.

Bro. W. H. Lang is now at Tenino on the Northern Pacific.

K. N. Eldridge, first trick dispatcher, was relieved a few days by W. A. Allen, and he on second by C. V. Phillips, relieved by C. Otto.

Bro. A. J. Farley has gone to the C. P. R.

The Milwaukee baseball team, of which Bro. R. A. Grummel is manager, won first prize in the opening of the baseball season parade given recently.

Bro. C. W. Church, third Keechelus, has returned from a three weeks' visit with relatives near Trinidad, Colo.; relieved by Bro. Vern Reynolds, now at his home in Tacoma. Mrs. W. R. Pope, wife of Bro. W. R. Pope, agent Keechelus, and child, have returned from a visit with friends and relatives in Minnesota.

Bro. L. D. Blume, first Cle Elum, while visiting friends at Seattle and Tacoma, relieved by Bro. M. McEntee, who returned to Tacoma.

Bro. J. B. Baughn returned to third Tacoma yard office. Bro. C. Erland relieved R. D. McKay on first there a few days. Bro. H. I. Derrickson, second Tacoma yard, spent Sunday recently at American Lake, relieved by V. D. Sutton, who also relieved Bro. R. F. Rader, while he relieved Bro. R. C. Nisonger in "TC" Tacoma.

Bro. C. L. Reynolds relieved Bro. W. E. Willsey, third Tacoma Jct., relieving Bro. H. M. Gill, agent Elbe, a few days.

Bro. Stewart Sale bid in Seattle relay.

Local Chairman Nisonger appointed as members of the local board of adjustment: Bros. D. W. Boh, agent McKenna; W. M. Kelso, first Cedar Falls, and R. F. Rader, "TC" Tacoma.

We now have the Morse wire connected with Enumclaw station on the Enumclaw branch, relieving Cedar Falls from relaying that business.

Bro. E. J. Larson, now in the real estate business, is working in Seattle relay office temporarily.

Bro. C. L. Reynolds, third Auburn, who was relieved by O. M. Weister on a trip to Peachton, Catawba Island, Ohio, has returned with a bride, and will make their home at Tacoma. He is now on third Tacoma Jct. Congratulations.

Bro. C. F. Wooten, third Cedar Falls, was relieved a few days by O. M. Weister.

No news received from the Everett Line, Grays Harbor branch or Tacoma Eastern. Some of the brothers on these districts please send all the news possible to the division correspondent, Bro. R. F. Rader, at 5042 South Puget Sound Ave., Tacoma, Wash. He would like to have some news from every station on the entire coast division not later than the 18th of each month.

CERT. 1588.

A TRAMP OPERATOR'S COMPLAINT.

Hello, dispatcher, this is old Boo West, Say, I've worked here a week and I now need a rest.

This job of hello girl beats them all for fair. But I've got to get out and get some repair.

I need a new ear drum, a valve for my throat. I've lost all my temper, my stomach its coat; I have eaten canned spuds, I've eaten canned fish. I now eat from a trough instead of a dish.

I board down with Horrocks, the camp of bad grub,

But it's one or the other—Horrocks, Murphy or Stubbs.

My system won't stand this; I long for a cake Or a bit of dough godlike we Boos used to make.

I have hallooed O. S.; I have hallooed hello; I have hallooed O—well, too high and too low. I'm worn to a frazzle, I can't stand this strain. I'll have to get back to a railroad again.

Please send me relief of some sort or other; Please make it a non—don't send out a brother. And see that he's strong in back, ears and throat. And see that his stomach has a new copper coat. Then let me fade out on the first fast express. And forget my bad dream of the C. M. & P. S.

Mrs. VAN, Stetson, Idaho, 1910.

International & Great Northern Ry. Div. No. 25.

San Antonio Division—

Our section of the State was visited by another period of hard rains, causing washouts on both the north and south ends.

Austin had a high wind with hail, which almost caused little Willie to take to the tall and uncut, but while he was wondering whether he would be killed by the house being blown down or get his bean burst by a good-sized hailstone, the storm passed.

Bro. Dudley Barron, agent Kyle, is on a sixty-day leave; Kyle on bulletin.

Bro. Gilmore, second New Braunfels, was relieved several days by Bro. Wilkinson, relieved on second by Bro. Lewis.

Bro. Carmicheal resigned and Buda bid in by Bro. Hackley.

Relay men and others are complaining about students answering calls and trying to take business, causing delays and danger of bulling same. It would be a difficult matter to explain that

business was bulled on account of working with a student.

Bro. Walter Biel relieved at Lytle while Bro. Pieper was getting married. Bro. Arthur Biel, agent Millett, was also recently married. The good wishes of the division are extended to the two happy couples.

Bros. Avey and Burson have returned to first and second M. K. & T. Jct.

Bro. Harris, agent Buda, called on us at Austin recently.

Bro. Straw, Colorado Bridge, visited his folks at New Braunfels between trains Sunday.

Bro. Hopkins, summoned to San Antonio court, when all ready to go, was advised the case had been continued. CERT. 162.

Fort Worth Division—

Bro. Fred L. Patterson, from Marlin, has gone to St. Louis to be married. Bro. C. Hellums, second Marlin, was called to Ennis suddenly on account of the serious illness of his father.

A very enthusiastic meeting—participated in by the different divisions on lines entering Waco—was held in that city Sunday, May 17, at 2:30 p. m. and 7:30 p. m. A large bunch of the I. & G. N. boys from the Fort Worth Division were on hand, but the H. & T. C., S. A. & A. P., M. K. & T. and St. L. S.-W. did not have as large an attendance as was expected. Bro. Webner, of this division, presided, with Bro. Gates, of Division 22, as secretary.

Bro. G. C. Mitchell, Italy, is enjoying thirty days' vacation; relieved by Bro. H. K. Williams.

R. L. Peck, a new man from the T. & P., is relieving at Maypearl agency pending bulletin.

St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern Ry., Div. No. 31.

White River Division—

Delinquents are paying up and the nons are joining; thanks to the brothers who are explaining to them the importance of getting and keeping in line. This is a duty we owe to our family, brothers, and even our employers, as well; organized labor is best that can be had.

The boys who contemplate vacations this summer should not all try to lay off at the same time, and necessitate the superintendent's hiring so many extra men.

Fishing and strawberry picking on commission is quite a profitable livelihood at present.

Bro. Collins is sick, relieved by a new man.

Bro. Pittman is working the manual block at Olyphant, Ark., on main line.

Bro. W. A. Wade resigned agency Oneal, also goes to the main line; relieved by W. B. Patterson, helper from Sylamore.

Bridge 74 between Berry and Norfolk burned out recently, blocked several days.

Crane office closes at 10 p. m. until 4 a. m.; H. F. Klotz, first, and J. W. Dunlap, second trick agent, does no telegraphing there.

We hope the White River Division brothers will continue to contribute all the news possible

to encourage correspondence in THE TELEGRAPHER.

Bro. J. M. Kirkpatrick is now at Batesville days, vice Bro. L. J. Whybrew, with the Western Union at Kansas City. The new passenger station at Batesville will soon be ready for occupancy, and will afford a nice, modern and comfortable place for the operator; a great improvement over old conditions. The Batesville Business College, which added a telegraph department, has one scholar.

A planing and stave mill is being erected at Sylamore, Ark., which will keep me hopping, and I would be glad if more of you would send me a few items. We must have a write-up each month or we will lose interest. Every one of you send me an item, and encourage every non to get in line. CERT. 1180.

Valley District, South End—

The meeting at McGehee, May 10th, was the best yet held. There were twenty-one present, and many things were discussed, resulting in a much better understanding in regard to many matters known very little of heretofore. Bros. Morris from Collinston, Cilpeper from Bonita, Archibald from Wilmot, Barker and Curtis from Montrose, were among those who attended. All the boys from Dermott were there—"I don't think?"

The special feature of the next meeting, June 14th, will be an entertainment and banquet for the operators and agents and their wives. Every effort will be put forth to make this occasion a grand success. Bros. and Mmes. Simmins and Gilhula will be the committee on reception, and Bros. Seamans, Morris, Williams, Shaffer, Harris and Barker committee on arrangements. It is earnestly desired that every telegrapher that can possibly do so attend this meeting with their wives, sisters or mothers.

Bro. Hair recently assigned Parkdale agency, vice Bro. Gilbert.

Bro. Foster, third Montrose, has gone to "WU" at Dallas, relieved by Bro. Robinson, from the Burlington; later relieved by Bro. Curtis, from Bonita third, Robinson going to third Bonita pending bulletin.

Bro. Buffington, agent Lake Village, recently took the Shriners' degree in Masonry at Little Rock. "Buff." don't look like a real man with that little red cap on, but that under the cap is 32-karat. Mrs. Buffington and little son, who accompanied him to Little Rock and Pine Bluff, paid the Montrose force a pleasant visit on their return trip.

Bro. Cook, second Bonita, changed the name of one of Bonita's fair sex to Mrs. J. T. Cook. Congratulations and best wishes to the happy couple.

Bro. and Sister Barker, from Montrose, visited in Monroe, Sunday, May 17th.

Bro. Curtis, from second Bonita, who visited his father in Texarkana recently, went on third Montrose regular on his return.

General Chairman Maxwell, while on the Louisiana Division recently, secured applications from some of the oldest and most useful operators and agents on that division.

Brothers, don't forget that we only have to render nine hours' service, and a great many of us only eight. Please get your rest during the sixteen or eighteen hours you have off, and cut out sleeping on duty. The dispatchers are complaining on your service, and justly so. Remember that we will offer you all the protection in the power of the organization if you are right, but if you are not right the Order has nothing to offer you. Our dispatchers are very lenient and as fine a bunch as ever signed "DS," and it's not treating them right to lay down on them in this manner.

Bro. Ralston, agent Blissville, bid on Arkansas City agency sometime in October and in some way the superintendent failed to make the transfer. It was taken up and he is going there in the near future. Div. Coa., Cert. 2831.

Louisiana Division—

The writer, J. W. Miller, assigned second, and Bro. R. B. McGuire, third Rochelle, the latter relieving me while spending a few days in Hot Springs, Ark., owing to an attack of rheumatism.

Bro. A. L. Davis, from Farmersville, is now working in the baggage room at Monroe.

Bro. Jack Bernard, of Huttig, is at Hot Springs, Ark., on account of bad health.

Bro. S. B. Davis, relieved by Bro. A. R. Davis, on Olla agency a few days; Walter K. Bush, a new man, on third Olla pending bulletin.

Bro. W. C. Elton is now agent at Columbia. Bro. Hughes, from second Riverton, was assigned to third passenger depot Monroe.

Bro. Eckler assigned Griffin agency, as the first man assigned there refused to take it, and Bro. Eckler was next in line.

Bro. J. M. Bruce, from LaPile, on vacation, on his return Bruce will probably go either to Kinder as clerk or on extra, as LaPile is not a schedule telegraph job.

B. F. Johnson, former agent at Wisner, now extra in the telegraph service, will be back with us as soon as he gets on regular.

Agencies Glenmora and Farmerville, and second Riverton on bulletin.

Bro. T. W. Turner, agent Oak Ridge, who gets thirty days' vacation beginning June 15th has not missed a pay day since 1902, twelve years continuous service. That record certainly entitles him to a vacation.

Extra Johnson relieved L. A. Stewart at Ferri-day while attending court in a murder trial.

General Chairman Maxwell has been over the division doing some fine lining up. He "swooped" down on the delinquents and made the feathers fly.

There are only about two or three "misters" on the Natchez and Monroe Districts now. Have no definite figures from the Watkins District. I sure miss Bro. Bernard on the El Dorado Territory, who is off sick. He has been helping me a lot.

Many thanks to Bro. McDougald for helping me with the news, as I am entirely off the division, making it a little difficult to get any of the happenings at all. Everybody help and we will do better next month. J. W. M., Cert. 1941, Div. Cor.

Missouri Division—

Bro. C. M. Lane, Kimmswick, resigned and gone into the mercantile business on east side, Poplar Bluff. We wish him success. He was relieved by F. B. Phillips, who later resigned, relieved by Bro. C. A. Fink.

Bro. F. J. Rozier, nights Middle Brook, was in St. Louis recently on business.

Bro. G. H. Shore, Arcadia third, off a few days, was relieved by Bro. F. F. Black.

Bro. G. A. Phillips, Des Arc nights, has been to the hospital twice recently, and was operated on for an abscess over the right eye. He was relieved by Bro. R. O. Block and Bro. W. H. Bailey, respectively.

Bro. P. R. Bailey, Vineland nights, on thirty days' vacation, relieved by P. J. Garvin, relief agent.

Riverside third bid in by Bro. A. Carty.

Bro. J. F. Evens, second Mineral Point, while off on account of a death in the family, was relieved by Bro. R. O. Block.

Bro. C. S. Smarr, first Piedmont, on a thirty days' trip to Frisco, was relieved by Bro. F. F. Black, who later relieved Bro. E. H. Seitz, third Piedmont, on vacation.

It is now Bro. W. S. Austin, Annapolis nights again; also Bro. O. E. Redwine, third Neelyville. Let's get after the rest of them, boys.

Bro. L. P. Dozenbach was appointed agent at Iron Mountain, vice Bro. Aiken, to Delta agency.

Bro. R. O. Block relieved Bro. J. F. Evens during the sickness and death of his mother, and also while he was off getting married.

F. N. Phillips relieved C. M. Lane at Kimmswick, resigned to accept a position in St. Louis, relieved by B. W. Fink.

Bro. J. F. Dees, second Harviell, on an extended tour of the West, relieved by Bro. John Chase, third Harviell.

Bro. H. E. Caley, second Okean, off a few days, was relieved by A. B. Ford.

Bro. W. O. Beard, agent Corning was off last month, relieved by J. S. Shelton, from St. Louis Frisco general offices.

Bro. R. O. Block relieved a few nights at Leeper.

Municipal work for the A. L. C. is about the most perplexing proposition for the present, since being elected Mayor at the April election.

B. H. SELVIDGE, Div. Cor.

Missouri Pacific Ry., Div. No. 31.

Wichita Division—

A very interesting meeting was held in the Eaton Hotel, Wichita, Saturday night, May 24th, attended by ten members of the Missouri Pacific and three members of the Rock Island Division. The "unlucky 13" present did not make it an unlucky meeting.

Several talks were made by members regarding changes which they thought would help the O. R. T., and Bro. C. H. Meador, general secretary and treasurer of the Rock Island Division, then gave us an interesting talk, followed by a talk on what we are working for this year, by Bro. H. J. Mohler, of St. Louis.

We were sorry that Local Chairman Mott could not be present owing to the sickness of his wife.

It was suggested and favorably thought of to hold a meeting every two or three months. In that way we would be better able to keep in line with our general officers and what they are doing. It is hoped that a better turn-out will be had at future meetings.

Those present, in addition to General Secretary and Treasurer Meador and General Secretary and Treasurer Mohler, were: Assistant Local Chairman G. E. Twiggs, L. H. Moan and Bros. Ives, of Mount Hope; Webb, of Whitewater; Strimple, of Moran; Burton, of Andale; Hudson, of Greenwich; Buchanan, of Benton, and Garton, of Conway Springs. The names of the two other brothers of the Rock Island the correspondent did not get.

If any more meetings are held, try to get in, brothers. It will do you good and give you a chance to tell the general officers what changes you want them to go after in the next schedule meeting.

G. E. Twiggs, Div. Cor.

Southern Kansas Division—

Bro. E. K. Lucy, second Leroy, off a few days relieved by Mr. Arnold, who later relieved Bro. Staley, agent, and also Bro. Evans on third at Leroy.

Bro. Price, third at Neodesha, off a few days, relieved by Bro. Patterson. Bro. H. L. Rearick, second trick Altoona, off two weeks, relieved by Bro. John Kennedy on third there, and he by Mr. Stallings.

On account of the reduction of force, Bro. Sherman, of "GO," was cut off temporarily, and is now working second at "RB." Bro. F. P. Strange, extra, gone to visit his folks at Lafontaine, after relieving Bro. W. C. Martin, second "CF," a few days.

The way the different departments have been reduced lately we have been exceptionally lucky. The extra men have had very good success here also, and we all feel that "The Old Southern Kansas" is a mighty good place to work.

Bro. Collins, at Roper, relieved a few days by a new man.

Send in a few notes, brothers, so we can have a good write-up in each journal.

T. F. JAMESON, L. C.

Eastern Division—

Bro. Hendrix checked in at Sandy Hook, May 2d; Bro. Pace at Elston, May 6th; Bro. Bahrenburg at Syracuse, May 11th, Bro. Phillips going to Centertown nights.

Bro. Bragg, who relieved Bro. Wilson, Sedalia second, while visiting in Pittsburg, Kan., was relieved at Lamonte by Mr. Willis.

Brakeman Harry Knox, while trying to make a coupling at Sedalia yard, Sunday night, May 10th, was run down and killed by a switch engine.

Bro. Keown, who relieved Bro. McBride at Centerview, on ninety days' vacation visiting relatives and fishing in Utah, later bid in Smithton nights.

It is now Bros. H. E. Pace, E. G. Church, W. T. H. Lewis, F. A. Wilson, B. B. McCormick, O. G. Tipton and J. E. Lewis. This sounds better. Everybody keep after the nons and we will soon have a solid line-up between St. Louis and Kansas City. If every brother will put on a little extra steam, it will only be a matter of a short time until they will be a thing of the past on this division. See that the few delinquents pay up and keep up to date. Every brother ask that man on the other trick to show his card, and if it isn't up to date, keep right after him until he gets one. If these fellows won't line up, we will advertise them and let every brother know who they are.

Bro. H. L. Dare has resigned, accepting a position with his father in Wheatland, Ind.

Mr. Callicott was referred to recently in error as a brother. He is still a non.

Bro. O'Bryan, third Pacific, is now with the Terminal at St. Louis, relieved on bid by Bro. John Singleton.

Bro. Mahan, Myrick, relieved a few days on first by Bro. Lewis on third there.

Bro. John Wilson, who relieved Mr. Hall, Blackwater third, while on business in Kansas City, is out now until business picks up.

Bro. Carter, Labadie nights, confined with smallpox for some time, relieved by Bro. L. H. Becker, we are glad to hear has recovered.

Stanhope, Hodge and Boonville nights and Kent days discontinued, throwing Bros. Hutton, Keown, McClain and Singleton out of the new positions they bid in recently.

Valley Park first pulled off about a week, Bro. Fitzgerald doing the telegraphing along with his agency work. Bro. W. H. Dore, second there, relieved several days while visiting in Kansas City by Bro. L. H. Becker.

Bro. Sitzman, seventh St. Louis, on vacation, was relieved by Bro. Glynn, from Twenty-third street third, relieved by Bro. Keithley, from Washington second, relieved by Cecil Pace. Bro. Duncan, second, has returned from his vacation, relieved by G. E. Moad, who later went to Eureka nights until bid in by Bro. Hutton.

Boys, if you know of any changes, vacancies, new positions, etc., send them to me by the 20th, so we can have a good monthly write-up in the journal.

C. L. A., at "BJ."

St. L. & S. F. R., Div. No. 32.

Western Division—

Bro. Burk, of Davidson, resigned, relieved by Bro. F. K. Schrock, of Peckham, Okla., and he on bid by G. J. Robinson, helper from Morrison.

Bro. J. O. Jones, cut off at Atlanta, displaced T. W. Montgomery, cashier-operator Winfield, who bid in Latham.

Agent Masters, Mountain Park resigned, relieved by Chas. Blakeslee.

Several Western Division conductors, Roadmaster Powell, of Enid; and J. E. Jones, agent Atlanta, have secured a charter to build a line from Beaumont Jct. to Olathe, Kans.

Two new operators in the dispatcher's office at Enid.

Brothers, send us a few items, and have a write-up regularly. CERT. 5.

Kansas Division—

Bro. R. O. Edwards has returned from a visit with relatives in Illinois and St. Louis.

Bro. H. M. Marshall, off a week sick, was relieved by Bro. G. W. Curtis, second Carl Jct., relieved by Bro. J. H. Smith, third Oronogo Jct.

Bro. Marsh, agent Redds, was a recent Tulsa, Okla., visitor.

Bro. J. L. Mumma, first "WH" Wichita, who bid in second Oronogo Jct. when third man was added, got first.

Bro. P. Crawford, from Fall River, relieved J. W. Ralston, second Ruth yards, resigned.

Bro. H. J. Taylor bid in third Oswego.

Boys, let us have a good write-up in *THE TELEGRAPH* each month, and always have a card of the right color. CERT. 2169.

River and Cape Division, South End—

Bro. Gornet, from the Cotton Belt, went to Portageville third, vice Mr. Phelps to Cape Girardeau second. Bro. Bridges to second "PO," relieved by Bro. G. R. Moore at James nights, who later bid in Beyers on the north end.

Bro. Peyton has been off sick, and Bros. Hopkins and Helm were obliged to double.

Bro. Schumacher was relieved by Bro. Seimulerman while on his honeymoon. Congratulations.

Please send me any news you can by the 20th and let us have a good, interesting write-up. Many thanks to Bros. Hopkins and Young for assistance. Bro. Smith will handle the north end and the branch.

Boys, don't allow the students to use the wire unless they have the proper permission, and don't violate your obligation by teaching them.

Help Bro. Smith, first Osceola, our local chairman, to line up the nons and delinquents. He will be glad to handle all the applications you can send him. Let our motto be: "100 per cent strong." "B," third "BY," Cert. 2291.

Baltimore & Ohio R. R., Div. No. 33.

Ohio Division B. & O. S.-W.—

On Monday evening, May 11th, a meeting of the members of this division was held at Fireman's Hall on Main street, Chillicothe, Ohio, over twenty members being present. Local Chairman Marsh called the meeting to order and presented Assistant General Chairman Rawlins as the speaker of the evening.

Bro. Rawlins gave an interesting talk, going over the work of the general committee on the last schedule, taking up the various articles in

their turn, explaining the sense and meaning of each one clearly and completely, and then gave the boys an opportunity to ask any questions on matters of which they were in doubt. Many took advantage of this to get their minds clear on various subjects in which they were personally interested.

Considering the hardships some of the brothers had to endure getting back home after the meeting and being obliged to work the next day, the attendance was good.

Applications have been received from: C. J. Plumley, agent Vigo; Herman Peecher, third Summit; E. W. Shamhart, second at Zaleski; W. H. Joyce and G. Bolen, second and third Canaanville and C. C. Parker; extra third Greenfield, and C. O. Doles, second Schooleys, are filling the papers out now. Everything points to a solid membership on this division, and we should all work to that end.

In connection with the regular monthly bulletin of vacancies advertised and filed, a new sheet, called the "man bulletin," will be issued by the division operator, in which the attention of telegraphers is called to matters of interest, such as discipline applied and reasons for same. Mr. Plumley desires his attention called, as a member of the local board of safety, to any matters of interest that will promote safety in train service and the work of employees.

At Leesburg, April 27th, operators were notified of two runaway cars coming east from Highland. Bro. T. Murphy opened the west switch, running the cars into the passing siding, and he and Bro. K. S. Jones boarded them at considerable risk and set the hand brakes, stopping them before reaching the derail at east end of siding. Their promptness no doubt prevented a serious accident.

Bro. T. L. Maloney, third Greenfield, is now on third "CD" Chillicothe.

Bro. John Iuler, second "DE" Chillicothe, on vacation, was relieved by Bro. E. J. Haynes.

Bro. C. M. Scott, second "RK" tower, says the fish they catch out of North Fork creek are so large that they are unable to sleep in their tent at night on account of the noise they make playing in the water.

There are but very few nons left on this division. The brothers have been doing good work, and our percentage is something to be proud of. Let us continue this good work until there is not a non in sight. Keep after the exclusive agents and get them in. The nons are now being discriminated against, the benefits going to the men in good standing, which is right and just. The schedule which went into effect March 1st gave us about two months' back pay, and everyone should now get in good standing and pay dues promptly. The one-half of the first month's increase should also be remitted promptly.

Vacations for all men in the telegraph service, as provided in the new schedule, commenced May 15th, and a good many of the men are taking compensation for the time they are entitled to receive and working straight ahead. The general committee worked hard to get this article in the schedule in order to give a rest each summer to

the men who perhaps couldn't afford to take a vacation, if they were required to lose the time. It is impossible for the company to relieve everyone in July and August, and we should not expect this. If this is to be made a bone of contention, the company may eliminate it from the next contract. Better arrange to take your vacation when the company offers it to you, instead of taking a monied consideration and run the risk of losing this concession altogether next time we go in for a schedule.

Local Chairman Marsh, first Harpers, while off on grievances, was relieved by Bro. A. E. Combs.

Bro. E. J. Brooks, first Byers Jct. tower, on vacation, was relieved by Bro. N. C. Fulkerson, a new man from the South. A. N.

Cleveland Division—

Dispatcher O'Leary, while off sick, relieved by E. C. Robinson. Bro. Bigler, while visiting his parents at Dennison, was relieved by A. Schiser.

Beach City is now worked three tricks; Bro. Tope and Mr. Mishler on the two new ones.

Brothers, stay awake and "hit the ball." Prospects for opening offices recently closed looks bright.

Bro. D. V. Kelly is now with the C. A. & C. at Warwick.

Mr. Summers bumped in on second Lorain. Bro. S. B. Shafer getting third there, vice Mr. Beard, appointed night yardmaster.

Meeting of the five Orders at Lorain the evening of May 19th was well attended, the telegraphers being represented by Bros. Stoup and McCabe, of Lester. These meetings are accomplishing a great deal of good, and the brothers should make an effort to attend as often as possible.

Dispatcher "Bill" Wright, while looking over the road and instructing Bro. Kiefer, Canal Dover, was relieved by O'Leary, who makes a moving picture of Bro. Kiefer and Bro. McCoy.

Division Operator Heaton is a picture of gloom, as the Naps have lost eight games.

Under date of May 18th, Grand Secretary Quick advises that 40,121 members have already paid their dues for the current term, and states that all previous records can be broken if we all get after the delinquents and nons, and get them within the fold. Let's show our grand secretary that the boys on the Cleveland Division are on the job by making it solid. "VI."

West End, Cumberland Division—

This portion of the system has not been represented in the fraternal columns for some months, your correspondent being engaged on general committee work, and I will now make up for lost time.

The printed copies of the new schedule and the back pay should have been in the hands of all by the last of May.

Our new vacation rule is the best in the country, providing for seven days a year for one-year men and fifteen days for two-year men. All should try and take their vacations when offered, as we got a late start on it this year. Plans are

on foot for a more satisfactory method for next year. All will be advised of it in due time, so that preparations can be made accordingly. A good many of the brothers have already had their vacations. Those off the first part of May were: Bros. Leuthke, Fouch and Pennington. The latter part of May Bros. G. A. Ott, W. C. Ready and Elsey and several others are expecting relief soon.

The new schedule shows what can be accomplished by united action, and all of the boys are to be congratulated upon the manner in which they backed up their committee. Let's all get after the few non-members who are not paying anything to help better conditions. Get them in and success will crown our efforts in the future. The committee can not do it all; it is a solid membership that counts.

It is with much sorrow and sympathy that we chronicle the death of Mrs. Rose P. Smith, wife of Fireman Smith, of Terra Alta, in Cumberland hospital, after a long illness. Mrs. Smith's maiden name was also Smith. Her father, pumper at Terra Alta, is a member of the B. of L. F., and her two brothers, Charles and James, are members of the O. R. T. She also leaves a mother, a sister and three small children to mourn her loss. They all have the sympathy of the entire division.

The recent reduction of force threw nine men on the extra list; Bro. Elsey, from Thornton to second Rowlesburg; Bro. Bell, from Thornton to third Mt. Lake Park, vice Bro. Ready to second there; Bro. Pendergast, from Hutton to third Altamont, vice Bro. Rasche to third "Z" tower, vice Bro. Shaw to second there, vice Bro. Matthews to second Keyser station; Bro. Foreman, from Hutton to third Strecker, vice Bro. Johnson back on extra list; Bro. Sebold also back on extra list; Bro. Murphy, from "MK" to third Deer Park; Bro. Walters, our young married friend, from Oakland to second there; Bro. Bell, from west end to Mt. Lake Park.

During our recent conferences with the company I did not hear one word of criticism in regard to our service, which, taken as a whole, is second to none in the country. We should continue to be loyal to our employers, and keep up the good work in our organization. It is a big help to our representatives.

Everyone send me some news. "73" to all.

E. A. S.

Wheeling Division—

Bro. J. K. Payne, second wire chief "FY" Wheeling, relieved thirty days by Bro. C. W. Linn, extra copier from "Q."

Bro. H. E. Rexroad, of Pine Grove, was off a few days.

Bros. E. B. Hager and W. A. Yeater, second and third Denver, on a thirty-day fishing trip to the Big Sandy River, relieved by Bro. F. H. Jones, of Cameron, and H. E. Winland.

Bro. H. S. Barnes, of Fairmount, bid in third Glover Gap, vice Mr. Miller, resigned to go into other business.

Bros. L. B. Tennant, S. C. Stewart and C. L. Allender attended the circus at Hundred and

ran first at attractions, refusing very flattering offers to join the "side show."

Local Chairman Allender has resumed duty at Littleton, after six months on general committee work, Bro. R. B. Daugherty going to second Burton.

Bro. R. B. Kennedy, first Barracksville, is on six months' leave, relieved by Mr. Fleming.

Burton tower was reopened at 4 p. m., May 11th, with Bro. S. C. Stewart on first, Bro. R. B. Kennedy on second and H. E. Winland on third, pending bulletin.

Bro. D. S. Jones, of Mannington, and J. E. Beatty, of "WR" tower, were first to get the new vacation, taking their fifteen days beginning May 16th, the date vacations started on this division.

The new agreement has resulted in a large number of the nons joining, and we expect the support of every man on the division who has the ambition to reach a high standard in his calling. Every member should be careful to give the best service and maintain our present high efficiency record.

Div. Cor.

Baltimore District—

Bro. Graves S. Brendel, one of the oldest and most respected men in our district, is dead. He entered the service of the Baltimore & Ohio on April 1, 1864, and was retired October, 1909, on account of impaired health. His son expressed to me in high terms his appreciation, both as to our having a representative at the funeral and for the beautiful floral design presented by the Order.

E. E. HURDLE, S. & T.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the universal Father to remove from our midst our friend and brother, Graves S. Brendel; and

WHEREAS, We are deeply grieved at the separation from this good brother, who in his life exemplified many virtues; therefore be it

Resolved, That we extend to his relatives our sincere sympathy in their loss, and that we endeavor to emulate the good qualities which he exhibited during his life among us; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution be published in our official organ, THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER, a copy be sent to the son of our departed friend and brother, and a copy spread upon the minutes of this division.

E. E. HURDLE,

W. M. SHAWEN,

H. J. LATCHFORD,

Committee.

Metropolitan Branch—

A great amount of bumping has occurred on the Baltimore Division, due to the abolishing of several offices, causing a number of the younger men to go back on relief work.

Our genial division operator, Mr. Hurllick, started the fifteen days' vacation (secured in the new schedule) on May 1st, which will enable the extra men to make a decent month's wage.

The telegraphers of this division are highly pleased with the new schedule, the best we have ever had, largely due to the good work of General Chairman Pierces, whose acquaintance I had the pleasure of making recently. The telegraphers of the entire system should be proud of him, and the members of the general committee should be highly commended for their meritorious work with the government board of arbitrators. Let us show them our appreciation by exerting all our efforts and influence in securing for membership the few nons yet remaining on the division.

The next United States senatorial primary will be held in Maryland next September, and we will have the pleasure of voting for honorable Isaac Lobe Strauss. All the labor and railway unions of the State expect to give him their united support. He has been friendly to the laboring men and assisted them in strengthening their cause.

CERT. 2179.

Chicago & Eastern Illinois R. R., Div. No. 34.

Illinois Division—

No items were sent in from this end of the line for the past three months, because I have not received any. I volunteered to handle the Illinois items for Local Chairman Hicks, but received very little encouragement. Now, brothers, make a circle around the "25" on your calendar for each month. When that date comes around, drop me a note giving me what news you have, even if but one item, and I will do my part to have a good write-up every month. Thanks to the good brothers who helped me out this month.

Bro. F. R. Thixton, second Mode, resigned, and is now "oil king" for the Ohio Oil Co. at Bridgeport, Ill., relieved by Bro. H. M. Patton until bid in by Bro. F. E. Huser, extra, who was relieved several days recently on account of sickness by L. R. Hudson, and he later by F. Furry on third Mode when Hall, operated for a time nights, was finally abolished.

Bro. R. F. Barnett, first "WF" yard, bid in agency Clarksburg, vice J. F. Friend, managing a store at Kirksville. Bro. L. Finn, third "WF" yard, bid in first there, relieved on bid by Bro. Wattenberger, from second; Bro. C. J. Turner on second pending bulletin.

Bro. A. C. Campbell, second Goreville, off few days recently, relieved by O. Calhoun.

Operator Judkins bid in third Benton, and Bro. Piper second Okaw.

Bro. E. F. LaBrier, first Salem yard, has purchased a farm in Texas, and, on account of his wife being in poor health, has taken an indefinite leave to try his luck as a farmer. We all wish him success. Bro. L. B. Johnson is on first Salem yard temporarily. G. W. Garrett, relieving him on third, will soon be a brother. Bro. F. D. Stephenson, second Salem yard, is learning the "touch" system on the new Fox he purchased through Bro. Johnson.

E. H. Morris, third "SA" tower, was off a few days recently, relieved by Bro. E. H. Kirk.

On account of slack business offices are being abolished entirely at some points and other three-man jobs being made one-man positions. The I. C. operators at Tuscola have been moved to S. & E. I. tower, "TY" tower night job there being abolished and night office opened at Tuscola depot. F. E. George, formerly first "TY," is now on the all-day job there, and J. D. Ferguson, from a trick at "TY," on nights at depot. Bro. T. O. Wilson is at Fair Ground, now a night office only.

Through instructions from the legal department, sending machines that infringe on Vibroplex's patents have been outlawed on our line, and several of us are forced to fall back on "nature." An opinion has been secured from our O. R. T. legal adviser—see pages 778-780, May TELEGRAPHER—and we will be permitted to use our machines again after the matter has been thrashed out.

"No card, no favors." Line up the nons. Mark your calendar. "JN" at "NY."

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, to call from our midst to her heavenly home the beloved little daughter of our worthy friend and brother, L. E. Regenold; therefore, in manifestation of our sympathy, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of Division No. 34, extend our sincere and heartfelt sympathy to Bro. and Mrs. Regenold in their great bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family and a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

W. E. HICKS, •
C. E. KELLY,
C. E. MCFERRIN,
Committee.

Chicago Division, Villa Grove District—

Bro. C. D. Smith, first Gerald, Ill., appointed local correspondent for the Villa Grove Division. Don't fail to contribute your share of the items hereafter.

P. S. LOTTINVILLE,
Local Chairman.

Bro. C. E. Hubbell installed as agent Reilly, vice Bro. J. R. Wilson, assigned to other duties. J. G. McCleskey on second Reilly, Sister Wilson on vacation.

Bro. J. J. Ferguson, first Villa Grove yard, has resumed duty after a few weeks' absence.

Bro. O. O. Franklin, "XN," keeps the boys posted on the latest war news. Many thanks, "Dinny."

C. E. Lewis, extra dispatcher, relieving Mr. Dunlay on second trick. Glad to see Charlie making good. He is an A-1 "rum" player, also.

Boys on third tricks, don't be caught sleeping on duty. If it happens, you have no recourse.

R. E. Farlow, agent Royal, promises to be with us soon, and his word is good with your scribe.

How many complied with the request of the president of the American Federation of Labor, pertaining to the Bacon-Bartlett bills? Such topics should not be overlooked by us.

The general manager's special paid us a visit recently. Everybody seemed to be "hitting the ball," which we should always do.

Ex-Bro. Fogerty, second Glover, says he will be with us again in June. "MC," see that he does.

Bro. C. E. Hubbell, third Goodwine, bid in agency Reilly. Sister C. A. Wilson, second Reilly, on vacation.

Brothers, if you ask a non to join and he refuses, your answer should be, "No card no favors." I am waiting.

J. G. McCleskey, relieving on second Reilly, has moved his family there, and it's now time for him to return blanks sent him properly filled out and get a new card.

Bro. Hendricks was in Penfield recently to see his mother.

F. E. Dunlay and S. R. Driskel, two second trick dispatchers, called on this end while making a tour of the division. Come again, boys; you are always welcome.

Brothers, mail your news for the journal to me at Penfield, Ill., R. F. D. No. 28. It will soon be time to pay dues again and get our new cards. Don't fail to remit promptly, and go to work with that strong determination to have a solid district. Understand the boys on the Danville District are working with the slogan, "Solid division; watch us grow; dig, brothers; warm up." Let's be up and prepare for the future, as the day of the old-time telegrapher is nearly done.

C. D. S., Local Cor.

Chicago Division, Terre Haute District—

Bro. T. M. Alfonte, agent Gessie, Ind., appointed local correspondent for the Terre Haute District, Chicago Division, Don't fail to contribute your items hereafter.

P. S. LOTTINVILLE, Local Chairman.

Third Hillsdale bid in by G. F. Chaney—three moves for this non in forty-five days; getting to be a regular boomer.

It is now Bro. Wilson again at Jackson, and we have the promise of Mr. Ross there also.

Bro. C. M. Smith, third Jackson, has asked for sixty days' leave, expecting to take in the sights from Jackson to Salt Lake City and travel via the "honeymoon route" from Kansas City westward.

Not many changes this spring as usual. You fellows on the south end—"TJ," "HY," "WY," "J" and "AH"—get busy with your ink-slinger and let me have the notes by the 19th or 20th inst.

Everybody seems to be enjoying the new schedule, members and nons alike—yet no one has whispered "amen" for the committee and the good work it did last fall. Now that we have a correspondent, the members should send in some notes each month.

"WS," at Jackson, get after the second and third tricks at "AH," and see what they have reference to about this pay day. Bro. Ayers, at "AH," will help you out. Brothers, keep after the nons on this district, and don't let them rest until you have their applications in your hands, and remember, "No card, no favors."

T. M. A., Local Cor.

Chicago Division, Brazil District—

Bro. J. C. Acklemier, Brazil freight station, appointed local correspondent for this district. Be sure to do your share of the contributing of items, as we have not been represented for a year.

P. S. LOTTINVILLE, Local Chairman.

Miss Carrie T. Acklemier, sister of Bro. J. C. Acklemier, of Brazil, Ind., was recently married to W. B. Nichols, of Clinton, Ind. Miss Acklemier has been private stenographer for S. S. Hoffman, assistant superintendent Brazil District, for five years. Division 34 extends congratulations.

W. T. Hamilton installed as agent Winthrop, vice H. J. McConnell, resigned.

Bro. F. S. Allen, of Papineau, on first extra Mecca pending bulletin.

Having just received the notice appointing me correspondent, I have been unable to secure any items of interest other than quoted, but I assure you that I will try to give you the news each month hereafter.

J. G. A., Local Cor.

Chicago Division, Danville District—

Combination, co-operation and organization is the order of the day, and no improvement can possibly be brought about in any branch of labor in the industrial world without these three articles, and we must work together and exert our efforts for its accomplishment. Organization is an absolute necessity under the present-day profit system, and any telegrapher or agent who does not carry an O. R. T. card simply shows poor business judgment and a lack of every-day ordinary common sense, and is a burden to those who support the general committee that secured concessions for them in excess of the cost of membership. A good per cent of the delinquents and some of the available nons have made application, and with a little more energy exerted by each of us we will soon have that 100 per cent membership. Every member should have a heart-to-heart talk with each non near them; personal grievances should not stand in your path. It is entirely our own fault today that we are no further advanced than at present. Individual efforts will accomplish more towards securing the non than any amount of correspondence by the local chairman.

It is very essential that every member keep posted on our affairs and the current happenings of the Order in general. When through with this journal pass it along to some non. The increased interest shown by a few of the members in organizing is very encouraging, and should stimulate the rest to further exertions; the nons

having no support, have no right whatsoever to the resulting benefits, his gratuity is the fruit of our labor, so enroll him if possible and desirable.

It is now dues-paying time and we trust that each member will pay up promptly. It is a good system for one member to collect dues from the others at the same office, and forward them all at once, and eliminate delay. It is much easier to remain a member than to be bouncing in and out every six months or so. We must pay dues promptly to avoid being placed on the delinquent list. Remit your semi-annual dues to Bro. S. M. Rittenhouse, Sidell, Ill., and your assessments in M. B. D. to Bro. L. W. Quick, room 706, Star Building, St. Louis, Mo. Promptness saves delay, time and worry, and the delinquent list.

Boys, don't forget the notes; keep tab on the happenings, and let me have them not later than the 20th of each month, and remember to say to the nons, "No card, no favors."

Bro. C. E. Oehmke took in the sights in Chicago recently.

H. McGee, second Brewer, on a visit to Indianapolis, relieved by W. T. Hamilton and P. R. Selsor. E. Anderson, third Brewer, off sick ten days, relieved by "Happy" one night, and later by P. R. Selsor. Bro. W. R. Johnson, first Brewer, would appreciate another leverman.

E. C. Martin installed as agent Westville, vice J. R. Carboy resigned.

Bro. S. O. Frankenberger installed as agent Collinson, vice E. C. Martin transferred to other duties.

G. W. Eaton installed as agent Goodenow, Ill., vice A. Dohkmyer, now automobile repairman with H. C. Wehrmann there.

Bro. J. W. Begbie, second St. Anne, was a recent Chicago visitor, relieved by Roy Wert, of the "Big Four."

Bro. Edgar Keefe, second Hoopston, was relieved several days by E. Young.

Bro. C. L. Miller, second Coaler, off a few days, was relieved by E. E. Barnes.

Bro. P. S. Lottinville, our local chairman, was a recent Danville visitor, relieved by Bro. S. O. Frankenberger.

Mr. Linquest, the assistant examiner, paid his annual visit to the boys recently, requesting the "ops" to inform him what a train was.

Bro. J. V. Phillips, our general chairman, reports a fine attendance at the Cort meeting in Chicago.

S. R. Driskel, second trick dispatcher, on vacation, relieved by R. W. Law, from the Clover Leaf.

Bro. C. J. Shotts, first Coaler, off on account of the death of his father, was relieved by E. E. Barnes.

Bro. Hock, of Thornton Jct., assigned first Valparaiso on Grand Trunk. We will miss old "H," who has been faithful for about seven years.

Only two of the nons and delinquents replied to the circular letters sent them extending an invitation to join us, and the rest still are accepting the raise granted them December 1st, last.

"BO," Div. Cor.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Our heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom and goodness, has deemed it best to call to His heavenly home the beloved father of our Bro. C. J. Shotts, of Woodland, Ill.; therefore, in manifestation of our fraternal sympathy, be it

Resolved, That the members of Chicago & Eastern Illinois Division 34, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the sorrowing brother and family their sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded the bereaved brother, a copy spread upon the minutes of the division and a copy forwarded THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

J. V. PHILLIPS,
J. W. BEGBIE,
P. S. LOTTINVILLE,
Committee.

"GO" General Offices, Chicago—

Bro. W. J. Townsley has returned from two months' vacation, after visiting Frisco, Seattle, Tacoma and other points of interest; relieved by J. B. Hubbell, Chicago Division.

Business is very slack, coal mines having closed down on account of no orders, and the boys are all sticking like glue. We are expecting retrenchment to happen along now at any time, as "XN" Danville has already felt the effects of it, and several offices on the Chicago & Illinois Divisions have been closed.

There are plenty of operators floating around Chicago now.

Bro. Davenport expects to soon have all the terminals lined up solid.

Boys, watch your calls closely, and save us wasting time we should devote to other duties.

Remember, "No card, no favors."

"BO," Div. Cor.

Chesapeake & Ohio Ry., Div. No. 40.*Hinton Division—*

I have just returned from my fifteen days' vacation. We had a very interesting meeting at Hinton, Thursday night, May 21st. Our esteemed general chairman, Bro. Hicks, was with us and wielded the gavel, also gave us an interesting talk on general conditions. While our crowd wasn't as large as we like to see, all enjoyed the meeting, and we hope to see a larger attendance in the future. Remember the date, 3d Thursday night in each month, "Big Four" Building. Boys, come out and see what we are doing. You stay-at-homes don't realize what good times you are missing, besides you don't get the inside facts as to what is being done for your own welfare as well as that of others.

A good attendance at our lodge meetings stimulates interest and encourages our officers to do their utmost for our cause, for they feel that if the membership is awake to what is being done it behooves them to be more alert than ever in order to meet the demands of their constituents. Another thing that is of vital importance to our

craft is—don't forget to pay your dues promptly. I regret to say that several of our members are still delinquent. While I believe their intentions are good, that does not make the showing we like to have and must have to put up our fight. This condition should not exist.

Where can you invest the same amount that will give you the net returns that you have received through the O. R. T. for the past ten years? It is at the very lowest estimate 100 per cent better investment than the same amount in bank stock, besides the cheap rate of insurance, and last, but by no means least, the guarantee of a square deal, but if you are delinquent over sixty days, your committee can not handle any grievances for you, which is a strong plea for an up-to-date card, be you delinquent or non. Let's all pay up at once and get right.

Bro. D. S. Older is relief agent at Prince until filled by advertisement, vice Bro. E. Smith, assigned agency at Quinnimont, vice Bro. Lowe, who contemplates engaging in business at Huntington, W. Va. Bro. H. O. Webb, relieving Bro. A. F. Bryson at Eccles; Bro. P. B. Green, second Prince, relieving Bro. R. E. Thomas on the sick list.

Bro. C. R. Gleason, first Gauley, relieving Bro. W. R. Smith temporarily, unable to do the heavy switching.

Bro. C. Johnson, first residence 999, "XN" cabin, just returned from an enjoyable vacation, says the "old tent" still looks good.

Our dashing relief agent, Bro. Older, continues his flying visits to Mt. Hope. The single brothers better look after their interests as 'tis rumored he may soon claim one of our fair sisters.

Montgomery was closed May 22d; Bro. Pinnell attending court and no available extra men. We should have more good extra men, or be able to locate the few we have so that a regular man can get off within a reasonable time after making application.

Hope to see a write-up next month from some of the boys who are better posted.

W. L. MILLER.

Mountain and James River District—

Bro. L. M. Corstaphney on sick list, relieved by Bro. G. B. Persinger.

Bro. C. L. Miller, extra dispatching has swapped off with Bro. R. A. Cutler and returned to "F."

Owing to the boys not being given sufficient notice, the last meeting was not very well attended. The Legislature has adjourned now, so let us all attend the next meeting and hear what Bro. Hicks succeeded in accomplishing while it was in session.

Bro. J. R. Rodgers on sick list, relieved by Bro. H. C. Worley, who also relieved Bro. J. W. McClure a few days.

Bro. A. L. Flaherty, who recently relieved Bro. W. S. Acord, also relieved Bro. T. P. Haloran a few days.

Bro. L. W. Ayers has returned from vacation, relieving Bro. R. L. Fletcher.

Bro. W. J. Kent assigned Lisle third, vice Bro. H. C. Anders, to Alpine nights.

C. W. Hutcheson assigned Springwood days, vice E. D. Mitchell, deceased, who was a brother until recently. He was in his seventieth year, and had been in the service of the C. & O. since September 28, 1889. He leaves a wife and three daughters, two of which are the wives of Bros. W. P. Bickers, of Crozet, and N. B. O'Connor, of Balcony Falls; also four sons, one in the ministry at Staunton, Va.; one a train dispatcher for the Southern at Salisbury, N. C., and two in the telegraph service at Little Rock, Ark. We extend to our brothers and families our deepest sympathy in their loss of a faithful companion in life and a loving father.

Bro. T. H. Hassett on sick list, relieved by Bro. J. G. Thompson, who later relieved Bro. G. H. Harmon while off on account of the illness of his wife. CERT. 579.

Piedmont, Peninsula and Rivanna Divisions—

Boys, let us wake up and have a write-up every month. Suggestions can be made and improvements had, especially if we will attend our meetings and pull together.

Remember our motto, "No card, no favors," and try to get this division solid this year.

The attendance at our regular monthly meeting, held at Fraternity Hall, April 23d, was rather small. Bro. L. E. Hicks, our general chairman, who presided, made things interesting, and several matters were discussed of benefit to those present.

Secretary and Treasurer Bro. J. C. Collie was re-elected unanimously. He has served in this capacity for four years in the most satisfactory way to the divisions he represents, and is beloved and respected by all of the boys.

The Southern Ry. is now using Main street station for all its passenger trains. This required another operator on first trick, which was bid in by Bro. C. B. Robinson, of third there, relieved on bid by Bro. J. C. Epps, from third "JN," and he by Bro. W. L. Scott, third "CD," pending bids.

Bro. D. S. Jones, from Gladstone, bid in "JN" second recently, and we are expecting to soon have two men on second. Bro. J. I. Orrack, second "GS," bid in the Gladstone vacancy, relieved on bid by Bro. C. W. Whitfield, and he on Sabot, Va., second by Bro. J. G. Harford.

Bro. R. W. Wheeler off several days, relieved by Bro. E. G. Rawlings; and Bro. Sam Hamaker, on sick list sixty days, by Bro. S. B. Binford, relief agent. We hope Bro. Hamaker will fully regain his health and soon be able for duty.

Recently a passenger train was given a caution card to meet train No. 53 in block, when train to be met was running as No. 97, and the man at fault was given a five-day book suspension. Watch this brothers; save your reputation and perhaps loss of life or limb.

Boys, send me all the local happenings you can by the 20th, so we can have a write-up every month. CERT. 669.

Erie R. R., Div. No. 42.

New York Division—

Regular meeting May 18th at Jersey City. Usual crowd out, with the exception of two or three new faces, which we all appreciate and hope when the new blood gets better acquainted they will be active and give us their loyal support. Bros. Thunna and Adams, from the L. I., paid us a visit, which we are pleased to note, and with the little feed the evening was well worth while, and everybody went home contented. The visiting brothers gave us some very good advice for the benefit of all concerned in reference to getting new members, and if complied with will result in unlimited success, which they have tried and proven on the L. I. The scheme is each individual member to be an organizer. Don't leave it all to the local chairman or an organizer to do the work. Each do his share in this line and go after the nons. They will put up some hard-luck story at first, but go after him again and again if necessary, and in the end you will receive his application and dough.

We are anticipating to include in our next schedule members only to be represented to get an increase and other concessions. This is the only way we figure it out to be a square deal, as there is a certain class of men who get the best jobs on account of seniority rights and are not men enough to help maintain the cause. If not included in the schedule they may awaken to the fact that they had better join. When we read in THE TELEGRAPHER how the dispatchers on the other roads have come in can we have anything but contempt for "JY"? The few brothers there must have a feeling of satisfaction in knowing to whom we refer.

It is awful to be a grafter; the woods between "NJ" and "MQ," on the E. & J., are full of them. One of them is going to buy a track machine. He will, no doubt, tell his friends his money paid for it?

Bro. Lorden was off a few days on account of death in the family, which we all regret to learn.

Bro. D. Noonan is on first "BJ," vice Owens taken out of the service. "There's a reason."

Bro. J. A. Readdy is on the sick list. We will all be glad to see "Jim" back.

Bro. Remsen has purchased a new home at Lake View. City life must have been too gay for him.

Bro. Harton was kind enough to bring his banjo to "JC," and between him and Bro. Dockery things were kept lively after regular business. Come again, brothers; some men.

If some kind brother can think of some scheme to get Bro. Green to a meeting at "JC" and get him in the habit again, just write Bro. Coleman.

Bro. Washer, the pickerel season is open.

Bro. Pitketley landed third "BT," and Mr. Petrie third "SJ." Now, Dave and Mack, get on the job and do business. "No card, no favors."

Everything at Suffern is solid.

Bro. Newl relieving Bro. Readdy on second "R."

Bro. Billy McNamara displaced on third "NJ" by Bro. Dean.

Bros. Garland, Angelo and Custer, at "MQ," are watching which way the cat at "GD" will jump.

Bro. F. C. Flinton, formerly agent at Nutley, now has a very good position with the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., at Holyoke, Mass. We all regret losing him, but wish him success.

Bro. Paddy Burns has a feeling of anxiety since "JD" and "GD" were discontinued.

Bro. Jim Dunn has not lost his affinity for the fishing rod.

We surely feel sorry for Bro. Albert Stevens since necessity compels him to work in such poor company.

Bro. Mat Brown doesn't think much of the extra list.

Bro. Earl boosted Bro. Bucher, at "NJ." Bro. Tom Clifford has been quite sick.

Only three nons in the valley now and one of them is out because all the rest of us believe in a supreme being. Div. Cor., Cert. 85.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, God, who knoweth best and doeth all things well, has called from her earthly home the beloved mother of our esteemed brother, D. F. Lorden; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of System Division 42, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the bereaved brother and family our deepest sympathy in this their greatest earthly loss; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the sorrowing and bereaved brother, a copy placed upon the minutes of the Division and a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

W. C. WHRINTER,
S. H. FAIRSERVICE,
A. H. HAGERMAN,
Committee.

Mahoning Division—

Marshall spent several days at Union City recently visiting.

Automatic signals closed "WA" and "OR" towers, Saltzman to first "SB," bumping Fenstermaker, now visiting relatives in Cleveland; Hart to first "VO," bumping McHale; Pierson to first Niles, bumping Taylor, Armstrong taking first "BR."

Meek, agent Pulaski, resigned to go in jewelry business, relieved by Wallace.

Kirby is a frequent visitor in Cleveland.

Brownie is enjoying his spare time learning to run his auto.

Lewis relieved Flagherty several days, who relieved Andrews while working on new time card. Bacon has added "deputy sheriff" to his numerous titles.

"CB" tower has been moved to "AB" to replace the tower burnt down there several months ago.

Chapman, off several days, was relieved by Boosinger.

Dick Noble has returned after several months' sickness.

McHale, bumped out of first Moser, takes third there.

J. E. Bailey after being absent several years, has returned as dispatcher first Collopy, taking third, Wetsel second and Cronin going on east end as dispatcher.

Politeness is like an air cushion—there is nothing in it, but it eases the jolt wonderfully.

"SLATS."

Canadian Northern Ry., Div. No. 43.

Seventeen new members received in the month of April, eleven by initiation and six by transfer.

G. H. PALMER,
General Secretary and Treasurer.

First District, Western Division—

We are glad to welcome our genial Bro. E. G. Delano back in our midst after a three months' tour of the North American continent from Florida to California, and to learn that he found no better abiding place than Manitoba through all his extensive journey.

Bro. Frank Wells, of Swan River, is on a two months' trip to Old Scotia, relieved by Bro. T. Roberts, and Bro. A. C. McDonald, of Muenster, on two months' vacation to Toronto and Eastern points, relieved by Bro. G. M. Kane.

It is rumored that one of the handsome young dispatchers at Dauphin will take a better half this month (June), and two of the dashing young agents on the north line are also going to enter the realms of married bliss in the near future.

Our local chairman, Bro. G. H. Vashinder, at Gilbert Plains, is busily engaged in directing prospectors and experts to the oil regions adjacent to his town, and the whole Dauphin District is being prospected over by would-be Rockefellers. If the present indications of gas and oil are found to justify the hopes of the experts, we may expect a big boom in these parts.

CERT. 52.

Third District, Western Division—

The meeting at Edmonton, Sunday, May 3d, was largely attended, brothers arriving by auto, horseback, oxcart, canoe and on foot. Bro. Douglas, a long brave from the Battleford Reserve, came by canoe 300 miles, attended by two guides, Bros. McArthur and Hines.

The following brothers were present: L. F. Muncey, general chairman; A. Chard, assistant general chairman; F. J. Mooney, C. W. Laroy, L. W. Clarke, W. F. Sturges, G. J. Jollymour, T. H. Tebo, A. R. Douglas, H. P. Rock, C. P. Hines, A. McKae, H. R. Stevenson, H. M. Bennett, W. T. Lane, E. G. McArthur, H. J. Wilson, J. Anderson, M. P. McMahon, L. J. Furois. Visitors: H. K. Duffield and F. F. Ashton, Division 7.

Assistant General Chairman Chard presided and kept the best order he could considering the audience. In introducing our General Chairman L. F. Muncey, who we were pleased to have with us, Bro. Chard asked that he give us an account of all matters pertaining to our welfare, especially as to business lately transacted in Winnipeg

in regard to electing a salaried general chairman. Bro. Muncey then proceeded to explain the present circumstances of this interesting question, pointing the inability at the present time of our being able to take care of this man, but to satisfy all concerned a ballot was now in preparation by our General Secretary and Treasurer G. H. Palmer, Dauphin, Man., which will submit the question to a vote over the entire system, giving a plain statement of facts and advising under what conditions and those only upon which we can afford this representative.

The seniority of telegraphers received a thorough airing at the hands of Bro. McMahon, of Camrose. (The M. P. does not stand for member of parliament in this case.) Bro. McMahon, though a little hard to get wound up, is a power in discourse considering the furore he created in our midst.

The matter of general counsel in the person of Bro. D. Campbell was discussed and the unanimous opinion was that it was a step in the right direction upon the part of our general committee.

We were pleased to enjoy the company of Bro. L. J. Furois, our former local chairman, of the Canadian Northern Quebec Railway, who is now sojourning in these parts, and who has taken a prominent part in connection with schedule matters on the Eastern Lines.

In summing up the condition of the membership on this district the results are gratifying, with the exception of a few odd cases where men holding good positions have allowed their cards to lapse and letting someone else pay the cost of their benefits. As a rule, these boys, if asked if they carry a card, reply cheerfully that they do; presumably they are not aware our general secretary mails a report each month to the division local chairman showing names of all men who pay dues during the month, so these who do not belong are easily spotted, as they are so few.

We believe our meetings should be held just a little oftener, it affords us our only means of getting personally acquainted, and they do good for all of us.

CRAT. 27.

Western Division, Third District Notes—

Bro. Bingham, agent North Battleford, is on vacation, relieved by Bro. Melkonian, caretaker Delmas.

Bro. H. J. Wilson appointed day operator, and Bro. Grant night operator at Radisson.

Bro. Hamilton, back from the States, is at Big Valley nights.

Bro. H. Bennett is at Camrose days until regular appointment is made.

Bro. McLaren, agent Denholm, is on holiday, relieved by Relief Agent Bro. LeRoy, and Bro. Lane, agent Bruderheim, on holiday, relieved by Bro. Bruce.

Mr. Boale, a new man, Vegreville nights, will come in next pay day.

Bro. Altvater is acting agent Marshall, vice Bro. Fizer back to Lashburn nights.

Bro. Nichols is taking a sight-seeing trip to the States.

The few delinquent brothers should hurry back in, as we want to be solid when we go after that new schedule.

The minstrel show given at North Battleford by members of the O. R. T., B. of R. T., B. L. F. & E. and O. R. C. for the benefit of the C. N. R. baseball team, was a grand success and the boys have been requested to repeat the play at an early date. The C. N. R. baseball is the fastest aggregation in this city, so when in North Battleford be sure and come out to the ball games and see the boys perform.

Minburn station opened, and bid in by Bro. Nichols.

Bro. G. A. Roberts, first trick dispatcher branch lines Edmonton, on holiday, Bro. J. P. Morgan relieving, being relieved on third "MD" Edmonton by Bro. Gigure.

S. J. H. and D. J. B. of "FD."

Central Division, Second and Third Districts—

The meeting in Columbus Hall, at Winnipeg, on Sunday, April 19, 1914, was called to order at 3 p. m., with Local Chairman Bro. J. R. Williams in the chair, and the following members present: D. Campbell, G. D. Robertson, L. F. Muncey, J. R. Williams, A. Chard, R. B. Law, R. C. Simpson, G. H. Vashinder, W. W. Stirling, G. H. Palmer, R. B. Sparkman, G. O. Taylor, R. M. Cawley, T. A. Sloan, H. W. Peck, R. D. Carlaw, Geo. Trafton, H. J. Berry, W. H. Phillips, G. A. Howard, J. J. McGreevy, F. J. McLellan, L. A. Graham, Jas. Beggs, W. Pruden, O. Davis, M. J. O'Connell, M. S. Catt, G. L. Klingensmith, O. R. Phelps, J. W. Aubin, S. M. Rutherford, J. H. Lawson, R. McLennan, D. Thom, S. C. Harris, F. L. James, A. G. Wheaton, C. A. Haight, F. M. Ogrosky, D. Bannister, H. Olson, J. E. Foster, S. F. Hughes, C. M. Blair, J. T. McDougall, J. T. Dorsett, W. L. Crooker, E. G. Skelding, G. Mann, F. F. Lea, L. McMann, J. T. Hamlin, J. B. Batty, W. G. Graham, H. W. Fee, J. Robertson, B. W. Brown, J. Anctil, R. Desmarais, C. R. Lake, W. H. Dench, D. W. Hunt, T. J. Sheehan, H. E. Davidson, J. H. Young, J. Hobson, F. C. Marshall, F. G. Gilbert, W. Dewep, C. E. Beaulieu, G. J. McKay, T. W. Hayes, J. G. Dow, P. J. Arnaud, H. C. Kennedy, C. W. Chapman, J. A. Ryan, O. H. Quealey, R. R. Patton, H. H. White, O. Daigle, F. J. Arnold; total, 81.

Bro. G. H. Palmer was appointed secretary. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

On motion of Bro. Young, seconded by Bro. Hobson, it was decided as a sense of this meeting that a lineman be placed on the general committee as assistant.

Moved by Bro. Carlaw, seconded by Bro. Young and carried, that the matter of agents' badges be taken up and a uniform cap be supplied.

Moved by Bro. Law, seconded by Bro. Blair and carried, that on revision of schedule, vacancies on newly constructed lines should be balleted for a year.

Moved by Bro. Mann, seconded by Bro. McGreevy and carried, that the same conditions as

obtain on the Canadian Northern Railway at present obtain west of Edmonton, and that the general committee endeavor to secure this.

After considerable discussion of various matters relating to working conditions, Bro. Williams called on Bro. G. D. Robertson, deputy vice-president, to address the meeting, and his address was interesting and beneficial and very acceptably received.

Bro. Williams then called upon Bro. D. Campbell, general counsel, to address the meeting, and in a very able and eloquent speech Bro. Campbell outlined what he has been doing and is doing and plans for the future for the welfare of our members in the new department he has opened up, and gave a stirring address on unionism and all that it implies.

Moved by Bro. Chard, seconded by Bro. Carlaw, that we thank Bro. Campbell for his presence and address.

Moved by Bro. Sparkman, seconded by Bro. Cawley and carried, that we give a hearty vote of thanks to the local officers of the C. N. R. for their kindness in allowing so many members to be present.

Moved by Bro. McMann, seconded by Bro. Davidson and carried, that we adjourn, the hour of 5:30 p. m. having arrived.

G. H. PALMER,
Secretary.

J. R. WILLIAMS,
Local Chairman.

First and Second District Notes—

"H" Office, Winnipeg, Dispatcher's Office—Bro. Fink now spends his evenings in the Morris chair with his new German pipe and a full supply of "Tuxedo" handy.

Bro. Seivers is spending his annual vacation at Rock Island, Ill., relieved by Bro. C. H. Simpson. This is the first of dispatchers to go on holidays, and Bro. Simpson will now be busy until fall.

"FG" Office—Bro. T. J. Murphy, of first, is kept busy with the fair sex, attends the "Osborne" one night and the "Orpheum" the next. He is contemplating a trip East next month, and rumor is rampant that he will not come back alone. Bro. J. G. Anderson, of second, attended a "hop" in Emerson recently, where he is still popular, and reports a good time. Bro. Geo. Mann, of third, played the bag pipes with the Seventy-ninth Highlanders on Decoration Day, attired in the regulation kilts, commanding the admiration of the fair sex. We are of the opinion that kilts furnish insufficient protection for this northern climate.

Bro. H. E. Davidson, of "WP" office, holds the championship for the national game of push penny, and will accept all challenges.

Mr. Oulette, chief operator in "WI" Winnipeg, we understand, is now engaged during his spare time running a full-fledged "ham factory" in the Y. M. C. A. building, under the *nom de plume* of Prof. Jones.

Bro. Ravin, relief agent, entertained two of the ladies of the Ft. Rouge offices to a trip on the "Miami Local" recently. Failing to make a reservation in advance, they were unable to secure

a table at the St. Charles. The girls are anticipating a light repast in the near future at this famous hostelry.

Bro. Knoblauch, "JN" nights, aspires for the honorary position as chief of the safety-first movement. It will be necessary, however, for "Knobs" to forego his "garlic" rations while presiding at these gatherings.

Bro. McDougall, Carman, spent a recent Sunday in Winnipeg, participating in the veterans' parade.

Sorry to hear of Bro. Bowman's sickness; and hope to hear of his speedy recovery; Bro. Connolly is relieving.

Bro. J. A. Ryan is relieving Bro. Beggs at Lowe Farm. Understand "B" has gone to help decide the "home rule question" in Erin.

Bro. W. H. Henderson, Neepawa, is on leave to his home in Boston, Mr. Fenety relieving. Hope to soon call this man brother. Bro. Daigle, nights Neepawa, vice J. L. Ryan.

It is now Bro. Marshall at Swan Lake. Glad to have you with us, "CM."

Bro. J. R. Williams while on committee work was relieved by J. K. Fraser, a non of the Fourth District.

Bro. F. J. Gilbert, Somerset, and Bro. Simpson, Plumas, are to represent the telegraphers on the Second and Third Districts at the safety-first meeting to be held in Winnipeg.

Out of one hundred and nine telegraphers on Second and Third Districts there are one hundred and five members, or 96 per cent. Use the motto, "No card, no favors" on the other four. Mr. Newburg, at Berton, who promises to come in on the first pay day, was not working all winter on account of reduction of staff. Some excuse here, but none in the other three cases.

Bulletins and appointments: Mr. Newburg to Berton, reopened; Bro. F. J. Arnold to Cardinal, vice Bro. R. Desmarais, transferred to First District; Bro. O. Daigle to St. Agathe, vice Bro. O. R. Phelps, gone relieving. Bulletin on Langruth canceled on account of Bro. Hay not caring to go back to Berton.

Mitchellton and Gravelbourg, on Western Division, up for bid.

Bro. D. B. Dover, relieved at Deerfield by Bro. J. A. Ryan, later relieved Bro. Connolly and returned to Lowe Farm, Bro. Bowman having resumed duty.

Bro. O. R. Phelps, late agent St. Agathe, bid in relief agent's position season 1914.

Bro. Sam Payne has returned to "RU," after attending the funeral of his sister at Katrime. Sam has the sympathy of all the brother members of Division 43.

Bro. J. W. Elliot, agent Rapid City, visited friends in Brandon recently.

Congratulations to Bro. and Mrs. E. Davidson; it's a girl this time. "Mac."

Central Division, Rossburn Subdivision—

This subdivision was represented at the meeting April 19th in Winnipeg by Bros. Dorset, of Clan; Wm. Hughes, of Elphinstone; Foster, of Russell; Pruden, of McNutt; Fee, of Wroxton,

and Blair, of Oakburn. We missed Bro. Dow, from Calder, at the meeting.

It was with profound sympathy that we learned at the meeting that Bro. Pruden had lost one of his boys. When he left home on Saturday the little fellow was not ill, and it was indeed a shock to our esteemed brother when he received the message telling of his bereavement.

Chief Dispatcher Helston granted leave to every agent or telegrapher that applied. We appreciate his kindness and courtesy very much.

Bro. Fee, at Wroxtton, is happy; his mother and sister are visiting him. "MB," Cert. 962.

Duluth, Winnipeg & Pacific Ry., Div. No. 43.

The new schedule is quite satisfactory considering the hard times being experienced by the railroads in this territory. The increase in salaries make our position compare very favorably with other roads in the same district, and each alternate Sunday off duty is something which none of them have.

A meeting held in the North Pole Hall, at Virginia, May 10th, was very well attended by the north end boys. Our train schedules will not, at present, permit of the boys from both ends of the line attending a meeting at the same time, but we hope the summer schedule will be such that we can have a meeting with every man possible in attendance.

Dispatcher Conery has returned from his vacation spent with the Shriners at Atlanta, and Dispatcher Lansworth is now spending his vacation visiting Portland, San Francisco and Los Angeles. Bro. Dorris, from the S. A. & A. P., is relief dispatcher while the regular men are on their vacations, and Bro. Wicks, from the Canadian Northern and Grand Trunk Western, is doing the regular second-trick dispatching.

Quite a number of positions abolished owing to the depression in business, will be reopened in a short time. Ten operators were laid off in one day and four or five more in the following week, among them the night operator in dispatcher's office at Virginia, throwing the telegraph work on the dispatchers.

Fire damaged the interior of the depot at Ranier while the night clerk was engaged in filling a gasoline lamp, destroying Bro. Rogge's supply of coupon tickets and other records.

I expect the boys to furnish me with notes for these write-ups, as I have no way to get them except from what I can pick up while working. Send your notes to me at Virginia before the 20th of each month so I can get them in before the 28th. F. E. W., Cert. 1140.

Halifax & Southwestern Ry., Div. No. 43.

Bro. Merry recently took the same kind of a business (?) trip as Bro. Smith and C. G. Ernst took this month. Congratulations. We will have to have another page added to the Ladies' Auxiliary if the boys keep up this pace. We hope C. G. E. will consider joining us as much as he did the other joining.

Some of the boys are bent on going west. We don't like to lose our good men.

Bro. Patterson, who relieved Bro. Merry on his honeymoon, is now at home on sick leave.

Bro. Amiro was off a week, relieved by Sister Wyatt. "BILL"

Central of Georgia Ry., Div. No. 46.

Southwestern Division—

Our regular meeting was held in Macon, April 19th, with the largest attendance we have had in some time. Columbus Division also had a very good meeting in Phenix City on May 10th, and another was called for some time in June. Regular division meeting will be held in Macon, July 19th. We hope the brothers don't let their efforts relax, and those who failed to attend the last meeting will make an extra effort to be with us next time.

It is about time to remit for a new card. Boys, be prompt and not wait to be called on by the secretary and treasurer for such a just debt.

Your committee has settled quite a lot of grievances recently in our favor. A few are still being handled.

A fairly good peach movement this year is being promptly handled, several new men having been put to work on account of the heavy business.

Sister Lamar recently relieved Bro. Brown at Howard.

Sister Sims, of Mathews, Ala., spent several days in Florida, relieved by Mr. Underwood.

Quite a number of the exclusive agents attended a very enjoyable meeting in the superintendent's office May 21st.

Bros. Carter, Lamar, Sammons and Randall attended the Shriners' convention in Atlanta in May.

Bro. Hartzog made a flying trip to Columbia recently.

Bro. Sears, of Shellman, spent a few days in Atlanta on business in May.

Bro. Smith, of "RA" Macon, made a flying trip to Dawson on his motorcycle a few days ago. The trains run too slow for him.

Every member should make a strong effort to land the few nons left. Don't wait for the local chairman to do it all. We hope to revise our schedule before many moons, and we must have a solid line-up in membership, and give the committee our support regardless of what happens. The committee is just as strong as you make it by your backing. Don't overlook your dues.

CERT. 110.

Detroit, Toledo & Ironton Ry., Div. No. 48.

Bro. Mowery, Jeffersonville, relieved by Mr. Ray, a new man from the Penna., who promises to line up soon.

Bro. Dawse, Lisman, off a few days, was relieved by V. E. Hutton, a new man from the B. & O. We hope he will also take out a card. Mr. Murphy, Springfield yard, has had the benefit of a raise. Boys, see that he gets a card.

Car Distributor Rankin will soon be at work again. We are glad of his recovery from a long illness. Dan Crossan, bill clerk Jackson, has our sympathy in the loss of his mother.

We are enjoying a larger membership than ever had before. Bro. Palmer is always trying to get more members. We should help him to get in the remaining nons so our committee will have an incentive to try for better conditions. Bro. Chism or Bro. Palmer will be glad to send you all the blanks you can use. Forward the applications to Bro. J. S. Kneisley, Quincy, Ohio, and he will see that they get their cards promptly. Springfield to Jackson is now solid, with the exception of Mayor Lathberry, at Jackson Center, but there are some other sections where missionary work should be done at once.

The Big Four schedule recently revised gave the telegraphers an increase of \$45.00. They are about 95 per cent O. R. T. on that system, which makes it very unpleasant for a man who hasn't the moral courage and manhood to carry a card. Let us get wise and thoroughly organize.

Bro. P. H. Sheedy, during the illness and death of his little grand-daughter, Florence Williams, whom he had raised from infancy, was relieved by Mr. Davis, of Rosewood, and Mr. Shaw.

I am indebted to Bro. Kneisley for items this month. I wish the brothers on the north end would profit by his example, and send me their items by the 20th, so we could have a write-up every month, and get the boys interested.

Div. Cor., Cert. 148.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Our heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom, has deemed it best to call to her heavenly home Florence A. Williams, the little grand-daughter of our esteemed and worthy Bro. P. H. Sheedy; in manifestation of our fraternal grief and sympathy be it

Resolved, That the members of Division 48, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the bereaved brother and members of the bereaved family their sincere and heartfelt sympathy; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved brother, a copy to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication, and a copy spread on the minutes of this division.

J. S. KNEISLEY,

G. O. WEIMER,

F. N. GINN,

Committee.

Ann Arbor Ry., Div. No. 48.

I see by the April issue of THE TELEGRAPHER that on March 4th the State Legislature of Maryland passed a law compelling the railroads of that State to grant their telegraphers two days' rest a month without loss of wages. The O. R. T. boys in Maryland are to be congratulated on the struggle they have made to bring about a betterment of their working conditions, and we could also enjoy similar conditions if we would thoroughly organize.

The telegraphers' nine-hour law went into effect March 4, 1907. Let's hope that March 4th continues to be a lucky date for the telegraphers.

Twenty-eight years ago, June 9th, out in Iowa the Order of Railroad Telegraphers was organized by a small band, who had ideas of their own about unionism which they wanted to show the world. They knew at that time that individually they could do nothing, and that the only way to get better pay, shorter hours and better working conditions was to organize a union whereby with friendship, fidelity and brotherly love as its foundation, the telegraphers of this country are now reaping the benefits of the sacrifices made and hardships endured by these pioneers toiling steadily onward and meeting all reverses and setbacks with grim determination until the O. R. T. has become the strongest organization of the railroad fraternities, and the time is coming when the railroads will not employ an operator unless he belongs to the O. R. T. The way to hasten that time is to line-up all the nons with an up-to-date card, and let this be our motto and abide by it, "No card, no favors," until they join. Let us exert ourselves a little and induce these nons to join, and be ready for an organizer to go over the road. I will let you all know when to expect him. In the meantime let every brother get after the non or delinquent. It is your duty to use every means in your power to bring them into the organization.

M. O. Dickerson, Dundee days, has gone to the Northern Pacific.

A special train with the officials and the directors went over the road April 28th on an inspection trip.

We now have three members in the dispatcher's office at Owosso, Bros. Waterman, McDaniels and Williams. The latter, who belongs to a foreign division, will be transferred into this division shortly.

Bro. Miller, third Hallet, has had his motor cycle repaired, after trying to skid over the top of an automobile. We hope the next time he wants to pass an automobile he will take the passing track.

Among our conductors there is only one eligible man who does not belong to the trainmen or conductors. The operators on the A. A. can be just as thoroughly organized if every member will get busy.

Those notes from Bro. Holmes, at Clare, came in at the proper time, and I take pleasure in thanking him for his trouble in getting them. Come again, Bro. Holmes, and some more of the boys on the north end send some in. Bro. Holmes was the only one to send news in last month, and would like to hear from others.

Brothers, kindly forward to me by first mail the day, month and year that you started to work on the Ann Arbor, for a seniority list.

Harry Shields, Federman nights, was recently married. Mr. Pearson relieved him.

Bro. Mickens, second Marion, is now on from 7 a. m. to 8 p. m. with one hour for dinner. Before he worked only nine hours. The agent's wife has been promoted from day operator to cashier.

Bro. West, Boulevard, is having an enjoyable vacation visiting relatives in Washington, D. C.

Operator Brokaw relieved him on first, Bro. Lewis remaining on second; Bro. Lanham relieving Bro. McCollum on second Hallet, while on third Boulevard.

Mr. Grill, third Clare tower, sick ten days, relieved by C. D. Barton, from Saginaw, on the Pere Marquette, as we had no extras to relieve him. J. Rassat is off with a broken thumb since April 1st.

A new diamond is being put in at Clare P. M. crossing.

Clare, Mich., that has been "dry" for five years, voted on local option this spring and went "wet." As there is no other "wet town" within fifty miles, passenger traffic to Clare is "on the boom."

Boys, get lined-up for a new schedule. Look, for example, at Hallett, which pays only \$62.00 a month when Alexis pays \$82.50, only three-fourths of a mile away on the M. C., where they have a schedule. Get those nons near you to come in. CERT. 81.

Denver & Rio Grande R. R., Div. No. 49.

Fourth Division—

On Saturday evening May 16th, through the courtesy and kindness of our generous chief dispatcher, it was possible for a large number of us to abandon the cares and duties of the office and journey to Alamosa, where an elaborate banquet was awaiting us at the Victoria Hotel.

The table was artistically arranged, with red and pink carnations. We were served with the feast of our lives, which consisted of turkey in all styles, strawberry short-cake, ice cream, and in fact everything that could be desired by a hungry bunch of operators and agents.

We had as our guests C. A. Carter, chief dispatcher; C. D. Crum, agent Alamosa; J. W. Moore, trick dispatcher Alamosa; H. Moore, operator Alamosa, and Mr. Walls, a new man from the Norfolk & Western, who earlier in the evening gave us his application for membership in our Order.

During the banquet appropriate addresses were made by Mr. Carter, H. Moore, Crum; Bro. Wasson, Hatfield, Wright and several others.

After the banquet the up-to-date brothers retired to a private room, where we discussed some of the problems confronting us today. Owing to the limited amount of time, we were unable to go into details, but at our next meeting, in the near future, we will give our entire attention to business matters.

This is the first time in the history of this division that we have been able to hold such a meeting.

Mr. Carter, in his address, encouraged these meetings and assured us that it was a pleasure to him to be able to assist us.

It was indeed good to see such a large number of enthusiastic brothers present, and to observe the good fellowship which existed among us. Such meetings as this help us to plod on from day to day through the never ceasing routine of our work, ever looking forward to the time when we

may assemble together and there share alike the sorrow and happiness of our brother laborers.

We were indeed sorry that several of the brothers were unable to attend, but those who were absent were remembered, and we sincerely trust they may be able to be at our next meeting.

Regrets were received from Bros. Graves, Pirtle, Norton, Kuhn, Cummings and General Chairman Fulton, who made many appropriate suggestions and gave us many encouraging words, for which we extend to him our thanks.

Those present at the meeting were: Tucker, LaVeta; Wright, LaVeta Pass; O'Dell, Garland; Phelps, Blanca; Tucker, Monte Vista; Rafter, Del Norte; Wasson, Creede; Hatfield, LaJara; Case, Romeo; O'Brien, Antonito; Lively, Cumbres, and Graves, Espanola. We wish to thank all who helped in defraying the expense of this meeting.

Notice of our next meeting will be given at least ten days in advance, and we earnestly request that every member make every effort possible to attend, and all desirous of attending will advise Mr. Carter, who will make necessary arrangements so you can get away from your stations.

Bro. Kuhn, is on leave, relieved by W. A. Wall, from the South, who has promised to make good.

Bro. Harvey Grace is now commissary clerk for the Trinchera Estate Co., at Mortimer.

Bro. Norton has returned from his vacation, relieving Bro. Ogle, who is now relieving Bro. Shiles, at Servilleta.

We will all be advised as to the date of our next meeting, so don't forget the date, all attend who possibly can.

We, the brothers of this division, extend our heartfelt sympathy to Bro. Kuhn and relatives in their bereavement at the loss of their beloved mother. "CR," Div. Cor.

Green River Division—

Bro. Hope, from third Grand Junction, on second Helper, vice Bro. Ludlam, resigned, gone back East; Bro. Walk on sixty-day leave, relieved by Bro. Moore; Bro. Clark made a business trip to Salt Lake recently.

Bro. Livingston, Price, off three nights, relieved by Bro. Hope, and Mr. Snyder, off a few days, relieved by Dispatcher Little.

Bro. Babb has returned from his trip East to Mounds, relieved by Mr. Henderson, from Glenwood, Colo. Mr. Jones, on vacation, relieved by Mr. Blyth.

Bro. Ely to second American Fork, relieved on bid at agency Woodside by Mr. McMullin, from Woodside, Utah.

Bro. Brown, Green River, off four days, relieved by Mr. Blyth, from Mounds third, who later relieved Bro. Wesner, third Cisco, on vacation.

Bro. Cunningham, Thompsons, on vacation, relieved by Mr. Lowery on third.

Boys, if you have not received a seniority list, ask for it, also one from Salt Lake Division.

Local Chairman Hopkins has sent out a copy of our proposed new schedule. Stick with the

committee, and keep after the man next to you without a card.

Mr. Imhoffe has returned to Fruita from Salida Hospital.

It is now Bro. Grubbs at Sunnyside.

Bro. Lee, who relieved Mr. Mills on second Gilluly, also relieved Bro. Anderson fifteen days. Bro. J. F. Ansler, Sol Summit, has secured the application of Mr. Anderson, second, and R. C. Caldwell, third Gilluly.

The big land slide of a month ago just about cleared up and trains will run via new line Sol Summit to Scenic again.

Third Trick Dispatcher "Ludwig" relieved by Little several nights.

Former Superintendent N. A. Williams has gone into the insurance business with Mr. Cody, agent Helper, also resigned. R. C. Ten Eyck, from Gunnison, now superintendent this division, seems to be a square fellow, who will do the right thing by all.

Bro. Hope, Helper second, has a new Underwood, and Bro. Walk a new Martin Vibro.

Keep after the nons, brothers, don't let them rest till you land 'em, and don't forget the "motto."
J. J. L.

First Division—

F. A. Washburn resumed duty at Burnham after a long siege in the hospital, relieving C. H. Morris, who relieved A. L. Challis, Rouse Jct.

E. L. Debrell, second "DN," Denver, has returned from a visit to Missouri, relieved by Andy Anderson.

O. C. Hoffman, closed out at Husted, took second Littleton, F. S. Miller relieving J. R. Easterly, Augusta, on a visit East.

Chas. Merrow, Sedalia, off thirty days relieved by J. W. Brooks.

C. F. Parsons, Texas Creek, and our popular secretary, A. E. Roberts, Fountain, have exchanged positions. Bro. Roberts' address is now Texas Creek, Colo.

A cloudburst, May 17th, tied up all railroads east and north of Pueblo for several days.

On May 10th J. O. Aldrich was called to Birmingham, Ala., by the death of his mother at that place. Joe has the sympathy of all the boys of Division 49 in his bereavement.

Frank Jones is on third "SB," Pueblo, while Kemp is in the dispatcher's office.

Seems no prospects of reopening any offices at present; most of our extra men now on relief jobs.

Don't forget the semi-annual dues this month, as we need the money.
CENT. 41.

Second Division, Second District—

Bro. L. K. Rust, who drew second Shoshone, vice Bro. V. E. Kilgore, who bid in Malta second, is relieving Mr. Henderson, at Glenwood Springs nights, while he relieves Dispatcher Wightman on second, relieving chief dispatcher.

Bro. O. W. Donahoo is relieving Bro. M. C. McClellan, Glenwood days.

Bro. J. W. Farrell, from Tennessee Pass, is relieving H. A. Hulse on second Wolcott.

Day operator and clerk Carbondale on bulletin. Former Chief Lozier will soon be on his old job at Glenwood, and Chief Hulse will take first trick at Salida.

Oliver Hanson, a new man is on second Shoshone.

The California fruit rush is over and business is normal again, but the parcel post continues to hold its own.
Div. Co.

Southern Pacific System, Div. No. 53.

Western Division—

Three meetings were held in the Pacific Building, San Francisco, Sunday, April 26th.

The morning meeting, at 10 a. m., with Local Chairman Pennington, in the chair, was fairly well attended, twenty being present. Quite a number of good talks were made, Fifth Vice-President Bro. Manion and General Secretary and Treasurer Bro. Koppikus making the principal speeches. It was the first attempt at holding a morning meeting, and from the way the second trick men turned out, it was evident they appreciate the chance to attend.

So few attended the afternoon meeting that it was turned into an informal talkfest.

A fairly good crowd, numbering twenty-nine, were present at the evening meeting, Local Chairman Ward, of the Coast Division, presiding. Many interesting and instructive talks were made both by our fifth vice-president and general secretary and treasurer and the members present.

Bro. J. C. Arthur, of the Redwood Shingle Association, talked for some time on a "telegraphers' tournament," to be held in Frisco in 1915 during the exposition, and while Bro. Arthur said he had made no definite plans, it was his own idea to get the several sending machine manufacturers and typewriter companies to hang up prizes. He said when he could present some plans, he would ask Division 53 for what assistance the officers could give in making the plan a success. He said it was planned to separate the entries into classes, such as commercial, railroad and the like, and give everyone a chance. It is hoped it will be put through and carried to a successful conclusion.

Bro. Harry Segin, of "BD" office, talked for some time on the subject of a telegraphers' club in San Francisco, and while nothing was done at the time, quite a number seemed in favor of it, and it may be only a matter of time until something is done to start it on its way.

We all missed General Chairman Bro. Cowgill's interesting and instructive talks at all the meetings, but as he is very busy on the Atlantic System in schedule revision work, his regrets at being unable to be with us were read at all the meetings.

Sister Kiley was present and made good talks at the morning and evening meetings. As Sister Kiley has been out of employment for some time, the boys all responded nobly when the situation

was explained to them, and a neat little sum was realized to help the sister on her way. Sister Kiley voiced her gratitude in a few remarks, and made the assertion that she would always carry a card, no matter what turn she experienced. I only wish we could show 100 per cent on the Western Division as loyal to their organization.

I mailed a circular to every name on the seniority list, and feel that we should have had a much larger turn-out. These meetings are held for the purpose of keeping interest to the highest point, and even though you may have to cancel some other engagement to attend, we feel sure you will consider yourself well repaid, as several who, stated it was their first meeting said, "I'm coming again." It is worth going many miles to hear a man like Bro. Manion talk.

I would like to request that the members do not use company stationery or envelopes for private or O. R. T. correspondence, as it is a violation of the I. C. C. law to send a personal letter through the railroad mail. Also, the better service the members give, the better regard the O. R. T. enjoys from the company, and emphasizes the fact that it pays to employ O. R. T. men.

Bro. Pennington, Suisun, on leave of absence for sixty days, was relieved by Telegrapher Colson.

It is rumored that some trains are to be taken off soon.

I am still looking for some notes each month, but either there are no changes or everyone is too busy to let me know. We all like to see our own division with a large write-up each month, but should not leave it to one man to do it all.

Understand several extra men taken off at "BD" San Francisco on account of business falling off.

From letters received, everyone seems to want to get on the coast before the exposition. Everyone will have to "hit the ball," for there will be so many men out here before long, and all looking for work, that it will be an easy matter to keep the extra list filled up.

Our general secretary and treasurer, Bro. Koppikus, is still doctoring at Calistoga Springs for his "bum" leg. We all hope he gets back into harness again soon. His relief, Mr. Davis, promises to join soon.

Don't forget to mail me any news items.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Coast Division—

On April 26th the Coast and Western Divisions held a joint O. R. T. meeting in San Francisco, at the Pacific Building, which was a grand success in attendance and enthusiasm, Bro. Ward and Bro. Pennington, local chairmen of the Coast and Western Divisions being in charge. Three meetings were held—one in the morning, one in the afternoon and one in the evening, so as to give everyone a chance to attend at least one of them. Bro. Pennington acted as secretary of the meetings, so I will refer the Coast Division boys who were not there to the Western Division write-up for a complete report. Owing to the hours I work and the shortage of men, was unable

to attend, for which I am very sorry, as Bro. Ward reports I missed a rare treat. In order to not miss one of the meetings, Bro. Oakes journeyed from Ben Lomond the night before, and was on hand at 10 a. m. Bro. Oakes is an appreciative member, and he believes in making a little sacrifice occasionally, and, if necessary, spending a few dollars to show his appreciation, and it is highly commendable, to say the least, when an old-timer like Bro. Oakes, who has been thirty-five years in the telegraph service and all the time an up-to-date, shows so much enthusiasm, if some of the younger bloods would take the same interest in the Order that the old-timers like Bros. Oakes, Berry, Taylor, West, Dains and Koppikus do, it would be no trouble to be 100 per cent strong all the time. It is the men of their caliber, stability and constant faithful support that keep the Order up to its high standard.

I understand some very interesting experiences were told, questions were brought up, and the telegraphers' tournament for 1915 voiced by Bro. J. C. Arthur. Personally I think that we should have a competitive tournament during the world's fair. All interested in this, please take it up with your local chairman, and talk it over with the boys, so that necessary arrangements can be made now.

Mr. Glensor, a former brother telegrapher at "BD," now a lawyer, dropped in for a short while to meet some of the old members, and, being called on for an address, gave an interesting talk on conditions of the working class and the progress that is being made in other union organizations.

Our genial general secretary and treasurer, Bro. Koppikus, in his very eloquent, interesting and instructive talk on the present condition, numerically and financially, of Division 53, made a comparative statement of that of former years.

Bro. Manion, fifth vice-president, covered conditions current in the Order over the entire continent, comparing various schedules and claiming that without exception the Southern has the best in North America. He never fails to arouse an interest in his auditors, and we regret exceedingly that more from the Coast and Western Divisions were unable to be on hand and hear him.

Bro. Geary, a member of the State railroad commission, gave a very interesting and instructive talk that was appreciated by everyone.

Bro. Condon, agent San Ardo, off several weeks on account of getting poison in his eyes and having to go to San Francisco for treatment, was relieved by Mr. Bell, and he on second by Bro. Cookson, a new man from the Maine Central.

Kenneth Kinkade, for a long time messenger San Jose "SJ," has been appointed agent Fourth street, San Jose.

Bro. Shandy, agent Capitola, who fell and wrenched his knee, was laid up ten days, relieved by Mr. Miles, who also relieved Bro. Tony, agent Aptos, on vacation.

Bro. Doig, agent Salinas, off a few days, was relieved by Bro. Fry, and he on first by Bro. Cookson.

Bro. Sullivan, relieved on third Paso Robles by Ormsby, a new man, bid in third Redwood, relieved by Bro. May, who relieved Bro. Merrill on first there, Bro. Gross being on vacation.

Bro. Stephenson, agent Felton, on vacation touring the southern part of the country, was relieved by Bro. Sisson, and he on second Santa Cruz by Bro. Merrill.

Bro. Simpson, agent Chualar, on three weeks' vacation, relieved by Bro. Morebeck, from third San Ardo, and he by Bro. Shackelford, extra.

Bro. Pittman, extra San Luis Obispo, relieved at Gaviota third by Mr. Arctander, later by Bro. Feldt. Mr. Arctander assigned third King City, relieving Bro. Allen, a new man from Panama.

Bro. Ward, our genial local chairman, relieved on second "SJ" by Bro. Moore pending bulletin, assigned third San Jose "SJ," relieving Bro. Spear, a new man from Panama.

Bro. Rhodes assigned first Gilroy, relieved at Hollister by Bro. Allen.

Bro. Hoon, agent San Lucas, off a few days on account of neuralgia, relieved by Bro. Feldt.

From reliable authority we understand wedding bells will soon be ringing for Bro. Pittman.

On account of the serious illness of his father, Bro. Lindsay made a hurried trip to Los Angeles, where he spent several days.

Dispatcher Brophy, first San Luis Obispo "A," on vacation, relieved by Wiley Masengale, from third, and he by Jo Leary, from third San Luis Obispo "BI," and Leary by Bro. C. F. Moore.

Bro. Morebeck back to third San Ardo, relieving Bro. Shackelford.

We are very sorry indeed to report the death of Mr. Arctander, third King City. Just after he went there he spotted the baggage truck to work No. 10, and, seeing that it was too close to the track, rushed out to move it, the train striking the truck just as he got in front of it, striking him in the stomach and knocking him about thirty feet up against the platform of the depot, fracturing his skull at the base. He was rushed to Salinas hospital on the Lark, but lived only three days, hardly conscious at any time. Bro. Fry and I visited him at the hospital, but he did not recognize either of us. Mr. Arctander had been with the S. P. about six months, and came from the East out here. His home was in St. Paul, where his wife took the remains. The boys at Gaviota, Paso Robles, King City, Soledad, Chualar, Salinas and Watsonville Jct. got a nice large floral piece for the casket before the remains were taken from Salinas.

There are two new men at San Francisco "ND" and a new man at San Jose "SJ" second.

Bro. Topham, from Del Monte Jct., paid your scribe and the boys at Salinas a short visit while down on a business trip the other day.

The division is pretty well stocked with operators at present, and summer jobs not yet opened.

Anyone who knows of any changes or new men coming on the division, please drop me a line or let me know on the wire, so we can have a good write-up every month.

"HS," Cert. 1558.

"BD" General Office, San Francisco—

Business is exceedingly light. Bro. P. B. Bell pulled off and transferred to Shasta Division, and bidding in telegrapher Grass Lake, Oregon.

Bro. Jeff Hoell pulled off sometime ago bid in third Davis, Cal., where he will be able to develop his muscles by use of the levers now being installed in the tower there.

Bro. R. H. Stuart is a regular attendant at the Employes Welfare Society and reports they have fine times.

Fifth Vice-President Manion and Bro. Compton are again in the city after attending a good meeting at Los Angeles on May 16th, having enjoyed a fine trip on the fast steamer Yale.

Bro. A. W. Allen has been assigned to the third trick chiefship. Bro. Mooney, pulled off here about three months ago, is now late night chief at "H" Sacramento. Some class to Ed, getting into "H" office after having been pulled off at his "OS" job at Caporn.

Electrician Birt moved "HU" office Los Angeles into the new quarters during the past month.

A big argument has taken place in the office as to the manner in which the regular men should be pulled off, owing to the reductions. Some claim that office seniority should prevail, while others believe road seniority should prevail. The office seniority men claim that the youngest assigned man should be the first to be reduced, while the other side contends that the youngest man in road seniority should be the one, regardless of the length of time a man has been working in the office. The matter has been referred to the superintendent of telegraph and General Chairman Cowgill for a decision. The office seniority men propose to take the matter up with the entire general committee if road seniority is allowed to stand, and a man bidding into the office within the last year, with twenty years' seniority, is allowed to displace a man who has been in the office eight or ten years. We hope that things are settled amicably to all concerned.

Bro. Jim Hoell wagers on San Francisco and Bro. Louie Rosenbaum on Oakland in the Coast League. Several suits of clothes are involved.

RELAY.

Sacramento Division—

Sister G. A. Duffy, first Andover, off a few days account of illness, relieved by Bro. H. C. Hockey, and Bro. A. Bundy, second Andover, off several days owing to sickness in family, relieved by Bro. H. M. Stomp.

Bro. E. F. Stewart, agent Summit, has returned from his home in Cincinnati and joined his wife at Santa Cruz. Bro. F. L. Rector, third Summit, spends most of his time days on the Yuba River.

Sister N. E. McInerney, agent Knights landing, on vacation, relieved by Bro. C. W. Collins.

Bro. W. G. Flickenger, third Cisco, on thirty days' vacation, relieved by Bro. A. Kuhn.

Bro. J. B. Knapp, agent Blue Canon, has returned from his vacation, relieving Assistant Trainmaster Allen. J. B. must have an automobile now after seeing Los Angeles. Bro. J. J. Wood-

bury, first Blue Canon, has returned, relieving Bro. M. V. Fowler, who took second again, vice Bro. H. M. Stomp, extra. Bro. G. A. Rhubsky, third Blue Canon, relieved account sickness in family by Frank McCloud.

Our Local Chairman Bro. L. B. Deen, on a trip to Truckee, relieved by Bro. R. P. Meigs.

Wirt (staff) abolished, Miss Myrtle Waddell to second Cape Horn station, which was also abolished later, the telegraphers being replaced by staff operators; Bro. E. L. Mooney going on the extra list. E. M. Combs, whom he relieved at "CH" is now in the hotel business at Long Beach.

Bro. C. J. Freeman assigned Mystic nights.

Bro. S. A. Fahey on vacation ninety days, taking in Chicago.

Bro. A. J. Stahl, while in San Francisco hospital, was relieved by Bro. Purcifull, later displaced by Bro. A. Kuhn account seniority.

Bro. J. E. Blackford, agent Orland, relieved on account sickness by Bro. H. C. Grey, relieved on third by Bro. C. D. Stovall.

Oroville telegrapher abolished; R. P. Meigs taken off, Bro. L. Slissman being left with just a warehouseman to help him.

Bro. J. R. Bryan, agent Vina, off ninety days, resigned. Bro. Bryan going into commercial business at Milpitas, relieved on bid by Bro. H. C. Clark.

On April 23d the boys on third were treated to an earthquake lasting ten seconds, felt all over this division, stopping the clocks in Sacto dispatcher's office, and doing considerable damage to brick buildings.

Bro. C. E. Heiderick, agent Zamora, on a year's leave, is in the confectionery business at Lincoln. We all wish him good luck. Relieved on bid by Bro. C. N. Cutler.

Bro. W. W. Scott, second Woodland, off a few days, relieved by Bro. E. L. Purcifull.

Sister M. H. Southern, agent Auburn, on ninety days' vacation June 10th.

Bro. J. F. Neideffer, "H" Sacramento, on vacation, relieved by Bro. E. L. Mooney.

Dispatcher D. A. Neeley, of Sacramento, is being relieved by Dispatcher J. J. Cowin. Dispatcher Sealy off two weeks owing to the illness of his mother, relieved my Dispatcher Fingland.

New Castle first abolished last fall, reopened by Bro. E. L. Purcifull, pending bulletin.

Assignments: J. C. Reitenour, second Emigrant Gap, staff; third Eder to O. M. Potter, staff; relieved at Soda Springs by Bro. C. W. Collins, who also relieved Bro. Hefin there when he went to agency Summit.

There are only four or five nons on this division, and our local chairman is right after them. The staff men are coming in fast and we will soon be 99 per cent, both staff and telegraphing.

I wish to thank Bros. L. B. Deen, C. N. Cutler, I. S. Wilson and A. J. Stahl for mailing me notes from the valley. Only one or two brothers who promised me their assistance failed, but will look for notes from them next month.

G. C. McAdow, Cert. 3042.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Our heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom, has deemed it best to call to the great beyond the beloved mother of our brother, E. F. Stewart; in manifestation of our fraternal sympathy, be it

Resolved, That the members of the S. P. system, Division No. 53, O. R. T., extend to the sorrowing brother our heartfelt sympathy in his bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be placed on the minutes of the division, a copy sent to the bereaved brother, and a copy to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHIC for publication.

R. W. BYER,

F. J. DUSHER,

C. SPURT,

Committee.

Portland Division—

Bro. E. A. Miller, third Junction City, to his assigned agent Wolf Creek, relieved by Mr. Dolan, and he on second Leland by G. T. Montgomery, from the N. P.

Sister M. R. Rice, from Ashland third, took in the play "Within the Law" at Medford recently.

Mr. Mahoney, first Grants Pass, has resigned.

Bro. Cornelius, agent Central Point, is now enjoying the new depot erected recently.

The new electric motor car between Roseburg and Glendale runs on storage batteries, carrying passengers, baggage and express.

The motor between Grants Pass and Ashland carries baggage.

Bro. R. Hickman, agent Turner, back from California, bid in Harrisburg agency.

Bro. R. A. Wilson, extra dispatcher Roseburg, relieved Bro. Ed Allen, at Sherwood, while he relieved Bro. Monty a few days at Sheridan.

Recent assignments: Agents—Leland, Bro. Hamilton; Harrisburg, Bro. R. Hickman; Molalla, Bro. C. E. Deakins; Monroe, Bro. P. W. Lemmer; Wolf Creek, Bro. E. A. Miller; Timber, Bro. P. A. Pinkerton. Telegraphers—Third West Fork, Bro. Gaines; second Glendale, Bro. Kimes; Leland, Bro. F. G. Morris. Operator-clerk—Albany, Bro. R. A. Wilson; first Eugene, Bro. H. W. Livegood; city ticket office Hillsboro, Bro. G. M. Leslie.

You will all know them now; they are in little brown covers.

The Portland Division seniority lists up to January 1, 1914, show 161 operators and agents.

Bro. Mast, second Brooklyn, visited his mother-in-law at Ashland, a few days, relieved by Bro. Ghormley.

Elmer A. Neal, who died at St. Vincent's hospital in April, for a number of years was agent at Brownsville, McMinnville, Merlin and Albany. Prior to becoming a railroad man he taught school in Oregon. He was a prominent member of Albany, Oregon, Lodge of Elks. The body was sent to Bayard, Iowa, his boyhood home.

Bro. O. E. Duncanson relieved Bro. Benner, third Oakland, while he went to Portland, bought an auto and drove back to Oakland.

Bro. Martin recently married, relieved by Bro. May on third Drain while at Roseburg.

Bro. G. E. Darrow relieved Bro. G. M. Leslie, third Medford, who took his assigned city ticket office Hillsboro, vice Bro. Walden to Oregon City.

Dispatcher J. E. Enger, first Roseburg, was off thirty days down El Paso way.

Bro. Markee was off a few days on a hunting and fishing trip.

Bro. Simpson relieved at Forest Grove owing to the illness of his wife by Bro. Scholes.

Bro. N. L. Heyser is at Timber agency pending bids.

Bro. Deakins to his assigned Gohuda, relieved at Dallas by Mr. McLemore. Since electrification to Whiteson only "OS" jobs left are Corvallis, Independence, Dallas and Monmouth.

Ex-Bro. Lacey relieved Mr. Morgan, McMinnville, resigned.

The O. S. & D. meeting in Ashland the latter part of April was attended by: Bro. A. A. Mickel, S. T. Johnson, A. C. Gillette, M. Montgomery, L. B. Moore, A. S. Rosenbaum, R. L. Ruby, O. C. Purkeypile, R. H. Cole, S. A. Wheeler, Newell from "NS," Superintendent F. L. Burckhalter, Assistant Superintendent H. Hansen, L. L. Graham, J. C. Barclay, auditor from Shasta Division, J. W. Fitzgerald, assistant superintendent Shasta Division.

How about having Bro. Boyd call another meeting in Portland, now that the electric cars are running and the boys can get away. It is time to take some action in regard to the Western Union. Let us all write our chairman, and he will take the matter in hand and try to remedy it. Carrying mail to and from the postoffice should also be taken up, since the parcel post started we carry it to the postoffice for nothing. When this stuff came by express we got a commission for handling it. CENT. 743.

Los Angeles District—

Bro. J. C. Arthur, manager Redwood Shingle Association, 244 California St., San Francisco, has solicited the support of the officers of the different System Divisions of the United States and Canada to organize a Telegraphers' Tournament at the Panama Exposition in San Francisco next year. The contest to be open to all classes of operators, those using "Bugs" as well as old-style keys, and those using "Mills" as well as "Stick" men. The Vibroplex people wish to award prizes, as does a number of jewelry and typewriter companies and other manufacturers.

Bro. Arthur has appealed to Thomas Edison and Andrew Carnegie, old-time telegraphers, to get in on the prizes. Please advise any suggestions you wish to make, and if you wish to participate in any of the contests.

Since the Southern District has been extended to include the Stockton and Coast Divisions, it has been agreed that telegraphers on these two divisions should be privileged to make application for positions in "HU," Los Angeles office. And same will be bulletined over these divisions in future.

J. B. Tomer, of Santa Paula, is now out of the service.

Bro. H. L. Johnson, first Imperial Jct., was off a few days, relieved by Bro. J. G. Castleberry, relieved on third there by Bro. J. L. Mandeville, who later relieved Bro. C. H. Mussellman, third Cabazon, to Los Angeles a few days on business, and then bumped E. B. Farwell from message telegrapher Colton to extra list.

G. H. Marsh, Desert Chief, returned to Los Angeles third, relieving J. Gordon Russell, to third Coast, relieving T. L. Foster, to second coast, relieving T. W. McKinley, to first Colton and Indio, relieving J. M. Walker, to El Paso on leave.

Bro. John Beaton to Los Angeles, "NG," relieving C. P. English, to Indio second trick dispatcher, relieving Bro. J. H. Davis, to third Indio dispatcher, relieving F. V. King, to Desert Chief and first trick dispatcher.

Bro. H. F. Mead, from Chatsworth to Riverside Jct. third, relieving Bro. E. W. Kalies, to Riverside Jct. second on bid, relieving C. F. Gruetter, to Declez extra.

Bro. H. P. Pielert, operator Lano, on leave to Baltimore, owing to the death of his brother, relieved by Bro. V. E. Watson.

Sister Mrs. W. E. Blume, Cameron, Calif., has succeeded Sister E. Mulvihill as General Chairman Ladies' Auxiliary. Communications for that office should be forwarded to Sister Blume.

You should promptly notify all concerned as soon as your address is changed. Some members are not doing this.

The few delinquents should remit at once, before their names are taken from the list.

Bro. Chas. Folsom, third Ontario, has resigned to enter business for himself, and will leave for Washington soon.

M. V. Beaman, extra agent Banning, has gone with the Rock Island.

Bro. C. R. Weitz, extra agent, and Bro. L. R. Haley, second El Casco, while visiting Los Angeles, relieved by Bro. H. H. Hinkles, and D. H. McCormick.

Bro. R. A. Kumnick, relieved on second Tunnel by Bro. L. M. Holman, to Andrade temporary, on account numerous work trains on Colorado River.

Bro. A. J. Mahan, formerly local chairman, from E. P. & S. W., filling new agency at Calapatria pending bulletin.

Bro. A. W. Sullivan relieving G. R. Lilly, on leave, third Pomona.

Bro. D. H. Yater relieved C. I. McReynolds, agent Indio, pending bid.

New members April: G. T. Brown, San Pedro; L. M. Holman, Tunnel; J. L. Mandeville, Colton; John Beaton, Los Angeles, "NG;" D. H. Yater, Indio; J. A. Phegley, Glamis.

A. M. HAMMOND, Local Chairman.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Death has entered the family of our brother, H. P. Pielert, and removed therefrom his brother; therefore, be it

Resolved, That Southern Pacific System, Division No. 53, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, ex-

tend to Bro. Pielert and family our sincere condolence in their sad bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon our minutes, and a copy sent to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

A. M. HAMMOND,
D. H. YATER,
GUY CROWEN,
Committee.

San Joaquin Division—

The meeting at Famoso was a success, and we wish to compliment the Valley boys on their interest in getting there.

Bro. Blume left Cameron on No. 113 in order to catch No. 51 out of Bakersfield, but a freight train ahead got a car off at Tunnel 9 and delayed him an hour and thirty minutes, making it impossible for Bro. Blume to reach Famoso ahead of No. 107.

A number of the Valley boys had to leave on Nos. 107 and 105, but they had a little meeting of their own before No. 107 got there, and being treated to a nice dinner by Bro. and Mrs. Edson went away rejoicing. Bro. Blume will lay off when the next meeting is held in the Valley, and get there on an early morning train to enable him to have a talk with the boys there.

The brothers from Bakersfield went out on their motorcycles and had a nice ride as well as a good time at the meeting.

J. O. Barngrover, agent Strathmore, out for a number of years, joined at the meeting. We all welcome this old-timer back into the Order.

The following brothers and their families were present: Local Chairman Blume, and Sister Blume, General Chairman Ladies' Auxiliaries; A. B. Loomis, Kingsbury; G. M. Black, Porterville; G. W. Ure, McFarland; F. R. Kirkland, Terre Bella; F. L. Hutchinson and wife, Pixley; K. L. Galyan, Tulare; Ivy Krim, Sanger; M. Krombeck and G. A. Sears and wife, Bakersfield; M. H. Gage, wife and daughter, Edison; S. W. Davis, W. W. Edson and wife, and J. E. Donnelly and wife, Famoso; C. D. Listen and sister, of Bena; H. C. Winter, Bealville, and Bro. L. E. Lehmer and wife of Traver.

Bro. Gage, wife and daughter are planning a trip East about June 15th via Portland, Vancouver and Canada, coming back the southern route. We wish them a pleasant vacation.

Bro. Blume has been appointed postmaster at Cameron. Brothers, when you have any letters to mail drop them off in passing and let him post them. He also has the agency for a handsome O. R. T. card case of genuine calf skin with transparent pocket, and you can have any secret order, lodge or union put on that you like, or all three, also your name and the O. R. T. with a key. The price is \$1.50 each.

At the "Judge O'Neil Day" meeting, Easter Sunday, Bro. Mallachowitz started a hat around, suggesting that every brother give something to show their appreciation of the efforts of Bro. Blume in managing the affair so well and for his past untiring efforts on behalf of the organi-

zation and the boys on the S. J. Division. The donation was presented by Bro. Manion. Bro. Blume was greatly moved by the spirit in which it was given and asserted that while he was very willing to serve the boys as local chairman without compensation he assured them that the money received would be devoted to the good of the cause and not for personal interest.

Bro. D. T. Towles bid in third Goshen Jct., relieved on third Mojave by Bro. D. P. Gibson.

Bro. J. T. Juve relieved Bro. F. L. True on Lancaster, who relieved Bro. D. M. R. Stuffer on fourth Majave.

Sister Mabel Evans, second Ravenna, visited friends in Bakersfield recently, relieved by Bro. H. J. Hendry.

Bro. R. L. Davis assigned third Ravenna, relieved at Lang by Bro. J. H. Shay.

Bro. Moffitt, agent Rowen, is visiting friends and relatives in the East.

Bro. P. E. Turner, of Tehachapi, has been promoted to dispatcher at Bakersfield. The brothers extend congratulations and best wishes for his success.

Dispatcher J. J. Duggan and wife on three months' vacation in the East.

Local Chairman Blume attended the recent meeting in Los Angeles.

Our membership on this division continues to increase and more life and interest is being shown at every meeting.

Bro. J. O'Neil returned from vacation, relieving Bro. J. H. Shay as night agent Searles. Bro. H. L. Haage relieved Bro. Vaughn as agent Searles, who went on extra list.

Bro. and Mrs. M. B. McMullen visited Bro. G. H. Frederick and wife at Ravenna recently.

The only items received this month were from Bros. Black and Blume. Some of the others send some next time. Bro. Blume is doing more than his share.

Bro. J. A. Gamble, switchman at Mojave, visited friends in Turlock, while looking after his ranch at that place last month.

We would like F. V. Collins to line-up. He has been working quite awhile as extra.

M. B. McMullen.

Stockton Division—

No cards, no favors.

Bro. A. G. Gilliland, from the Western Division, is relieving Bro. Butler on third Madera, on account of sickness.

Bro. H. W. McNeil, who bid in agency Raymond, is now on second Modesto, relieved by Bro. T. O. Young, and he at Peters by Bro. Costello.

Bro. R. E. Ham, Patterson nights, on vacation, relieved by Bro. Hugo Schwichtenberg, who later relieved Bros. Burrows, Lowel, and Hanlon, of "KN," Stockton, on vacation. Bro. H. W. McNeil, of Modesto, called on the brothers at "KN" and "BR," Stockton, recently, and Bro. Richards, of Lodi, took in Sells-Floto Circus at Stockton.

Bro. Alexander, formerly of Lodi, in Ferry Building several years, is visiting Bro. Anderson in Merced.

There are a few good positions open, get your bid in early.

Dispatcher Hallinin is back from a short visit East.

I want to thank Bro. C. E. Wykes, of Merced, for the nice lot of items he has sent me the last two months, they were greatly appreciated, and I wish the rest of the boys would show the same spirit and drop me a line when they know of something that would be of interest.

A new train order crane has been located at "KN," Stockton, and Lodi, they stand about ten feet high and hoops are placed in hooks at top of crane so engineer and conductor can secure orders on the run, without operator having to stand so near the track; after train has passed cranes are taken from track and hung up against office until needed again. They weigh about fifteen pounds.

Bro. R. E. Denehy visited his parents in Acampo this week. CERT. 2437.

Tucson Division—

"Eternal vigilance is the price of safety." We still have several delinquents and several who have not paid the special assessments levied last year. Several of the delinquents claim to be short of money, yet they profited quite a few dollars in our last schedule, and their dues are now six months' overdue. You brothers working beside delinquents should see that they keep paid up to date and not allow them to fall behind, as it increases your burden as well as the rest of the brothers on the line. We have with us, too, several men on the division who should have cards, but don't have them. One is agent, salary \$160.00 per month. Though we have written him and sent him application blanks, he has not as yet acknowledged them. One other says the O. R. T. never did anything for him. These men should have no favors accorded them.

Recently the local chairman heard of two brothers doubling up for an undesirable. This certainly is not the proper spirit to exhibit towards the telegraphers' nine-hour law, passed at great expense to the Order and for the benefit of the individual members. You not only subject yourselves to a fine, but to dismissal from the service for doing this.

Your local chairman, in a recent interview with the superintendent, was informed that several agents have made application for the summer vacations, but that he did not know how he was going to relieve them, for the reason that many of our telegraphers are unwilling or incompetent to take charge of even the smaller stations. Brothers, this is a subject worthy of very serious consideration, for in return for increased salaries and better working conditions our Order promised "better service and increased efficiency." Are we doing our part? Perhaps all are not ambitious and do not seek promotion. However, it would seem that every brother would have enough interest in his own personal welfare to qualify himself to handle the small stations and eventually the larger stations should occasion arise that would demand it.

As our hot weather season is again coming on, brothers working night tricks should endeavor to keep awake, answer your calls promptly and render the best service possible to make good the statements we made to the company upon the completion of our new schedule—that Order men are the best to employ at all times. These statements and promises made the company at that time should be lived up to by you, as you are the ones who are reaping the benefits.

Beginning with May salary, Afton nights position takes the \$90.00 rating. General Chairman Cowgill was appealed to in this question, and, after considerable correspondence between him and Mr. Platt, the matter has been settled in our favor.

Commencing April 4th, the sixth trick in "UN" office was made a combination clerk and telegraph job. Clerical duties being added to "UN" office tricks was taken up with Mr. Dyer, who stated that on account of the poor commercial conditions it was necessary, and after stating that it would not be used as a precedent, your local chairman decided to let the clerical duties stay on for the summer or until such time as the sixth man in "UN" was needed for full eight hours' telegraphing. Brothers bidding on this combination position will be given reasonable time to qualify for clerical work, and when clerical work is taken off the trick it will again go on bulletin as a straight telegraph position.

I am indebted to Bros. Cull, Del Buono and O'Brien for assistance in the write-up this month. Won't these brothers kindly assist me next month? Would also like Bros. Hibbs, Lawrence, at Bowie, and Milster, at Deming, to send in something, and mail it so as to reach Box 621, Tucson, before the 20th of the month.

Bro. Olson, from Blaisdell, relieved Bro. Anderson, third Casa Grande, resigned.

Bro. Guiterrez, from leave of absence, taking assignment third Maricopa, displaced Bro. Spaulding, who relieved Bro. Doyle, second Bowie, to assignment second wire chief Tucson.

Z. V. Wilson, from extra board, relieved Bro. Foster, agent Cambray, sick with grippe. Wilson later relieved by Bro. Brinley. Glad to know Bro. Foster is improving.

Dispatcher Smongeski resigned, relieved by C. H. Eva, from second Stormy, relieved by R. P. Flynn, from "UN" office, reinstated. Later Eva, relieved by Dispatcher Foster, from Los Angeles Division, took leave of absence, visiting his home in Wisconsin.

F. W. Livesley, second trick dispatcher "CB," relieved by Dispatcher Quick, relieved Chief Bonorden, who went to Los Angeles to string new time card.

Bro. Dumond, taking assignment third Bowie, bumped Bro. Halliday, who took assignment second Bowie, vice Bro. Spaulding, to Gila third.

E. L. Johnson, a new man, relieved W. H. Johnson, second Mescal, on sick leave.

Fourth trick "BY" Yuma pulled off on account of slack business, Bro. Brinley going to Cambra.

With the advent of June your dues for the last half of 1914 become payable. Let's all see if we can't get by without any delinquents this time. Send your dues in early; you won't miss it now any more than you will two months from now.

Bro. Hammond, local chairman of the Los Angeles Division, was a Yuma visitor recently, getting acquainted with the boys on the east end of this division and running in a few nons incidentally.

Bro. Sturges, Yuma, recently bought an "Indian" for use in traveling to and from his ranch in the Valley.

Mr. King, formerly ticket agent and operator at "CY" Yuma, has transferred to the L. A. Division as extra dispatcher.

Miss Amanda Morrison, who recently came to this division, relieved Bro. Badger, second Aztec, who took the agency there, relieving Bro. Bouck, to his assignment, agent Wellton, vice Bro. Dumond to Bowie. We hope to induce Miss Morrison to become a sister, as sisters are scarce here.

Bro. Welsh from leave of absence to Agua Caliente, relieving Bro. Fulton, third Red Rock, who goes to assignment second Estrella, displacing Sister Price, who took assignment bumping Bro. McNeil, second Mohawk; McNeil to Maricopa second, relieving Bro. Cannon, resigned.

Bro. O'Brien, third Gila, relieved by Bro. Spaulding to third assignment Red Rock, displacing Bro. Welsh to San Simon second, relieving Mr. Pannell, to Tucson on court business.

Bro. Allison, agent Fairbank, relieved by Bro. Wilson, from Tucson, on account sickness, recently transferred to San Francisco hospital, is in a very serious condition, having recently suffered a hemorrhage of the brain. We hope for his speedy recovery.

E. L. Johnson, relieved by W. H. Johnson, from sick leave, goes to A. & E. at Tempe, on account of slack business on S. P.

Bro. Cull was a Tucson visitor recently, going over several grievances with the superintendent.

It is with grief and sorrow for his wife and family that we chronicle the death of Bro. W. P. Larcey, last month at the San Francisco hospital, where he had been some time. Bro. Larcey was stricken with hemorrhage of the brain in the early part of February, and was moved from Wellton to the hospital at Tucson. He did not regain consciousness until the early part of March, and did not improve in health. The latter part of March he was removed to the hospital at San Francisco, but only lingered a few days, declining rapidly. Bro. Larcey was well liked by all who knew him, and we all miss him from our ranks. "It is God's will; His will be done."

"BC" 2099.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, In His infinite wisdom and knowledge, it has pleased our heavenly Father to call to his home and reward our esteemed and worthy brother, W. P. Larcey; and

WHEREAS, We realize that in the death of Bro. Larcey we have lost a true and loyal brother, and

his widow a devoted and beloved husband; therefore, in manifestation of our sorrow and fraternal sympathy, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of Southern Pacific Division, No. 53, of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the bereaved widow and relatives the heartfelt sympathy of each brother individually and the condolence of Division 53, and in so doing, be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved widow of the deceased, a copy spread on the minutes of this division, and a copy to be sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

H. F. DUMOND,
B. M. STANLEY,
O. L. BUTLER,
Committee.

El Paso District—

Assignments: Valentine agency, Bro. W. B. Phelps; Marathon agency, Bro. J. F. Gardner; Fabens agency, Bro. G. W. Haas; Clint third, Bro. A. Boone (formerly agent Clint); Marfa third, Bro. H. J. Hall. Vacancies: Clint and Ft. Hancock agencies, Valentine and Marfa second, temporarily filled by Bros. Skipper, Graves, Hickerson and Custer, respectively.

Bro. L. D. Myers, formerly assistant agent Alpine, has been transferred to the telegraph department, and is relieving Bro. Scott, agent Langtry, a few days.

It is very encouraging to note the number of new men we are getting who hold up-to-dates, seldom an exception.

There is still a delinquent or two along the line. Ask the boys with whom you are working to see their latest card, and if they don't produce, do a little missionary work and advise your local chairman.

The oldest man on our seniority list, set back on the best position we have, refuses to help "pay the freight" because the masses did not see fit to run the O. R. T. just to suit his fancies.

Our general committee—an able body of conservative men—went into conference with the management at Houston on grievances, May 18th. We are with them, and wish them all possible success. Our local chairman, Bro. L. B. Starns, did not convene with the committee, though a member of the reduced board, as this district had no repealed grievances.

In the excitement during the recent international agitation around El Paso, Tex., our "RK" office had its full share of nervousness and humor. It was rumored that Villa's attack on El Paso was averted by him mistaking Hester's mill for a flock of machine guns. Bro. Dunbar, the manager, was very patient with the boys during troublesome times. "RK" is a solid aggregation.

Houston Division—

Bro. O. K. Gentles, of Stafford, was relieved several nights by Gentles and Morris.

Bro. S. Wright, Eagle Lake third, on a trip to New York, was relieved by Mr. Moore.

Bro. R. M. Turner, Luling third, on vacation, relieved by Bro. C. W. Churchill, from Division 32, whom we welcome to our fold.

Bro. Preston, on relief work to "DR," relieved on third "DS" by Bro. Ney, and he on east yard third by Bro. Powell.

I haven't even a line from my "assistant." I can't keep tab on everything. Please help me a little. I thought that when I agreed to undertake this job I would get your co-operation, but very few have taken any interest in it. All of you know where I am located, so let me have your items, no matter how small; all of it put together will make a good pile. BURK.

H. & T. C. District, Second Division—

Organization of a Railway Telegraphers' Club, with headquarters at Houston, and composed of members of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers within the territory tributary to the city, was effected Sunday afternoon, April 5th, at a meeting in the Cotton Hotel, at Houston. More than 100 members of the Order were in attendance, accompanied by their wives and other women members of their families.

Preliminary organization was effected at the afternoon meeting, called to order at 2:30 o'clock, and presided over by General Chairman J. E. Cowgill. Committees were appointed to draft constitution and by-laws, nominate officers and directors, and to attend to the preparation of other matters relative to permanent organization. A legislative committee was appointed and occupied the latter part of the afternoon in framing policies and resolutions to be adopted relative to future proposed legislation, and we were entertained with a number of piano and song solos. Refreshments of delicious ice cream and cake were also served, and cigars to the smokers.

A second meeting, held from 8 to 11 o'clock in the evening, attended by the women visitors, was largely of a social nature, reflective of one of the important phases that the club will include.

Among those present at the meeting from this division were: Local Chairman Bro. W. W. Holman, Assistant Local Chairman Bro. W. F. Brown and Local Secretary Bro. W. F. Suchs.

The Texas State legislative committee met in Ft. Worth a few days ago, at which our petition was presented for membership and accepted. Bro. Holman was elected as a director on that committee at the meeting in Houston.

Bro. Forster, third Elgin tower, had his card transferred from Division 144 to Division 53. Bro. Ward, of Elgin, relieved Agent Rummel, at Lampasas a few days on account of court, and Bro. Brown, at Manor, relieved Bro. Suchs at Ledbetter while he was on the grand jury.

A controversy as to the rights of position of first trick operator Giddings, union depot, caused the bulletin to be withdrawn until the question is settled.

Let's hear from some of you brothers along the line, with a few items of interest, and by all means don't forget to line up the nons.

LOCAL SECRETARY.

T. & N. O. District, including Dallas, Sabine and Galveston, G. H. & S. A. Division—

The meeting of the H. O. R. T. Social Club, May 8th, at the Houston Press Club lodge room, was well attended, there being twenty-three members present. The offices of president, vice-president and secretary and treasurer were filled at this meeting, and such other officers as are necessary from time to time will be added as occasion requires. The officers earnestly request all operators who possibly can to be present on the lodge meeting nights, the second Thursday nights of each month, at the rooms at the Houston Press Club on Texas avenue, between Main and Travis streets.

In the future, when any member of the O. R. T. is so unfortunate as to require hospital attention the officials of the H. O. R. T. will see that their stay in the hospital will be rendered as pleasant as possible by the hospital committee.

The reduced general committee convened May 17th and concluded May 23d. The success in all matters of just grievances was uniform. There were two of three cases wherein the complainant had filed a grievance on matters such as violation of rule "G," etc. Where the facts clearly showed that such rule had been violated there was nothing the committee could do but rely on the company's leniency. The railroad officials being compelled to be out of town until Saturday, May 29th, negotiations on the new contract was delayed until that date.

Bro. Bill Rummel was relieved at Echo by Bro. Deir, from "RK" El Paso, whom we are glad to have with us, but very sorry to lose old "Bill." His good work at Echo had established a precedent that his successors will find hard to beat.

Bro. Bandy, of "OD" Orange, was the first brother to furnish the good statement of revenue of April 5th. We wish to thank Bro. Oliver for his excellent statement of revenue.

Bro. Dunlap is on first Beaumont temporarily, relieved on third there by Bro. Robertson, Beaumont, and he on second by Bro. Bradford, second Liberty.

Bro. Bierhalter, Crosby agency, on vacation selling land, relieved by J. G. Lorton.

Owing to the heavy increase in business at Dayton, Bro. Shaw has been allowed an increase in clerical force.

Bro. Sturtevant relieved Bro. Goodson on "HD" third while in "HN" Houston.

Bro. Buffington, local chairman, was relieved by a man from "WU" while engaged in committee work.

Bro. J. H. Clark is relieving Bro. R. G. Lee in "JR" Houston, on a visit East.

Bro. Porter is moving to Kaufman agency, relieved by Bro. Carpenter on Seabrook agency, making second Seabrook open for application. Bro. Weddell handling Kaufman agency temporarily, relieved by Bro. R. F. Stuckey at Rockland, and he by Bro. Yarbrough at Nome on bulletin, relieved by Bro. Young at Village Mills.

W. A. Floyd who relieved R. H. Finney on Texas City Jct. third will soon be with us.

P. J. Musgrove past agent Jacksonville to Crandell agency temporarily.

Bro. C. W. Lester, Beaumont first, is now at Jacksonville, and his name appears on the time card as extra dispatcher.

H. B. Ware, relieved at Athens by Mark Frost. We hope the Hard Ware will forget to return.

The committee wishes to extend its thorough appreciation for the hearty support accorded so far in the work on the grievance and contract problem.

This write-up clearly shows who are nons and who are not. If you will all act on the motto, "No card, no favors," there will be no nons to appear in the following write-up; brace up and get the man next to you. Drv. Cox.

G. H. & S. A., Victoria Division—

Our local chairman on general committee service met our efficient general chairman and Bro. Jno. E. Cowgill at the Cotton Hotel, Houston, Sunday morning, May 17th, to go over our grievances in order to be fully prepared to meet Mr. Waid the following morning. Many of us would like to have had the time to impress Bro. Alexander as he passed through on No. 306 on May 16th. Bros. Wells, Laizure and Buffington and our other efficient brothers, have gone to the front many times, always with success, and we rejoice in the knowledge of their ability to effect a settlement which has the approval of both employers and employes.

Our local chairman will probably be away from his post at Port Lavaca some time attending general committee duties at Houston, and every member of the division should keep after the nons. Most of the new men are up to date, and will transfer to this division, among which are Bro. Ford, at Pledger; Mr. Dunlap, Ganado; Mr. Williams, at Pierce; Bro. Millhollen, at Edna, and Mr. Whitsitt, at Nixon. All of these are practically new men and we extend them a hearty welcome.

One old head on this division about five years is either going to quit, illness or some other excuse. Let us all write R. I. Nichols, at Louise, and see if that won't move him; also A. R. Hillyer, at Palacios, and Wm. Beaumont, at Sutherland Springs, who are behind with their dues.

We have had fairly good results from the non-telegraph stations, having secured the applications of Kendleton, Fannin, Berclair, Adkins and Inez. We now want Midfield, Hawkinsville, Telferner, Sample and Pandora; let everyone get behind them.

Some of the brothers have assisted our local chairman very much in securing applications from the new men, and we wish to thank them for their good work; keep it up, brothers.

Assignments on bulletin: J. R. Dunlap, operator-clerk Ganado; F. N. Millhollen, agency Smiley; J. W. Black, operator-clerk Wharton; E. B. Luder, agency Bay City (pending); understand this man has not the proper credentials; get busy, it's our duty to find out.

Bro. Isaacson has returned from a pleasant vacation, taking up his assigned position, agency

Westhoff, relieving E. B. Luder, who relieved Bro. Harris, at Lavernia, on two weeks' vacation; was then checked in as agent at Nixon, and later relieved by H. J. Hammett from the superintendent's office Victoria, and assigned to Bay City (pending).

Bro. McClanahan, assigned to operator-clerk Edna on February bulletin, has just gone there, relieving F. N. Millhollen.

Bro. Gaddis, of Pledger, on extended vacation, relieved by Bro. Ford, relieved at Edna by Bro. Millhollen.

Mr. Douglas, clerk at Palacios, who does most of the telegraphing there, knows a good thing when he sees it, and has sent in his application.

We regret to learn of Bro. C. A. Shoquist's condition. He probably will never be able to work again. A train struck a truck loaded with large drummer trunks several months ago at Nixon, one falling on Bro. Shoquist, and he has been confined to his room ever since. The agencies at Nixon and Pierce have been placed on bulletin, no applications yet on the latter.

Thanks to Bro. Isaacson for lots of this information. Would be hard to have any kind of a write-up without assistance from the boys from the west end. I hope he will keep up the good work, and that others will also take an interest and mail me notes.

Bro. Morgan, at El Campo, hasn't sufficient time to give us a nice write-up each month. Instead of congratulations for Bro. Reinhardt, of Beasley, it will probably soon be Bro. Morgan.

Boys, watch for the "all agents" message from Victoria. Our duty is to lend every assistance, and not make it necessary to send messages more than once on this line. The wires should be given preference in every case. Good service is to our advantage in many ways, and will be a helping hand in securing good schedules. Cut out contending for circuit, five minutes on a wire used for both train movement and messages means a lot in many cases.

Motor car service was established on the Wharton branch May 20th. Probably some of the agents along this line will make an extra fifty cents daily meeting this motor car.

Boling has been made a telegraph station during spud season, with Roy W. Black at the key, first telegraph position. We will soon have his application. An express office may be opened up there, making this a regular telegraph office.

G. L. Tooley, a new man from the Iron Mountain, has been appointed extra dispatcher Victoria.

Everyone get behind the nons, let "No card, no favors" be your motto, and we will soon be 100 per cent strong.

Bro. Morgan, at El Campo, our former correspondent, on account of heavy clerical work, had to give it up. He gave us good service and we regret that he was obliged to relinquish the task. I have been asked by our local chairman to act as correspondent until arrangements for one can be made, and I would be glad to see one of the good brothers take hold of it.

J. W. BLACK, Cert. 3246, Wharton, Texas.

Louisiana Lines—

Bro. R. Finchar has gone to his assignment, third Algiers, vice Mrs. B. Coe, who later went to first Schriever. Bro. Holland, who relieved Finchar while change was being made, has gone to Lake Charles.

It is now Bro. Wade on second.

Bro. P. J. St. Romain on sick list again, relieved by W. O. Guidry, a new man, now on third Bowie.

Boutte has been made a freight and ticket office. Bro. P. Champaigne, on third there, while off getting married was relieved by J. Boudreaux, a new man, who later went home to Scott.

Bro. H. T. Prague has gone to Des Allemands agency, relieving Bro. G. H. DeJean, who relieved Bro. J. A. Landry, agent Scott, who went to Vinton second.

Bro. D. C. Wells, local chairman, is in Houston on general committee business.

Boys, let's get in the few remaining nons and make this division 100 per cent strong.

The busy season on onions and potatoes is on. Jeanerette days closed, Bro. Hanley, relieving Bro. Prague, agent Bayou Sale.

Relief agent abolished. Bowie third, Schriever first, Bayou Sale and Scott agencies vacant.

Remember, "No card, no favors."

Don't forget your notes for next month's write-up are due on or before the 20th.

H. L. FESKE, Cert. 2179.

Northern Pacific Ry., Div. No. 54.*Idaho Division—*

As far back in the affairs of the organization as the writer can remember, we have used for a slogan the old familiar "No card, no favors," and have constantly been trying to drive home to our membership the importance of observing that principle. We have set forth in countless columns of print the fact that the telegrapher who does not carry a card is not only of no assistance to the one who does, but is actually throwing his influence on the other side of the question. He is accepting—yes, and constantly clamoring for—the benefits, financial and otherwise, that our work and our money is securing, yet when we sound a call for support, the non withholds it, and, not content with that, in many instances heaps abuse on the Order and on the members of his committee; always, however, being careful to do the latter where those so maligned will not call him to account.

Regardless of these facts, we still find many of our members associating and forming personal friendships with the most pernicious of the "hard-shell" nons, tendering them favors and occasionally getting one in return (for the non is as miserly with his favors as he is with his financial support), and generally giving them as good treatment as is accorded a good member. Those members who are doing this may imagine that they have selected one of the best nons as a recipient for favors, but, having had a great many years' experience with nons, I give it as my honest opinion

that there are no "best" ones among the chronic variety, and the sooner the membership awakens to the fact that it is best to leave a confirmed non alone, as far as sociability is concerned, the sooner we will have less of their kind in our midst. Kindness is wasted upon them, as their only ambition seems to be to get as much as possible out of us with the least possible expense to themselves, and the only way to bring them to their senses is to leave them strictly alone from a social standpoint, and if they make advances, give them to understand that there will be nothing doing until they develop sufficient manhood or womanhood to do the right thing by their fellow-workers and cease their efforts toward tearing down what we have labored so hard to build up. "No card, no favors" is not easily misunderstood. Apply it exactly as it reads, and remember that it does not carry an exemption clause for that particular non whom you seem to think is good enough for you to hobnob with. We have a few "hardshells" on this division who should be brought to a realization of what the membership in general thinks of their action, and the best way to effect this end is for all members to leave them strictly alone in a social way.

Bro. Bump, Weeksville, on short leave, relieved by Bro. Sims.

Sister Gephart relieved the non on first Kildee for thirty days, and Bro. Kreitz relieved the female non on third at the same place for a short time.

Bro. "Bill" Elver has returned from a trip to his ranch in southern Idaho, and resumed his duties as agent at White Pine. He was relieved by Bro. Partridge.

Bro. Anderson relieved the female non on third Trout Creek a few days.

Bro. Phillips, second Noxon, was relieved several days by Bro. Kreitz.

Third Kootenai closed, Bro. Woolman bumping Bro. Davidson on second, who bumped Bro. Barton, second Trout Creek, who bumped Bro. Underhill, second Hope, who bumped Sister Allgaier, third Hope, relieving Bro. Allgaier, agent Eddy, on short vacation.

Sister Percy, second trick Clarks Fork, relieved several days by Bro. Thompson, who later went to Hangman temporarily.

Bro. Cunningham, agent Hauser, on vacation, relieved by Bro. Partridge.

Bros. Kreitz, Thompson and Sims have returned from their vacation, during which they "hiked" from Klamath Falls to Burns, Ore., a distance of over three hundred miles, enjoying a very pleasant outing.

Bro. Hazen bid in Davenport, Bro. Kreitz drew second Pullman, and Bro. Grunth third Kootenai yard.

Bro. Hartlerode, agent at Peck, on vacation, relieved by Bro. King.

Bros. Berquist and Dickinson, of Garfield, are cordially welcome to our ranks.

F. A. and E. W. Hartman, who dropped out first term of 1913, when asked to pay up replied they were "going to quit railroading." They are still drawing the increase of \$5.00 per month each

given them in the last revision. "No card, no favors."

Remember, there are five nons on the main line of this division. If you have a "bump" coming and your seniority will permit, why not bump a non?

Thanks to Bro. Davidson for news notes this month. None received from other sources.

Agency at Govan recently closed, vice Bro. Harned.

Several work trains will soon be put on the P. & L. branch, and two temporary tricks will be added at Belmont. Cheering news, but not much of it.
B. E. NASON, L. C.

Dakota Division—

If you believe in a fair and square deal for your fellow workers—in the Golden Rule, if you please—demand the union label on everything you buy, no matter what it is. The union label is the only safeguard against sweatshop and prison-made goods.

It is estimated that only 15 per cent of the wages earned by union men is spent for union-made goods. In other words, we spend 85 per cent of our money where the scabs are benefited by our higher wages. Let every man who believes in unionism refuse to buy the product of the scab, and see how quickly the employers will come to terms. United we have the power; divided we are weak. Let us be consistent and practice what we preach.

If you are thinking of buying anything, from a tooth brush to a piano, and your dealer can not supply you with a product bearing the label, drop me a card, and I can put you on the right track. Kindly bear this in mind. D. C. POINDEXTER,
Bismarck, N. D.

As Bro. D. Chas. Poindexter has expressed his willingness to handle the write-up for this month, I wish to express my appreciation to the many diligent brothers who have been co-operating with me in writing to the few remaining nons on this division. Though it sometimes takes months, as we are all aware, to actually receive the non's papers and fees, it is this continual and persistent "pounding 'em on the back" that eventually brings results. Only a few left, fellows; keep up the good work. "In time of peace, prepare for war."

H. H. ELLSWORTH, Local Chairman.

The appointment of W. E. Berner as superintendent of this division is very pleasing news, especially to some of the old-timers who served under him when he was our chief dispatcher. Mr. Strachan went to the L. S. Division in the same capacity.

Bro. G. C. Leach, formerly of this division, now with the "Soo" at Enderlin, visited at McKenzie for a few days, and also spent a few hours with Bro. Ellsworth at Sterling.

Mrs. W. W. Jaynes, local chairman of the L. A., continues to land a new member now and then. You fellows who are lucky enough to have a

wife, or other relative of the fairer sex who are eligible, will be doing all concerned a great favor by getting them interested.

Bro. W. L. West, of New Rockford, resigned, relieved by Bro. T. E. Neves, from Division 76, until bid in by Bro. G. B. Stuart.

C. E. Boyden, Oberon, and J. F. Ellis, Robinson, still promise to come in "next pay day."

It is now Bro. E. C. Knoop, agent Grand Rapids. E. C. ought to make a good booster, and we extend him the glad hand.

Understand Bro. Pravitz, at Wilton traded his benzine buggy for a house and lot. Wish we knew how an operator ever got money enough to buy an auto.

Bro. Schmoldt and wife, of Wing, motored to Regan recently and enjoyed the hospitality of Bro. Gutensohn and wife.

Ladoga gravel pit opened May 19th, with F. E. Redner again in charge. We were unsuccessful in landing F. E. last year, but hope for better luck this time.

Bro. J. W. King, Hurdsfield, spent a few days with friends at Jamestown and Valley City, and took the examination for federal hours-of-service inspector at the latter place.

On the morning of April 28th the main line between Jamestown and Dawson was visited with one of the most destructive sleet storms on record. The wires, poles and crossarms went down in one confused mass of tangled wreckage. Something like three hundred poles were broken off. Cables were stretched eight miles until the wires could be repaired by the crews from Minneapolis and Winnipeg. Trains were run on time-card schedule, and the dispatcher's office was removed to Dawson until communication had been re-established. The loss will total many thousands of dollars.

Bro. Howard Allen, of Crystal Springs, on three months' leave, relieved by Mark Sexton, formerly clerk in yard masters' office at Jamestown. Mark will be one of us at an early date.

Bro. F. A. Sommars, of Mercer, was married on May 2d. No particulars. Congratulations.

Bro. H. L. Mattson and his "fair one" motored to Fessenden, had the knot tied and returned on the job the same day. Harvey says furniture is preferable to honeymooning.

Bro. Kibler, second Dawson, visiting several weeks at his old home in Ohio, also looking over the Pacific Coast country, relieved by Bro. C. J. Roberts.

Bro. R. Willie Whitcome, first Bismarck, visited in New Rockford a few days, relieved by A. D. Adams, from the W. U., who later left for the West.

Bro. James Harrison Case, second Bismarck, spent several weeks at Boulder Springs, Mont., recently, relieved by Bro. Poindexter, third, and he by Bro. Roberts.

Hazelton agency was requested to be put on bulletin, through a rumor that Chris Bettger, who took an indefinite leave owing to sickness, would not come back, but he has since signified his intention of returning.

Three new agencies opened on the Mandan North Line: Golden Valley, secured by Mr. Moe, from McKenzie; Hazen, by Bro. Diehl, of Gwyther, and Beulah, by Bro. Rotramel, relieved at New Leipzig on bid by Bro. G. L. Berquist, leaving Tappen open. Bro. W. E. Allen bid in Gwyther agency, and Bro. W. L. Norton, McKenzie, which leaves second Steele open. He was relieved by Clarence Berg, a new man.

Denny Boyle, at "J" office, should now get right with the O. R. T., inasmuch as the Order secured him that \$5.00 a month increase.

You fellows on the Mott Line had better get busy with Mr. Anderson at Cannon Ball and retrieve your reputation for having a solid line-up.

I wish to thank Bros. Carll, Roberts, Schmoldt and Mrs. J. W. King for their notes this month. A few more of you brothers follow their example.

D. C. POINDEXTER.

Rocky Mountain Division—

Bro. Spencer, "MD," Missoula third, off several nights sick, relieved by T. J. Smith. Bro. Schini, manager "MD," Missoula, spent three weeks at his old home in Canada, relieved by Bro. A. L. Avery, and he by H. G. Scott, a new man, who will be with us soon. Mr. Showalter, "MD" second, is extra dispatcher while the regular men are having their vacations, relieved by Bro. J. W. Scott.

Bro. Hart, agent Avon, on three months' vacation, relieved by Mr. Wilcoxon, from third, and he by Miss Guiot.

Agent Case, Drummond, on two weeks' vacation, relieved by Non Nurse, from third, and he by Bro. Manchester.

Bro. A. Balzhiser, Drummond second, who returned from Rochester about four months ago, is now in a Kansas City hospital for another operation.

Bro. Carr, St. Regis, reports killing a bear recently.

Non Lorson, who relieved Non Hoover at Wallace four days, later relieved Bro. Kinsey at Skyline.

Bro. Bernert, Lothrop second, off ten days, relieved by Miss Guiot.

Bro. Hunsinger, "MA," Missoula second, off three months, relieved by Bro. H. B. Avery, who gave up Garrison third so as to be a little nearer to the little lady.

Mr. Lyle bid in Garrison third. Hope he will now send in his blanks.

Deer Lodge second bid in by Mr. Harmon. Expect Bro. Cuthbert to land him before long.

Bro. Day, Elliston third, off for a week, relieved by H. G. Scott.

Mrs. Sohn, first "MA," Missoula, off a few days recently, relieved by Bro. Merrick, our noted barrister.

Bro. Dilley, agent Larson, off for a week, relieved by Bro. Campbell, lately of the Philippine jungles.

Bro. Campbell has returned from an enjoyable visit on the Pacific Coast with old army and navy friends.

Bro. Manchester, on Garrison second pending bulletin, relieved Mr. Stevens, Garrison first, on sick list a few days. It's about time the latter was taking out a card.

Bro. Fretts called to St. Paul by the sickness of his mother, upon his return he went to Mullen on bid.

Bro. Day recently spent a few days sightseeing in Missoula.

Non Parr is on Blossburg second, pending the arrival of Bro. Thompson, who bid in the position.

It is now Bro. H. E. Balzhiser at Blossburg, making the hill very nearly solid. This was our sore spot for a long while, and we would be feeling fine now if some of the old men would refrain from becoming delinquent. It is very discouraging to organize the division and just about get it up to a respectable standing, only to lose five or six men through delinquency. It takes up practically half my time to keep old men from dropping out and then I am only half way successful, if this time could be put in organizing the new men we could have a 95 per cent solid division, and with the members taking enough interest to keep up their cards it would be smooth sailing for all of us. Why not take a little interest and encourage us a little by at least keeping paid up? It is little enough to ask of you, but means a lot to your officers, and I hope that you will make an effort to pay up promptly for the coming term.

Bro. Cyr, "MS," Helena, relieved by Bro. Campbell, who later went to Larson, relieved by Mr. Wilson.

Assistant Local Chairman Kuffel reports W. P. Wilson, Mr. Lorson and Miss Guiot filling out their blanks, and hope we can call them brother and sister next month. Bro. Kuffel has been doing splendid work, helping me organize, and it is largely through his efforts that the hill has been put in such good shape. A few more live ones like Dan would help wonderfully on this division.

Bros. Corwin, Nutter, Woods, Sirois and Kuffel attended the opening of the ventilating plant at the Blossburg tunnel.

Second Elliston and Evano on bulletin on account of Bro. Reidell and Sister Leahy not returning at the expiration of their sick leave.

The writer recently had the pleasure of a call from Bro. F. W. Buck, of the Yellowstone Division, who visited old friends in our village.

Bro. Dorval, extra Arlee second, was down with a siege of the measles for two weeks, relieved by Mr. Lawler, a new man, who is holding his first position.

Bro. Melike relieved Agent Furry, Arlee, ten days, on a fishing trip.

I was unable to give a write-up last month, as nobody sent me any notes, and I was unable to get any news from this end of the division. Wish to thank Bros. H. B. Avery, Manchester and Kuffel for the notes they sent me this month; keep it up, boys, and we will have a live write-up every month.

V. N. WEBER, L. C.

Montana Division—

I have asked almost every brother to send in items, changes, etc., made at each office during the month, but the correspondent complains that only one or two on this whole division do this. While our correspondent, Bro. Arnold, is on a trip East and South, I will have to do this stunt. Let me have these changes, etc., by the 20th, so we can get them in on time, also send in your dues promptly without solicitation on the part of our officials.

Bro. Bowers relieved on first Townsend while Mr. Rightmire relieved the agent. Mr. Donnelly relieved Bro. Atwell on third a few days.

Bro. Pidgeon, second Lombard, while undergoing an operation on his nose, was relieved by Mr. LeChamp, who later relieved Sister Pidgeon a few days.

Bro. Carleton, second Logan, was relieved a few days by Mr. Neely, who also relieved Bro. Strachan a few days, later relieved by Mr. Donnelly, relieved by Bro. Foudray, of Division 7.

Bro. Loftus, third Butte depot, relieved for vacation by Mr. Peterson.

Bro. Montague relieved Bro. Arnold, at Mission, while on vacation.

Bro. Rasor, Bozeman, resigned, relieved by Bro. Warren.

Split trick "BG," Billings, pulled off, vice Bro. Dafoe laying off, relieved Bro. Morrow, on vacation in Iowa. Mr. Newton, second wire chief "BG," visiting in California, relieved by Third Trick Chief Bro. Stevic, relieved by Bro. Bremigan, from B. & O. S.-W. Bro. Turvey, third Billings passenger depot, while on vacation in Ohio, was relieved by Extra Zaner, who later relieved Sister Taylor, at Columbus, several days, Bro. Winters, at "KD," Laurel yard, while off sick, and Sister Douglas, second Greycliff, a few days.

Thanks to Bro. Hazlett, Billings, for the east end notes. F. M. HAINES, Local Chairman.

CARD OF THANKS.

I wish to express my thanks and appreciation for the flowers sent to me by the members of the Montana Division during my illness in the Missoula hospital. R. T. PERKINS.

Tacoma Division—

Sister Graybeal, off several months account of sickness, returned to third Yelm, Bro. Virum taking few days off on fishing trip.

Bro. Sherman, first Hillhurst, off few days, relieved by W. D. McClelland.

Bro. Seblist has returned to second Tidewater, former night chief, Strachan, going to Grand Trunk as dispatcher. Extra Dispatcher Burkett also went with Grand Trunk as dispatcher.

H. F. Floyd, manager "WR" Tacoma, off couple days account sickness, relieved by Mr. Offitt.

Bro. W. G. Lowery, third Roy, is out of hospital again, but not able to resume work.

Second Chehalis abolished, Bro. Hipke planning on a trip East.

H. E. DeShields, agent Dryad, bid in operator Olympia, relieved by Bro. Harper, operator Napavine on bid. Bro. Lang, from Milwaukee, drew third Tenino. Bro. W. A. Dickinson bid in Napavine, and Bro. Minter bid in Castle Rock. Dupont agency on bulletin.

Quite a few of the brothers attended a baseball game at Oakville, Sunday, May 3d. Oakville winning from Elma 6 to 5 in a well-played and exciting game throughout. The Oakville team made a fine appearance in their new uniforms. Bro. H. A. Long, the manager, is justly proud of the club.

Bro. Virum relieved J. D. McDonnell, third Rainier, account of illness of latter's wife.

Bro. Selfe, formerly at Tenino, is now with the Milwaukee at Tekoa, Wash.

Mr. Offitt relieved Bro. Hipke, second Chehalis, a few days, thence to Olympia until Mr. DeShields checked in; Hawkins going to second South Tacoma.

W. D. McClelland relieved J. D. McDonnell, third Rainier, then to Battleground to relieve agent, relieved by Bro. Virum.

Extra Dispatcher Burkett relieved Sister Wiley, first South Tacoma, few days on trip to Seattle.

Bro. Hipke is East on three months' leave, also Bro. Napier, second Hoquiam, on three months' leave, relieved by Mr. Offitt.

Bro. Kellogg is relieving Bro. Keyes at Porter on a trip East.

Bro. Mathousek, second "YD," on a trip to Tacoma, relieved by Bro. Harper. Bros. "Dad" James, Swille, Lang and McDonnell also made the trip.

Bro. Graham, Woodland, in town several days, relieved by Burkett.

Bro. Bradbury's engagement has been announced. Congratulations.

Bros. Harte, Sale and Wright will soon be full-fledged "phoners," as there is to be no more circuit on the new Pt. Defiance line. The trouble being experienced by the contractors may prevent that line being ready for traffic this year.

A large slide near Tenino is estimated by the engineers to be sliding for forty-five acres back, and the lake being filled in for a roadbed, seems to have no bottom to it. Recently at Steilacoom \$40,000 worth of rock, piling and track slid into the bay.

Extra Dispatcher Waldo, after relieving Second Trick Dispatcher Heiser few days, relieved Third Dispatcher Adams. Div. Com.

Pasco Division—

Bro. C. T. Pickard, agent Thrall, is visiting his old home in Northwestern Ohio, relieved by Bro. H. E. Vining.

H. S. Calvin has sold his homestead and moved into the living rooms in Wymer depot.

Bro. Hunt, agent Parker, is now on second Pasco yard, vice Bro. Sigman, who bumped Bro. S. A. Phelps from third to Kennewick, vice Bro. Mitchell, former agent and mayor at Schragg station until it was cut off.

J. R. Slusher, agent Delah, in anticipation of a large fruit crop on his ranch, has purchased an automobile.

Bro. E. L. Stevens and wife, from Pomona, were recent Yakima visitors.

Bro. M. Johnson, second Vista, was relieved several days by Sister O. L. Johnson, who later relieved Sister E. F. Johnson while visiting in Spokane.

Bro. E. E. Lamarche, from Pasco, is now agent at Parker.

Bro. C. H. Mockross, "PA," is back from Tacoma hospital account injured knee.

Bro. French, first Badger, off five months on account of hay fever.

Bro. and Sister Phelps are taking a trip through the South.

Bro. T. T. Burfield, Alfalfa, hurt by horse; Sister Burfield is relieving.

Bro. D. J. Beattie and wife, from Out Look, were recent North Yakima visitors.

Bro. J. S. Langlois, second Ritzville, displaced Bro. Ralph Trimble on second Toppenish. Bro. H. N. Crevinston, first Toppenish, is in Canada, relieved by Bro. Todd.

Bro. N. D. Starr is now agent Lamar.

Bro. L. C. Snyder displaced at Helix by Bro. McCormack.

Bro. E. E. Leach is now at Tokio nights.

Bro. Clyde Mason, agent Hatton, was over to Connell recently on business.

Bro. C. D. Chadwick still out of service account getting hurt.

Bro. Pauly Freeman, third North Yakima, off on honeymoon. CERT. 606.

Seattle Division—

Bro. Williams, first East Auburn, off three days, was relieved by Bro. Palmer, who also relieved Bro. Webber, second East Auburn, a few days.

Bro. Hoffman, second Puyallup, is back after a short lay off, relieved by Bro. Burghard.

Bro. Crockett, third Stampede, is on second during the absence of Bro. Morgan, relieved by Bro. Gould.

Sister Bayer, first Borup, is being relieved by Sister A. A. Rivett, relieved by Sister Morgan on second.

Sister Fenner has resigned to attend to duties connected with the F. & S. "sweat shop" at Auburn. Bro. Fenner bid in "Car Chaser" second Auburn transfer.

The meeting at Cle Elum on May 16th, was quite well attended and "an enjoyable time" was the report from all that were there, which consisted of Bros. Bergum, Palmer, Crockett, Gould, Bayer, Shisler, Brakhane, Baker and Bell, and Sisters Johnson, L. F. Rivett, Morgan and Leeper, and Mr. Carr, who will soon be with us, watch out for him, brothers. The next meeting will be held at Auburn on June 20th. "HAPPY."

Minnesota and St. Paul Divisions—

Bro. E. W. Gallagher, agent Battle Lake, resigned, relieved by Mr. Redman, from Lake Park.

Mr. Rummel, agent Mooreton, off sixty days, relieved by Mr. Rounsevelle, agent Hawley.

Bro. Sjordahl, Wahpeton, is going into vaudeville. He is quite a pianist.

Let's each try and secure a member this month and make Fergus Branch 50 per cent stronger. I have two under my wing now.

Bro. Gates, Fergus Falls, is batching while the Mrs. visits in Ohio two months.

Bro. Kimber, agent Wyndmere, is back from South Baden, S. D., after having an operation performed for a growth on his face; relieved by Bro. Sefstrom.

Johnson (N. D.) station is closed again, and Miss Smith, the agent, is out of a job.

Mr. Johnson, second Fertile, relieving Mr. Carlson, first there, on thirty days' leave, is being relieved by Mr. English, second Grafton, and he by Mr. Anderson, helper from Grafton.

Mr. Chapman, agent-operator Gilby, was relieved a few days by Mr. Smith.

The trainmen on No. 20 have to put the mail in the warehouse at Forest River, as there is no man on duty there now to receive it.

A new coal dock and section house is being built at Pembira.

Thanks to Bros. Taylor and Gates for the notes and hope they will do likewise next month.

Harry Johnson bid in third Verndale, vice Mr. Janke, who bid in third Frazee.

Mr. Bartram, third Wadena, is relieving Mr. Weston at Clitheral, on leave of absence.

Dispatcher Joe Lunds died at Missoula Hospital, May 17th. His parents reside here, and his mother went to him when he took a turn for the worse on the 13th, the officials stopping No. 1 for her so she could reach him as soon as possible. Paul had been with him for three or four weeks and everything possible was done for him. But the Creator knows best and took him to His heavenly home, where there is no sorrow known. Joe will be greatly missed at home as well as by the boys with whom he worked, and his kindness to all will never be forgotten.

In remembrance of him I knew so well, I repeat:

The best will is our Father's will,
And we may rest there calm and still;
Oh! make it home as home thine own,
And wish for naught but that alone
Which pleaseth God.

W. O. ASH.

Relay Division—

The wire chiefs were benefited more than the operators by the recent revision of schedule and are certainly not showing the right spirit in remaining outside. If they fear to lose their "standing" with the company by carrying cards, they should remember that the company is well aware that the best men in the service are those who belong to the O. R. T. The delinquents at St. Paul, Fargo, Dickinson, Spokane and Tacoma should also get wise and pay up. Helena is solid.

Bro. W. J. Servis, at Dickinson, was inadvertently referred to as "Mr." in our last write-up. He is right up-to-date and there with the goods.

Bro. A. E. Robinson, off at Tacoma, April 1st, on account of reduction, went to Dickinson, bumping Bro. Johnson.

Business is showing slight improvement, due to fruit shipments beginning to move.

All relay offices are now keeping hourly average. It went hard at first for those unused to it, but seems to be working out all right. One of the results is a noticeable improvement in our arithmetic. A good many inconsistencies of the numbering system have been reported. For instance, a message addressed "All agents Tacoma and Vancouver" from "CD," Seattle, takes twenty-five numbers, time three minutes, and it takes the southern wire woodsman an hour to make the same twenty-five numbers. Car service report, one number, requires twenty-five minutes to handle, and an "X-3" report takes one number, requiring but one or two minutes to handle.

At first a disposition was shown on the part of some of the men to show a better average than anyone else in the service, by exceeding the ordinary working speed limit, but they soon realized that this was working more harm than good. "Forty an hour's plenty."

Bro. "Jimmy" Kileen, assistant chief Helena, taking in New York City, when last heard from had learned the names of all the French dishes served at the Broadway hotels. At least his letter to Bro. Gibson looked that way.

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Wheeling & Lake Erie R. R., Div. No. 55.

Toledo Division—

Bro. Peregrory, who relieved Mr. Schulenburger, third Lodi, while he was visiting friends and looking after business matters at West Salem, also relieved Bro. Dennis, first Orrville Jct., ten days on account sickness.

Mr. McCaffery, at second Lodi a few days, was called home on account of the illness of his sister.

Bro. Woodruff, agent Williston, relieved by Relief Agent Young for his twelve days' vacation.

Bro. Woody who went to Cleveland to see the "Naps" get their trimmings, later took a trip through the Western States.

Harman agency discontinued and Bro. L. J. Eckroate bumped Bro. C. E. Baltzer on first there, who bumped Bro. O. C. Brahm, third Run Jct., who bumped Bro. W. M. Messenger, third Harmon, who bumped Logan Harpster, third Orrville Jct.

Bro. H. F. Larker, of Massillon, relieved by Mr. Hull on account of the death of his mother. The membership of Division 55 extend Bro. Larker their heartfelt sympathy.

F. C. Hull drew first, Bro. C. L. Farquhar second, and Bro. H. Jackson third Brewster.

Bro. F. C. Ames, third Norwalk yard, on vacation, relieved by Mr. Whistler.

We will soon be working on the telephones, Brewster to Ironville, as there are only a few more offices west of Huron Jct. to be cut in.

Get after the "No Bills," as they will get us in wrong sooner or later.

W. W. Dunn, an "old-timer" of the W. & L. E., is visiting Bro. Lyons and friends at Bellevue. John Keough, another "old-timer," in general freight house Toledo, has been transferred to Bellevue as receiving and bill clerk. H. J. Sherman, from Pittsburg, was calling on friends at Bellevue recently.

Cleveland Division—

Bro. Jackson, third Coal Docks, drew third "EX," relieved on bid by Bro. Dayton, second 93rd St.

A. B. Myers, who will soon be back in the fold, is relieving Bro. N. C. Osborne at Justus for twelve days' vacation.

Bro. J. P. West, agent Mogadore, bid in temporary relief agency, relieved by B. G. Knowlton, from the I. C., who promises to soon get in line. Bro. R. H. Bates, our "new benedict," relieved Bro. C. L. Farquhar, Mogadore days, until bid in by Bro. R. F. Smith ("O. K.-RF").

C. A. Shilling, second Kent, off ten days, relieved by Bro. R. E. Burke, later went to 93rd St. pending bids.

Bro. A. J. Mack on first and Mr. Mizer on second Brewster pending bids.

Bro. Fisher relieved Mr. Matzenbach, Canton yard second, while off on account of the death of his father. We extend him our heartfelt sympathy.

Bro. Vernon, Fair, visited his parents at Baltic a few days last month.

Business is light; a set of dispatchers pulled off. Flynn and Goodrich now in "D" days, and E. C. Palmer nights, who bumped John Sproul, who visited his folks at Tippecanoe and relatives in the West. Later Flynn relieved Dispatcher Slausser, first Cleveland Division a few days.

It's about time Mr. Shilling, second Kent, got in line.

Bro. Ross, Buchanan, is acting as assistant repeater chief in the Western Union at Cleveland, while on thirty days' leave.

Bro. Taylor is on third Canton yard while Bro. J. C. Swope is at Ellis agency relieving his brother, who had his hip broken last winter.

Bro. Lantz, first Canton yard, while at Fresno looking after his strawberry patch was relieved by Mr. Whistler.

Dispatcher "Jim" Melson was off a few days, relieved by Extra Dispatcher Flynn. Dispatcher Plantz was also off a few days.

Wheeling Division—

Bro. H. T. Welch bid in Brilliant agency.

Bro. Howard Warnock on vacation, relieved by Bro. Endreiss.

Bro. Jake Stern, agent Zoar, on twelve days' vacation, relieved by Relief Agent Bro. J. A. West.

Bro. W. A. Albaugh, second Mingo yard, visited Bros. C. H. Rector and Buchanan at Cleveland while on his vacation.

Bro. T. E. Lucas, first Adena, on vacation, relieved by F. X. McCaffery.

Bro. Fisher relieved Bro. E. W. Grose, third Hopedale, on vacation.

There has been sixty-three new members added to Division 55 since January 1st.

I have changed my address from Brilliant to Mogadore; any items you have, please mail them to R. F. Smith, Mogadore, Ohio. I wish to thank the brothers who helped me secure these items. Let each of you send all the items you can, so that we may have a nice write-up in each issue.

O. K. "RF."

Southern Ry., Div. No. 59.

St. Louis Division—

The meeting at Louisville Hotel, Louisville, Ky., Saturday night, May 23d, was a success in every respect. There were about twenty-nine or thirty of the brothers out from the St. Louis and Louisville lines.

The boys were well pleased with the treatment received from the management of the Louisville Hotel, and a vote of thanks was tendered for the courtesies extended.

Let's have more meetings, brothers. They are very helpful, and our slogan should be "Regular meetings," and all turn out.

Bro. Bottenfield, of Versailles, Ky., made a recent visit to Huntingburg.

Bro. O. M. Houghland, Troy, is on an extended vacation, relieved by Relief Agent L. C. Smith.

Bro. H. A. Boston and wife just returned from a fifteen-day vacation, having attended the I. O. O. F. grand lodge at Indianapolis.

The following brothers from points west of Louisville attended the meeting May 25th: R. L. LeGate, J. B. Nichols, R. Rainge, L. G. Tyler, R. Crawford, O. D. Longest, H. G. Melton, M. L. Fouts, B. Harris, H. A. Boston, O. J. Bische, G. V. Baker, L. E. Bell, H. E. Swank, J. H. McLin, L. E. Crandall.

Bro. J. A. Wood, agent at Huntingburg, has resigned, relieved on bid by Bro. W. T. Survant, of Lincoln City. We hate to see John leave us, for we lose a long-time member and the company a good agent.

Bro. J. A. Whaley, of Milltown, took a trip to Hardinburg recently. Hope he will be able to attend our meeting next time.

Complaint of students being allowed in some of the offices between Louisville and St. Louis, upon investigation, proved to be true. Article XVII of our schedule, which should be lived up to, reads: "No telegrapher will be allowed to keep students in any office of the company without written permission from the chief dispatcher, and in no case will there be allowed more than one student in any office, and should reasonable objections be made against any student he shall be removed." If any of the brothers are violating this section, and their obligation to the Order, they should stop it at once. Brothers who work with these students should report all irregularities at once to the proper officer, stating their objections, as they are liable to involve you in some trouble. I hope all our members can show a clear record in this matter.

Bro. C. M. Benham bid in second Huntingburg, vice Bro. F. I. Geddis, to agency Boonville.

Bro. R. R. Pitman bid in third Albion, Ill., Bro. Chapman going to Milltown second. Bro. A. M. Hall, of Birdseye, bid in the new position at Albion, and Bro. A. B. Harris bid in third Mar-engo. We are glad to see A. B. back home.

Bro. J. H. Holstein, of Gentryville, was at Evansville, and Bro. O. M. Houghland, of Troy, at Jasper recently.

Bro. J. T. Stroud, on a visit to the Pacific coast, Salt Lake, Ogden, San Francisco, Galveston, New Orleans and many points of interest in the West, will return via Chicago.

Bro. R. Crawford, just returned from an enjoyable tour through Florida, says the towns in Florida are so dry that a building would catch fire in midday.

Bro. R. Crawford, B. H. Kemp, H. A. Boston, J. H. Holstein and L. Crandall attended Lewis No. 191, Louisville, April 17th, and had a fine time.

It is Bro. H. E. Swank at Denverside now. Shake.

Bro. Stroud, of Milltown, made a trip to Louisville, and Bro. McFarland, of Taswell, was at English recently. (CERT. 138.)

Birmingham Division, East End—

Regarding the rolling clause in our present contract, I agree with W. O. Davis, Atlanta Division, in April number. He has the correct ideas. If the old heads think they should have a bid on temporary jobs, then let such places be bulletined for the length of time they are expected to be kept on. Let the regular men who bid them in not forfeit their regular positions, and when the places are cut out let them return to their regular jobs. While they are working such temporary jobs let their places be filled by extras. If no bids from regular men, then give the jobs to the oldest extra men making application. In this way it will give the old heads a chance at everything and not keep the boys on the "roll," for it is not treating the younger men right for an older head to bid in a job during the winter months that he knows won't last but a few months and then, when abolished, "roll" some fellow who perhaps invested what little savings he may have in real estate or otherwise, putting him to the trouble and expense of moving. As it is now, a fellow can't afford to take chances on building a home and settling down and try to accumulate something for a "rainy" day that's sure to reach us all, without having half centuries of age; just as long as we keep paying rent and breaking up what little we have and moving it around we will remain just as I am now—"broke." I am greatly in favor of giving the oldest men preference, and should any job be abolished that has been on for a year or more, let the party so affected have any place that his seniority entitles him to. This would very near do away with "rolling," for it's very seldom we have any of our old jobs cut out. In addition to this, let everyone take their vacation and quit taking the money, for it's hoggyish

to accept double pay for fifteen days' work when some brother on extra may not be making his board. Some of the boys raise sand because they can't get relief just when wanted. If everyone will take vacations so as to justify a few men to work extra, it won't be so hard to get relief, but we can't expect a man to stick to extra on two or three days a month. Give the old heads what they are entitled to, but give the extra man a chance. Perhaps he's a good brother that's had hard luck elsewhere, and when you can give him fifteen days and not lose the time yourself, better do it.

We started last December to have regular monthly meetings, and for the first few times had fairly good attendance. However, not more than one-third as many as could have come without interfering with their work were present; but our last two meetings were poorly attended. These meetings are the life of the Order, and the boys ought to get more interested. If we can't get together once a month, let's hear from all what you think about quarterly meetings. Surely we can get a good crowd together four times a year. Think this over and let's pledge ourselves to do for our division what others are doing for theirs. To do this we need the help of the nons, so every brother keep after them until they are landed. Those who can not be gotten are not our friends and should be treated accordingly after giving each one sufficient time to come in. We have several on this division who claim to be up to date who are six months or more behind with their dues. These and the ones who claim to be union men at heart, but can't spare the price of a card, are nons, too, and should be treated as such.

It's time now to remit for our new cards, so let's figure on this and be prepared to do so on or before June 30th. It's just as easy to pay when due as it is to put it off, and much better for all. If you wait until August, something may turn up to cause you to wait longer. Let's all remit on time and keep an up-to-date; it's a mighty good thing to have, and we should remember that one dollar of our check each month belongs to the grand old Order for securing our contract and be men enough to remit on time.

Bro. J. R. Williams bid in third Waco, relieved at Douglasville by Bro. Harry Foster, who also relieved Bro. Harry Davis, second Douglasville, at Waco; Bro. Galamore, third Douglasville; Bro. Lynn, agency McFall, and first Villa Rica by Mrs. Scarborough.

Bro. E. R. Butler was off a few days, relieved by Mr. Sherman, now relieving Bro. Crawford, first Tallapoosa, on fifteen days' vacation.

Villa Rica third, Leeds, Coalburg and Parrish second, Waco and Corona are now on bulletin.

CERT. 2802.

Knoxville Division, Between Asheville and Morristown—

Bro. C. A. Parks, first Alexander, N. C., on fifteen days' vacation, relieved by Bro. W. E. West, second there, who has been sick some time, relieved by A. M. Williams.

Bro. O. W. Craigmiles, second Rollins, N. C., on fifteen days' vacation, relieved by F. A. Misner.

O. R. Treadway, third Nocona, N. C., on fifteen days' vacation, relieved by E. D. Parrott.

Bro. D. T. Haney, first Barnard, N. C., on fifteen days' vacation, relieved by Bro. C. D. Matter. J. P. Morgan (the name sounds loud not to have a card), third Barnard, on fifteen days' vacation, relieved by C. R. Stuart.

Bro. Welch, third Citico, bid in third Sandy Bottom. Bro. F. F. Romine, first Morristown, and Bro. P. O. Byrley, third Bridgeport, bid in third Del Rio.

A. A. Price, third Bailey, N. C., off two days, relieved by Bro. G. B. Rogers, and D. D. Robinson, third Roe Jct., off a few days, relieved by Mr. Mefford.

Brothers, I want to impress upon your minds the importance of practicing the "No card, no favors" motto among the nons on this end. Some of them have the opinion that it's useless to join the Order, as they receive the same courtesies from the members that a worthy brother does. I know of a non, six miles from me, who receives an increase of \$5.00 every time we make a new agreement, which, since June 22, 1911, would amount to \$180.00. He has taken pay each year for his vacation, total amount for three years \$108.90, vacation and increase received amounting to \$288.90, paying the Order nothing, is keeping a student; and yet he receives the same accommodations from the Order men of this division that any of the members do. The only excuse this fellow has for not joining is that "*the dues are too high*" and the O. R. T. officials are getting rich off the same. May God speed the time when Order men only will be covered by our agreement. As long as we treat the non like we do a brother, we will continue to have the non.

J. J. BAILEY.

Danville Division—

We had a very small attendance at the meeting on April 25th, but nevertheless a very interesting one. Among those present were: Bros. Alexander, Duncan, Cole, Whitfield, Queensbury, Witt, Jacobs, Milloway and myself. We were sorry Bro. Sommers, from Reidsville, was absent, as there is something doing when he is with us. Bro. Alexander gave us a very interesting talk, which was greatly enjoyed. Bro. Duncan also made a few remarks that were to the point in regard to the operators and officials living up to our agreement with the company.

Bro. J. E. Smith is relieving Bro. J. W. Hopkins, Brown Summit, for his vacation. Bro. Hopkins has our heartfelt sympathy on account of the death of his son, Dr. E. H. Hopkins, of Danville, who was a telegrapher some years ago, and also a good Order man, until he left the service.

Extra Richmond relieved Bro. Mebane, Lima, Va., for fifteen days, and W. F. Baxter, Mixpah, relieved Bro. G. W. Baxter, Pomona, on his honeymoon. Congratulations.

Bro. Geringer, third Pelham Jct., off fifteen days fishing and hunting.

Boys, come to the meetings and send me some notes. Would be glad to have a few notes from down the N. C. pike.

C. M. KIRKMAN, Cert. 2819, Div. Cor.

Winston-Salem Division—

On account of my being absent for some time, it was impossible to send in a write-up, but hope we will have something in the journal every issue hereafter.

I hope the few delinquents on this division, who have not yet received their cards, will pay up and get them at once, and help us to get this division solid and keep it that way.

As soon as I can get relief I will go over the division and try to bring back all who have dropped out, and also get any new ones who may be on the wrong side. We must not allow ourselves to become negligent in this matter, it is very important that we keep a solid membership if we wish to hold what we have already secured and hope to get anything better. Even 500 on a system as large as the Southern Railway can not get the best results. It takes practically every man's help to get the things that we should and ought to have, and we will have very little trouble in getting anything we ask for if we will all "get right" and stand by the men who go up in our behalf.

Bro. Cotner, agent at Clemmons, who has been very sick with typhoid fever, is improving we are glad to learn; Extra Butner is relieving Bro. Cotner.

Sister N. F. Spoon, agent Ore Hill, is with her brother in Baltimore, who graduates in dentistry there this month.

Bro. G. C. Stewart, who relieved me, is now relieving Mr. Forbis, agent Cornelius.

Bro. Jaco, agent at Cooleemee Mills, was disappointed in not being able to go to Mississippi for a few days and return with Mrs. Jaco, who is visiting relatives there. On account of the scarcity of relief men he was unable to get off.

I am promised some items from the east end next month by Bro. Moffitt, and hope some of the other brothers will also send me any news they can by the 20th of each month, so we can have something in every journal.

W. E. JONES, Local Chairman.

Atlanta Division, North End—

The meeting at Rome, Ga., held in Central Labor Union Hall, on April 26th, was a great success, although we did not have as large a crowd as hoped for.

The meeting was called to order by Assistant Local Chairman Dellinger, and many questions were brought up and discussed of vast importance to members of this division. Another meeting was held at the same place on Sunday, May 24th, when several important matters were handled. After thoroughly discussing our seniority rule in regard to filling temporary positions, a resolution was unanimously adopted, recommending that Article I, paragraph D, in our contract, effective May 1, 1913, be amended as follows:

"When vacancies occur, or new positions are created, they will be bulletined within ten days to all offices on the division, and telegraphers will be given ten days in which to apply therefor. Such positions will be permanently filled within thirty days after the vacancy occurs. In filling temporary vacancies known to be of thirty days' or more duration, the oldest competent extra telegrapher will be given preference. In filling temporary positions known to be of not more than twelve (12) calendar months duration, the oldest competent extra telegrapher will be given preference."

A copy of this resolution will be forwarded to our committee with the request that it be given consideration at its next meeting.

Second and third at Plainville and Powder Springs was cut off May 15th. Some changes were also made on the south end between Macon and Jesup.

Bro. J. L. Thomas bid in Nickajack; Bro. C. A. Bennett, third Howell, and W. D. Fore, third Brice, relieving Bro. Rains, who bid in third Silver Creek.

Bro. Fuller, Plainville, relieved Bro. Thomas, on second Phelps, temporarily, and Bro. Brock took a vacation. Telegrapher Dillard, at Plainville, went to Holton a few days, and later to Inman yards, during Shriner week.

Bro. W. N. Thomas, Phelps, while off sick was relieved by W. D. Fore, who later relieved Bro. McDonald at Varnell a few days.

Bro. L. C. Mullins, Waring, and his brother, O. R. Mullins, were called to the bedside of their father at Ooltewah, Tenn., who was very ill. The former was relieved by Extra Stuart. Through the efforts of our committee O. R. Mullins' job was raised \$4.00 a month last March, as his benefits so far amounts to \$48.00, we feel that he should now be able to get a card.

Bro. Brock, Plainville, relieved by A. L. Wooten while attending a funeral at Bullards, Ga., was later relieved by Ray S. Miller on account of sickness, who left there the morning of May 2d without the time due him. The officials claim that money orders, etc., were missed after Miller left, and are trying to locate him.

Assistant Local Chairman Dellinger will make a trip over the division shortly to line up the few nons left. Let's give him all the assistance we possibly can.

Dues for term ending December 31, 1914, are now payable, and every member should send for his new card promptly, and keep their names off the slow list.

We are glad to learn that Bro. Williams, of Longs, is improving rapidly, and hope he will soon be on his old job again.

Thanks to Bros. Mullins, Dellinger and Fisher for their notes. Keep it up, and let's have a write-up every month.

H. G. GAV.

Washington Division—

Have you been reading the various opinions of our brothers south of us with reference to the changes in the seniority rules in our contract? If not, you should read the last several numbers of THE TELEGRAPHER and familiarize yourself with

this matter, for there is a possibility that the question involved will be an issue to be voted upon when we go before the management again. The article on page 708, in the May TELEGRAPHER, strikes a sound basis for the settlement of this rule. Cert. 2844 and others signing this article have the interests of the system at heart, and their ideas should be given serious consideration by our general committee, and they should try to incorporate the principles of this article into our next contract.

Automatic block was put into operation between Cameron Run and Manassas, May 15th, cutting off five men and two offices. The rest of these signals between Manassas and Orange will be put into operation about June 15th. This will cut off about seventeen men and seven offices. Among the changes that have been effected by closing Clifton and Edsall are: H. V. Jones, second Clifton, pulls Bro. N. S. Desler, third Buena; Bro. C. H. Adams, first Clifton, pulls Bro. M. B. Merchant, first Burke, Bro. Merchant pulling Bro. Fitzhugh second, and he Bro. Gaines third, who rolls Bro. Weeks, third Cameron Run; Mr. Ford, third Clifton, pulls Bro. Javins, first Cameron Run, he pulling Bro. P. A. McCleary, first "CD" office, who goes on split trick "CD." A complete line-up of the changes at this time is impossible.

Bro. O. P. Loving, first Culpeper, taking his vacation, relieved by Bro. Young, and he on second by Mr. Sharp.

Bro. J. E. Spitzer, on vacation, relieved by Bloxton, extra.

Bro. F. G. Faulconer, first Weyburn, off few days, relieved by Mr. Dingleline, who also relieved "ye scribe" several days.

Bro. Oscar Hudson, third Barboursville, on a trip to Atlanta, relieved by Bro. Crump.

Bro. P. T. Robertson, second Gilberts, off on account of sickness in family, relieved by Sharp, extra.

Bro. S. P. Kirkpatrick, of Somerset, is in the hospital with a complication of ailments, relieved by Bro. Rube Newman, of Weyburn, and he by Mr. Clougherty.

Bro. R. D. Lewis, who has been indisposed for some time, is back at work.

Bro. W. M. Brown, second Shipman, is being relieved by K. L. Prince, formerly one of our old-timers.

Bro. B. W. Munday, first Monroe, is taking his vacation, relieved by Bro. J. J. Connelly, and he on third by Mr. Carichoff. During the rush split trick men have been put on at Monroe to help with the work.

Sister Hamm, first Barboursville, has returned from Hot Springs after a month's absence and resumed duty.

Sisters L. M. Robertson and C. B. Fields had the misfortune to lose their father in the mine disaster at Eccles, W. Va., on May 6th.

Sister L. E. Connelly is still on the sick list, relieved by Extra Wenderoth.

Bro. Shellhorse, first Declare, taking Mrs. "S" to Baltimore hospital, relieved by Bro. M. H. Crump.

Bro. J. W. Burgess, first Charlottesville, relieved several days by Mr. Shell.

Bro. Bruffy, third Arrington, has taken his departure for "greener pastures," relieved by Extra Sharp on bid.

There will be some big changes within the next thirty days, and in the mix-up, brothers, please do not forget that you should be thinking of your card for the next term.

Brothers, please don't forget to send me your notes by the 20th. I wish to thank those who assisted me this month. Don't forget the extra man with a card; let him do your relief work if possible. I have spoken. "BE," Div. Cor.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Our heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom and goodness, has deemed it best to call to the great beyond the beloved father of our esteemed sisters, Mrs. L. M. Robertson and Mrs. C. B. Fields; in manifestation of our fraternal sympathy, be it

Resolved, That the members of the Washington Division, of Southern System, Division No. 59, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the sorrowing sisters and their families their sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved sisters and their families and a copy forwarded to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

W. E. BERRY,

J. W. BURGESS,

P. A. McCLEARY,

Committee.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank the members of Washington Division, Southern Railway, for their many expressions of sympathy in our recent bereavement in the loss of our dear father.

MRS. L. M. ROBERTSON, Cert. 589,

MRS. C. B. FIELDS, AND FAMILIES.

"GM" Washington, D. C.—

We are glad to welcome Bro. Moorehead, a new man, among us.

Cline expects to leave soon for South America. Boys, remember, "No card, no favors," and carry it out to the letter.

Don't take the money for your vacation when you can be relieved. Golden has done this against the wishes of every man here, as the manager was in a position to relieve him. This concession is a blessing to most of us, and should not be abused. It was not the intention of the company, in granting this, nor the intention of the committee, that this vacation should be turned into a money-making scheme. It is not justice to ourselves or the company, as the rest will benefit us in health and enable us to give better service after the rest.

Last year every manager of the relay office received a letter stating that he would not be allowed to take the money for his vacation, as the

company considered they needed the rest. Now, if the managers need the rest, surely the men need it also, as their duties are much more confining and trying than the managers, notwithstanding the responsibility of their positions. When you hear of a man who is thinking of taking vacation money try to show him his error.

Would like to hear the views of the other officers in regard to this matter. CERT. 1809.

Queen & Crescent Route (South), Div. No. 69.

N. O. & N. E. R. R.—

The division correspondent failed to get in his April items until April 3d, which was five days too late. They were published in the May issue of the journal. Boys, send him your notes by the 20th so he can get them in before the 28th.

General Chairman Hickman, on an extended trip down the coast in his automobile expects to visit several towns en route, including Maxie, Miss., on the G. & S. I., where he learned to telegraph. He was relieved by Bro. Will Horne, at Heibelburg.

Bro. Marrioneaux, third "D" Vossburg, secured two new members last month, and Bro. Apperson, third "MY" Meridian, secured Mr. Hadoway, manager and first "H" terminal Meridian. Boys, there are still some nons on the N. O. & N. E. Let's all pull together and get them in line, then we will be able to do something worth speaking of for our benefit, as well as theirs.

Bro. Cooper bid in split trick "JC" shops, vice Bro. Sullivan back to third there; S. E. Bilbo goes to third Picayune, and John L. Poole second "C."

Bro. H. E. Damon, third Carriere, now at Meridian with the Western Union. He still carries and up-to-date.

Bro. T. D. Walsh, off on account of the illness of his wife. We all extend him our sympathy.

CERT. 174.

Minneapolis & St. Louis Ry., Div. No. 71.

Eastern Division—

We were greatly encouraged to see so many of the boys out to the meeting at Oskaloosa, Saturday night, May 17th, there being twenty-three present—the largest number we have been able to get out for some time. Among those present were: Bros. Gardner, G. C.; Sandmier, G. S. & T.; Platts, L. C.; Foster, L. C.; McLin, A. L. C.; Scott, Sweet, Urbine, Keohen, Cunningham, Miller, Bob Vannoy, H. B. Lane, Agent Nelson, Mory, S. K. Anderson, E. W. Anderson, E. J. Wilson, R. E. Davis, Page, A. Williams and Bro. Forche, from Division 126.

The meeting was called to order at 10 p. m., General Chairman Gardner in the chair, who gave us a nice opening speech, telling us how pleased he was to see so many of the brothers out and how well pleased he was with the work we were doing all along the line.

Matters as to how we could do more efficient work in organizing our division and keeping the

nons lined up were discussed by nearly all present, and it was decided to get our division in the best possible shape and go in for a revised schedule in July or August if it could be so arranged. After the meeting adjourned light refreshments were served, and all departed happy and resolved that they would attend all the future meetings.

Bro. Sweet, the big ticket man at Albia, who was on deck, says they have their depot all painted up in fancy colors, and are going right after the business.

Bro. Rex Davis is back at Cramers again. He was offered Oakesville again, but he did not care to go back there on account of the unsatisfactory hours, so Mr. Wellington remains there. As he now has a nice girl baby to care for, we hope he will soon come in with us.

Some of the agents claim the Order don't do any good, but "In union there is strength," and when strongly organized we can back up our demands when we send up our committee.

Local Chairman Platts, on a trip West, was relieved by his brother, from the C. & N. W. at Webster City.

Bro. E. E. Carmichael, of Mason City, has been transferred from Division 126.

Bro. J. G. Kugel, of Abbott crossing, and Bro. H. C. Haben, of Seaton, new members, were taken in last month.

On account of a bridge burning out on the short line west of Hampton, the Rock Island detoured their passenger trains over our line from Hampton to Abbott crossing and vice versa. D. D. Dean, yard clerk at "YD," went to Abbott as night telegrapher during that time.

Our old friend R. W. Brown D. P. A. for several years, is now working a dispatcher's trick on the east end, being relieved by C. A. Quire, formerly agent at Grinnell.

Former Chief Dispatcher R. P. Wilson, transferred to trainmaster on east end, was relieved by Trick Dispatcher B. W. Landfear, Mr. Wilson relieving Trainmaster Barr, who was transferred to the north end, vice former Trainmaster Murphy, resigned. A subscription list was passed and a present bought for Mr. Murphy by the employees.

The few who might have attended the meeting at Oskaloosa, Saturday night, May 17th, missed a treat, and we hope they will all be out at the next meeting.

Bro. L. C. Vannoy, of Ackley, relieved General Chairman A. L. Gardner, of Abbott, while he attended the meeting at Oskaloosa.

Send in your news items, brothers. Thanks to Bro. Gardner for the nice bunch he sent in.

It is now Bro. Griffin at Albia, and Mr. Reed will no doubt soon line up. Bro. Sweet, keep after him.

W. C. M., Div. Cor.

Iowa Central R. R., Div. No. 71.

Illinois Division—

Bro. Foesman, wife and son will take two weeks' vacation at Paw Paw, Lake Michigan, July 1st.

Bro. Toennys is now with the C. & N. W., on first River Road Siding No. 2.

Bro. Siason is all smiles on account of landing Mr. Snyder, of the Western Union at "MS" Peoria.

Bro. F. Gibbons, of Iowa Jct., will lay off for two months and go with a moving picture show in the East.

WM. FOESMAN, Cert. 2849,
Division 2, Peoria, Ill.

Chicago & North Western Ry., Div. No. 76.

Lake Shore Division—

When it comes to attending meetings, the boys on the north end certainly deserve credit. The best-attended meeting ever held on this division was at Laona, Sunday, May 3d. No. 503 picked up members at every station, and the enthusiastic crowd invaded the city in such a way that the natives will remember it for years to come. The city was decorated for the occasion in a manner that made the Green Bay home-coming of last year look like thirty cents. All of the business places had banners, streamers and flags displayed and over Pennsylvania avenue was a large banner bearing our official emblem and the words "Order of Railroad Telegraphers, Welcome to Our City." A large delegation of business men, headed by the mayor, was at the station on the arrival of No. 503 to welcome the boys. The Laona Cornet Band was out in full uniform, and as soon as the train stopped opened up with "The Star-Spangled Banner." The members then formed in a line of march, and proceeded up Pennsylvania avenue, headed by the band and followed by the business men and the large crowd that turned out to see the "doings."

The meeting was called immediately in the blue room of the Hotel Gordon, which had been prepared and decorated in a very pleasing manner. Many important topics were brought up and discussed thoroughly, and much enthusiasm was shown by all the members present. A vote of thanks was extended to the citizens at Laona for the excellent manner in which the boys were entertained while in the city, and for helping make this more of a grand convention than an ordinary division meeting.

After the meeting, a sumptuous banquet was served in the dining-hall, which all hands enjoyed to the utmost. Space will not permit of naming all the good things laid before us. Anyone desiring particulars is referred to Bro. Steinbrecher.

The billiard hall was the next point visited, where an interesting match between Bros. Knudson and Steinbrecher was witnessed. The contestants were evenly matched, and it looked very much like a draw when Bro. Knudson had a burst of luck and won out by three points. These two brothers so demonstrated their ability as cue artists that there was talk of securing a match with Willie Hoppe at a near date.

About 2 o'clock some of the members made a tour of the city in an auto, visiting all the points of interest, including the Indian Village. Another party took a side trip over the Laona & Northern Railway, reporting prospects good there for a

solid lineup. A third party, consisting of Bro. Knudson and part of the faculty of the Laona High School, made a tour of inspection of the timber belt lying east of the city. On account of the extreme heat, however, this expedition was not completed, and they returned to the station just in time to join the rest of the boys in bidding farewell to the "old town."

The news that the Order of Railroad Telegraphers was in town seemed to have spread over the whole county, and there was a crowd at the station the like of which had not been seen since last county fair. When No. 504 pulled out, there was not a man in the bunch who would have missed the time for ten dollars. A vote of thanks was extended to Local Chairman Bro. Tiedka for holding this meeting on the north end and giving those brothers such a good chance to attend, which they surely took advantage of.

A trip up the Laona Line on a Sunday is worth a good deal to anyone, as there are many interesting and beautiful scenes along the route, which make this part of Wisconsin a second Yellowstone Park. Among other things, the party had the pleasure of watching the train baggageman on No. 504 catch two fine trout in the springs at Kingston, without taking more than six steps from his car, while the train stopped for water.

On arrival at Green Bay, the only members left were Bros. Frank, Tiedka, Holland and Knudson. A motor car was secured at Duck Creek, and Bro. Tiedka was taken to his home at Denmark; at least, that is where the car was headed when it left Green Bay. Nothing more has been heard from them up to this writing.

It is planned to have a meeting on the south end soon, probably at Sheboygan, and if the boys on the south end turn out like their brothers up north, there will be some time, indeed. It certainly seems good to get into a bunch of live wires like this, and if we continue the good work, we will soon be second to none when it comes to a solid lineup, and a lineup of men who mean business and do business.

It was demonstrated Sunday what the boys can do when they take enough interest in their Order to turn out the way they did. Three cheers for Division 76, for the Lake Shore Division, and for Laona, where we were shown the best time we ever had on the pike.

Lake Shore Division, North End—

Automatic signals have been installed between Duck Creek and Manitowoc Jct., relieving all the brothers of blocking, which is the heaviest work at these stations. Fones have also been installed between these points to help out when necessary.

Logging business is over for a another year, closing the night offices open on that account during the winter.

The interlocking plant at Duck Creek was out of service for about a month. While repairs were being made, switches had to be thrown by hand from the outside, giving the brothers there a little fresh air. The plant will soon be in operation again, relieving them of this work.

Bro. Retzloff, off three weeks honeymooning and visiting at different points in the State, was relieved on third North Green Bay by our new brother, Mr. Hendrickson.

Bro. H. S. Walsh and Bro. Hendrickson took in the sights at Chicago recently, the former being relieved on second North Green Bay by Mr. Mart, who later went to Pulaski second.

Brothers, send in the changes, etc., so we can have a write-up every month, and don't forget to tell the non working with you or next to you all about the Order.

Thanks to Bro. Walsh for the items he sent in this month.

"FR," Cert. 581.

Lake Shore Division, South End—

Bro. Heinig was a recent Green Bay visitor.

Bros. Tiedka, Steinbrecher and Shebelski attended the agent's meeting at Green Bay, April 29th.

Bro. Braasch, second Manitowoc, was off a week on account of sickness, relieved by Bro. Smith, relieved at Calumet yard by W. R. Dunlap.

Bro. Hendrickson is on third Denmark, relieving Mr. Hartsworm, back on extra list.

Bro. Knudson, first Green Bay dispatcher's office, made a business trip to Sheboygan and Manitowoc recently.

"FO" second and nights are open for bids.

Bro. Peterson, agent Bonduel, off sick a few days, was relieved by Bro. Nicholson, of Zachow, who also relieved Agent Ausloos, Pulaski, one day.

Bro. Reinke, who relieved Bro. Sellnow at Suring several weeks, was relieved by Mr. Manske at Gillett, and he by Bro. Mart at Pulaski nights, later relieved by Bro. Evans, former agent Lyndhurst, returned from a visit in Michigan.

Bro. Van Roy, first Rosemere, wrote up the civil service examinations at Appleton recently, relieved by Mr. Patrie.

Bro. Blau, agent Oostburg, who was off several days, owing to the death, at Brillion, of his nineteen-year-old son, Carroll, was relieved by Bro. Gatto, and he at Newton by Bro. Haulotte, who has re-entered the telegraph service.

Bro. Hawlet has returned to Newton after enjoying a few months' vacation around Green Bay.

Bro. Engles, second Calumet yard, is on six months' leave, relieved by Mr. Scalf.

Bro. Seymore, second Rosemere, was called back to the Penn. Division, relieved by Mr. Patry, Mequon nights.

Bro. Drengler, second Denmark, is acting agent at Laona, vice Bro. Liesenfelder, resigned to enter the mercantile business.

Bro. Smith, first Calumet yard, was relieved a few days by W. R. Dunlap.

Bro. Brewer, third Rosemere, has a new auto. Do not fail to attend the next meeting at Manitowoc, as he has promised us all a speedy ride around town.

Keep after the few nons, brothers, and see that every one of your fellow workers has an up-to-date; bring the Lake Shore Division to the front with a solid membership.

"No cards, no favors." "FR," Cert. 581.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Our heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom, has deemed it best to call to the great beyond the beloved son of our esteemed Bro. J. Blau; in manifestation of our fraternal sympathy be it

Resolved, That the members of the Lake Shore Division, C. & N. W. Ry. System, Division 76, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the bereaved brother and members of the bereaved family our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved brother, a copy to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication, and a copy spread on the minutes of this division.

F. W. HEINIG,

R. J. GOLDIE,

U. J. BRAASCH,

Committee.

Ashland Division—

The ore business about to start will open some offices, closed when logging was over. Cedar, Kimball and Birch already opened.

Bro. J. D. Laughlin, agent Marion, appointed postmaster there, relieved by Bro. T. C. Laughlin of third at that point.

Bro. Gardner, from Aniwa, relieved Mr. Busse, second Wausau. Bro. Crummey bid in first Wausau, leaving Stratford agency open for bids.

Bro. Barrett, third Pelican, relieved by Mr. Knapp, from the M. & St. L.

Bro. E. A. Roach bid in second Mercer, relieved by Bro. Honzick, on bid, at Wakefield. Agent Reinke relieved several days by Mr. Bauchaus.

Dispatcher Bessey, Antigo, is relieving the dispatchers at Ashland on their vacations. Bro. Garvey, Ashland dispatcher's office, was recently referred to as "Mr." Please correct, as he is up-to-date.

A meeting will be called at Antigo in the near future.

Some one from the north and south ends kindly send me what news you can get before the 20th, as I must send them to the journal before the 28th.

Div. Con.

Iowa and Minnesota Division—

We should give the company our best services and at the same time work for our own welfare. Our committee is now in Chicago, so let's see what we can do during the next thirty days towards securing a stronger membership.

W. D. Cantillion, general manager of the C. & N. W., has retired after serving this company forty years.

If you think the company can afford to pay us the wages we deserve, then please do your part to secure them.

The agents and operators north of Mason City are being held on Sundays to hand a clearance to No. 123, the only train on that end of the division. I took the matter up with Mr. Armstrong, and he said he could not do any more than he has done; that he has worked when there was

no time off whatever on Sundays. I have done the same many a Sunday, when I could not get away for dinner, but had to have it brought to me. This is no reason why such conditions should exist forever. I have asked our committee to take this matter up. We should all have something to say in regard to such matters, and then we could secure results.

Our local chairman, Bro. Howard, is back on the job after a severe illness. He will arrange for a meeting somewhere on the division shortly; when you receive a notice arrange to be on hand.

Bro. F. L. Howard, of Arnfrej, is on vacation, relieved by a new man.

Bro. Brix, of Dougherty, spent several days at Fairmount, relieved by a man whom he had to train for a week before he could handle the job. Looks as though good telegraphers are getting scarce. Several more want to take vacations, but it's hard to get relief.

The brothers who want a copy of the seniority list can be furnished one upon request.

Div. Cor.

Minnesota Division—

Recent assignments: Second telegrapher—Lewiston, Bro. W. C. Koehmel; Walnut Grove, Bro. W. H. Small; Eagle Lake, Bro. R. F. Schwab. Third telegrapher—St. Charles, H. Fellows; Lamberton, Bro. F. C. Grundt. On bulletin: Second Byron, Janesville and Burdette, and third Springfield.

Bro. Mike Daly, third Sanborn, resigned, now with the Soo Line at Kenmare, N. D. Success to you, Mike. Relieved by Bro. J. Pressnall, from Judson.

S. M. Wright, first Eyota, relieved a few days by Garvin from third.

I want to thank the many boys who helped me out with news this month, nearly all responded to the requests sent out.

W. F. Segur is now in shoe factory at Winona.

Bro. H. Burdorf, at Dodge Center, off a few days, owing to the illness of his wife, was relieved by Jack Richards, who promises to soon have an up-to-date.

Bro. E. F. Grundt, Lamberton, was off a few days.

Bro. C. F. Leatherman, on first Mankato pending the return of Bro. Mosher, relieved on second trick by F. H. Wade, a newcomer.

Bro. H. A. Sterling, agent Dodge Center, while attending a company law-suit at Kansas City, Mo., was relieved by Bro. Burdorf.

Harry Fellows, assigned St. Charles third, will be with us shortly. He went out on strike on the Frisco, and was also a delegate to the last convention at Baltimore.

Bro. Schwab returned to Eagle Lake second, relieving Telegrapher Keiland, who took Burdette pending assignment. Keiland will be with us soon.

Dispatcher Cutler resumed work May 10th, after three weeks spent in a sanatorium in Michigan. The boys are glad to have him back again.

B. H. Nixon, now in the dispatcher's office at Spooner, Wis., on the Omaha line, visited friends and relatives on this division recently.

Telegrapher Souls, St. Peter Jct. nights, who went to the M. & St. L. at Waseca, has resigned there and left for parts unknown. Jack Richards is on second St. Peter Jct. pending the return of Bro. Highlen, from the Winona dispatcher's office.

Bro. H. F. Janke, second Janesville, resigned to enter other employment, relieved by Bro. C. Watson, relieved by Telegrapher Guth, who promises to soon line-up. Brothers at the point where he may be working will see that he makes good his promise.

Bro. W. E. Skeels, at Winona, has the sympathy of all the brothers on the division, in the loss of his little daughter, who passed away at Winona, May 5th. Bros. Sorenson and Highlen arranged their work so as to take in Bro. Skeels' trick at Winona during the time he was off.

Bro. R. E. Graham returns from Mankato first to Tracy second, relieving F. M. Byars, resigned, who left for his home in the South.

F. H. Wade worked several weeks at Lamberton third and Byron second.

Local Chairman E. J. Thomas and Assistant Local Chairman D. J. Mahorrey, as Grievance Committee, held a conference at Winona with division officials, May 8th, adjusting grievances and settling other matters to the satisfaction of a number of brothers on this division whose welfare was directly effected. Bro. Thomas was relieved, at Zumbrota, by Bro. I. V. Furey, from Stockton, and Bro. Mahoney relieved, at Waseca, by Harry Fellows, from St. Charles second.

Bro. J. J. Schleckau, agent Eagle Lake, went to Omaha for several days, relieved by Bro. R. F. Schwab.

Bro. M. D. Van Darwarka is relieving Bro. A. Sawyer on third New Ulm, who went to Janesville pending assignments there.

Telegrapher McCoy, a new man, relieved Telegrapher Lusk, third Burdette, while he relieved Agent Dickerson at Lucan. Brothers, see that McCoy gets on the right side.

It is with deep regret that we chronicle the death of Bro. G. W. Cotton, which occurred at Winona, May 15th. The remains were gently laid to rest at Minnesota City Cemetery the following Sunday. No eulogy of Bro. Cotton, that I could write, would do him full justice, but those friends who had the good fortune to know him, feel that in the passing of Guy Cotton the O. R. T. has lost a staunch and loyal member, his family a kind and loving husband and father, one whose memory they will cherish for all time to come. An O. R. T. emblem floral design was placed on the casket, and resolutions were drawn by the committee and sent to the bereaved family, expressing to them our deep and heartfelt sympathy in their sad hour. Long may the memory of Guy Cotton remain green in the thoughts of the brothers of the Minnesota Division.

Dispatchers in Winona office beginning with their vacations, and Dispatcher T. F. Carroll is being relieved on third trick Middle Division by Dispatcher R. M. Morse.

E. W. Zieske, agent Walnut Grove, off a few days attending the funeral of a relative, relieved by Telegrapher Garver, from Eyota third.

Bro. W. H. Small, back with us again, now on Walnut Grove second, was married June 3d.

The meeting at Mankato, Saturday evening, May 9th, was presided over by Bro. Thomas, all the local officers being present, also about twenty-five brothers, including general secretary and treasurer of Omaha Division No. 4 and a brother off the O. G. W. Ry. at Mankato. Several matters were brought up and discussed, including the report of the trip made by the Grievance Committee to Winona a few days previous. The meeting, which was taken part in by nearly all the brothers present, was one of the best we have had for some time. More of the boys should make an effort to get to these gatherings, get acquainted with the other brothers, voice their grievances and take part in the discussions. That is the way to bring out the most good, and every one will go his way homeward feeling that he has spent a very profitable evening and one that will promote his own welfare as well as that of his neighbor. Such was the feeling of those who attended the last meeting. Get out and boost.

D. J. M.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Our heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom and goodness, has deemed it best to cause our esteemed brother, G. W. Cotton, to be called to the great beyond; and

WHEREAS, We realize that in the death of Bro. Cotton we have lost a true and loyal brother; therefore, in manifestation of our sorrow and fraternal sympathy, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of Chicago and Northwestern Division, No. 76, extend to the friends and relatives our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in this sad hour; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved wife, a copy spread on the minutes of this division, and a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

E. J. THOMAS,
J. G. JOHNSON,
D. J. MAHONEY,
Committee.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to the O. R. T., I. O. F., Modern Samaritans, B. of R. T. 510, the Street Car Motormen, Rev. Dally and the many friends and neighbors, for the beautiful flowers and sympathy shown us at the time of our late sorrow and bereavement in the death of our husband, son and brother.

MRS. GUY COTTON AND DAUGHTERS,
MR. AND MRS. GEO. W. COTTON,
MR. AND MRS. S. E. COTTON,
MR. RISSEY COTTON.

Dakota Division—

Bro. C. V. Pratt, second Tyler, has resigned, relieved by Bro. Phelan.

Bro. G. L. Curran, second Desmet, relieved by O. H. Mueller, has gone on his claim near Wasta.

Bro. R. A. Pfefferle, second Cavour, has resigned to engage in the general merchandise business at Cavour, relieved by O. J. Spaulding, a new man.

Bro. A. D. Loatscher, agent Highmore, is now with the C. M. & St. P. Ry. at Glenham, S. D.

Bro. C. V. Pratt, second Tyler, now has a position in a garage in Minneapolis.

We are glad to welcome Bro. M. A. Taylor back on the division. He is relieving E. A. Clark, third Brookings.

Bro. R. W. Richardson, who relieved E. A. Nohlgreen, agent Estelling, was later relieved by Bro. A. H. Broudiur, and went to the Sioux City dispatcher's office.

K. E. Platt relieved T. M. Kridera, agent Agar, on his honeymoon. He will need the protection of the Order now more than ever, and we hope to get his application on his return.

We had our usual monthly meeting at Redfield, S. D., May 10th, with a fair attendance. A good time was enjoyed by all. We are not having the attendance at these meetings that we should have, considering our 70 per cent membership on this division, which is a fine increase considering the condition our division was in prior to the changes made several months ago. There is no reason why from twenty to thirty members can not be present at each meeting. Get a little "sic" into you and attend. If you have any grievances relative to your work or working conditions that is the place to discuss them, no matter how slight. Attend the meetings and give us an opportunity to hear your troubles, and adjust them. Don't sit around and worry about them, but take the proper steps to remove them. Perhaps the O. R. T. never did anything for you because you never gave it a chance. *Never* did anything for the writer either, personally; but you and I might need its help and protection, mighty bad tomorrow.

Former Bro. Bishop, at Monroe, S. D., had his depot burned down, destroying quite a lot of his personal property about three years ago and we helped him. Today he can go joy riding in his auto, but don't seem to care to become up to date.

We extend an invitation to former members, as well as up-to-date members, to come to our meetings, and whatever grievances they have may be put before us, as we are willing to help anyone.

Our next meeting will be held at Huron, June 14th, when we hope to have an exceptionally fine attendance. H. A. W. GRAHAM, Div. Cor.

Wisconsin Division—

Bro. Leroy C. Stalder, agent Chemung, taken seriously ill while on duty the afternoon of May 14th, was removed the following morning to the Cottage hospital, at Harvard, and operated on for appendicitis. He died the morning of May 17th, funeral being held from his late residence at Chemung, Wednesday, May 20th, and interment at Niles Center. The funeral was well attended by the O. R. T. boys, and a fine floral offering was sent by the members of Wisconsin Division.

Bro. Regan, of Capron, called to Milwaukee on account of his mother's illness, was relieved by L. A. Livingston, of Rockford, who later went to Chemung as agent, pending bulletin. Wm. Soles, of Woodstock, is on third Harvard, and Bro. Price at Genoa Jct.

An operator will be placed at Crystal Lake during the rush. Sister M. Reil, first Mayfair, was called to Green Bay recently on account of sickness in her family.

J. H. Brown bid in first Lake Forest, and Bro. Hammond second Lake Bluff tower. Bro. Chour has resumed at Lake Bluff tower, and Bro. J. C. Richardson has returned to work after three weeks' sickness.

Bro. W. P. Joyce, agent Shopiere, on vacation, relieved by Bro. Raymond, and he by W. A. Louis, a new man, on third South Janesville.

Bro. H. B. Hamlet, first South Janesville, was absent several days recently account sickness.

Bro. C. M. Lester, first Clinton Jct., is enjoying a few weeks' honeymoon.

We were very sorry to hear of the sudden death of Mr. Dady's son, of Harvard, who was firing at the round house.

Bro. H. D. Adams, agent Caledonia, called on the boys between Caledonia and Harvard recently.

Brothers, get after the nons, and send all your news to your local chairman regularly.

CERT. 262.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom, to call from this earth our esteemed Bro. Leroy C. Stalder; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the members of Wisconsin Division No. 76 extend to the sorrowing widow and family of the deceased brother our heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, a copy spread on the minutes of the division and a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

W. H. COBURN,

C. E. ABLEMAN,

H. L. SHARER,

Committee.

CARD OF THANKS.

Through THE TELEGRAPHER we wish to express our sincere thanks to the members of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, Wisconsin Division No. 76, for their kind assistance during the sickness and death of our beloved one, and also for the beautiful floral offerings.

MRS. LEROY C. STALDER AND FAMILY,
Chemung, Ill.

Galena Division—

We had a meeting at DeKalb, May 23d, which made up in high spirit and enthusiasm what it lacked in numbers.

We expect to have another in the near future at West Chicago.

We expect to procure a needle from some eminent surgeon and a barrel of new life, and

inoculate all of the dormant ones with a double charge in order to see if we can get rid of that dread disease known as "ennui" (please look this up before getting frightened to death). This is a terrible disease, also very contagious, and deals out death and destruction to any organization that it gets a good hold on, so it is up to us to cast it out from our midst.

If every brother will turn out to our next meeting they may find a way to help us along.

Any brother having any news of any kind will please forward the same to the local secretary at DeKalb and he will have the items sent to Bro. Quick at St. Louis for publication. Anyone who does not know the name of the secretary at DeKalb will please look on the notice of his local dues that has been or will be sent to him and he will become as wise as the rest of us. It might also be a good plan while looking at that notice of local dues to consider what best be done with it.

We hope to have more news next month, and a little more nerve. CERT. 805.

Chicago Terminal District—

On account of the death of R. E. Webb, director at Carpenter street, several changes have taken place. Charley Lunl gets the director's job; Crampton, First Division; Sibben, Second Division; Rice, Third Division; Goebel, second Sangamon street, and third Sangamon on bulletin.

Bro. Geo. Cone has taken one of the relief jobs, and John Harris third at Noble street regular.

Bro. De Decker took second Hunting avenue, while Bro. Gladish is relieving him on first Wilmette. Third Wilmette is open.

The boys at Lake street and Clinton street have been granted ten days' vacation this year, for which they are very thankful and much pleased.

The local chairman visited Bro. Coburn, of Harvard, lately on business.

Not a word from the Galena Division side of the Terminal. There is certainly plenty of room for organization work out there. Before this is in print the local chairman will have made a trip in that territory to see what can be done.

The boys on the Wisconsin and Milwaukee Divisions of the Terminal are to be congratulated; they are alive and thoroughly interested in this organizing game we are now engaged in.

No changes at Lake street, only that Bro. Lawson is working split trick while the vacations are in progress.

Bro. George Kenney is on third at Clinton street, Lee on second and Bro. Strande on the split trick, all regular assignments.

Bro. Strande is performing relief work at Clinton street during the vacations, and Bro. Cheney is doing the same stunt at Lake street.

"No card, no favors." LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, has deemed it best to call to her heavenly home the beloved mother of Bro. John A. Rose; and

WHEREAS, We bow in humble submission to Him that doeth all things well; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the Chicago Terminal District, Division No. 76, O. R. T., extend to Bro. Rose our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in his sad bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved brother, a copy spread upon the minutes of the Chicago Terminal District, Division No. 76, and a copy sent to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

D. C. SMART,
F. F. BREINING,
W. J. EARLEY,
Committee.

New Orleans, Mobile & Chicago R. R., Div. No. 80.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our great appreciation and sincere thanks to all the operators on the Mobile Division for the beautiful floral offering presented by them in token of their sympathy for the loss of our dear baby boy.

MR. AND MRS. HENRY GROSS,
First Trick Dispatcher, N. O. M. & C. R. R.

Western Maryland Ry., Div. No. 82.

Western Division—

The writer had the pleasure of being at a well attended meeting of the general committee in Cumberland recently. More meetings of this kind would mean more members and better ones; they are an inspiration to those who are able to attend. The Order shows a healthy gain in membership for the first five months of the present year. Let us all help collectively and individually make it a banner year. Very few dropped out during the past year, and our financial condition is good. This should prove a healthy stimulant to our committee, when it goes up for that fifteen-day vacation and that long expected increase in wages.

Today the boys on the B. & O. are enjoying a generous increase in pay, and fifteen days' vacation for everybody that taps a key or answers a phone. What has been done can be done. We of the rank and file propose giving our committee the fullest moral and financial support, and in return we expect it to bring home the bacon.

Notwithstanding the fact that several offices were closed recently, extra men are making good time.

Bro. Niland, from second Colmar, to extra list, displaced by Bro. Mull, closed out at Meyersdale. Stanley showed his grit by early taking out an up-to-date. R. W. England, one of the very few dropped out, claims the Order never done anything for him and that he was tired of paying in his money and getting nothing for it, but if we got him a raise he would come in again.

Dispatchers Hirschiser and Grimm, and former first trick operator "GM," are at the new Ridgely

yard office pending bulletin. Third "GM," recently advertised and filled by J. F. Fordyce whom we never heard of, and whose name does not appear on our seniority list.

Bro. Rinehart, third Rockwood, on fifteen days' vacation, relieved by Bro. Niland.

Bro. Rafferty, second Ohiopyle, has gone to the B. & O. He says the new schedule on that line looks good to him. Frank is always after the dough.

Brothers, there is no excuse for sleeping on duty on eight-hour tricks. We should give the company the best service possible, and show that we are worthy of an increase in wages and better working conditions.

The general committee, after concluding business with General Superintendent Ennes, the first of May, took a trip over the new line, from Cumberland to Connellsville, through a beautiful mountain country, and while waiting for a return train, took in the movies, and Bro. Kolly said, "Take me back to Hanover; nothing but mountains, and even mountains on the stage scenery."

Bro. Smith, first "GC" Jct., enjoys the luxury of a fine auto, and one day recently when the writer was on No. 3, he raced it through the narrows at Cumberland, holding his own with the train without any trouble. CERT. 254.

TO THE NONS OF THE W. M.

Now, boys, I've just been thinking,
As I sit in my office tonight
Of the good that our lodge is doing,
And I think it is doing what's right.

So why can't we all get together
And not leave it all to a few,
And don't always keep holding back, boys,
To see what they're going to do.

If the soldiers would all stay at home,
But a few who were willing to fight,
Do you think they would win just the same
As if all turned out with a might.

So see if we can't get lined up,
And each one carry his load,
And the O. R. T. of the W. M.
Will compete with any road.

But don't wait till all is settled,
And you think we got what was right,
And then when we get our raise
You can say that you helped in the fight.

For would you think much of a soldier
Who would wait till the war was done
And then come to join the army,
After all the battles were won?

Yet that is what you are doing;
Just waiting for something to come,
So if all our members were like our nons,
The jobs would be on the bum.

CERT. 268.

Bangor & Aroostook R. R., Div. No. 83.**Main Line—**

Bro. Murphy, who bid in second "D," was relieved several days by Mr. Burns, who also relieved Bro. Griffith, third "D," on two weeks' vacation while at Boston.

Bro. Crommitt bid in first relief agent position, vice Bro. Johnson now relief dispatcher at "KX."

Bro. Crommitt recently relieved Station Agent Holden at Smyrna Mills on two weeks' vacation.

Bro. Bowley, formerly at "KX," bid in agency Griswold. CERT. 141.

Texas & Pacific Ry., Div. No. 88.**Eastern Division—**

The State (eight-hour) as well as the nine-hour law is being abused to where conditions are at a point that affairs now in the meaning of this law (safety) is in far worse conditions than when operators worked twelve hours, occasioned by the railroads obliging operators to perform other duties than telegraphing. Discrimination is being made between operators and agents, which is detrimental to the company, because in many places the influence of the telegraphers with patrons of the road are on a par with other employees who draw much larger salaries.

May 12th the following rules were put in force on this division: "To avoid necessity of increasing station forces and a better understanding as to hours required at certain stations. Where three telegraphers are employed (including agents who fill one of the tricks) the day trick man will work six hours as telegrapher and three hours at other work assigned by the agent. The other two operators will work nine hours (each) as telegraphers and do other duties assigned them by the agent *without interfering with their telegraphing.*"

(This arrangement will be put into effect on all divisions.)

Stations at *present* affected on Eastern Division are: Atlanta, Jefferson, Big Sandy, Grand Saline, Terrell, Forney, Eagle Ford and Arlington.

It seems this division is the seat of all contentions, as all other divisions seem to be working in harmony.

For the welfare of all members and the organization, as our schedule has been in force now about six months, I suggest that a vote be taken on the entire system relative to employing a grievance man, as the trainmen have, who can go over the system and familiarize himself with the working conditions at each point. This is very essential in preparing our next schedule, as it is our greatest trouble and our positions will not permit us to meet and discuss conditions.

Boys, get busy on this question, and let's have a vote on it. I suggest that a member at each point write the House of Representatives at Washington, D. C., for a copy of "Safety on Railroads." It is an article that all should read and will cost you nothing.

The recent complications on the S. P. Ry. and New Haven has proven that federation is beneficial to all, and on every occasion talk this matter

over with your fellow-employees, all of whom I find heartily in favor of this move.

Very few items were received this month for the journal. Wake up, boys, and send me the news.

Bro. B. B. Campbell, off a few days sick, was relieved by J. H. Milsap, relieved by Bro. R. V. Peterson, from N. P. in Washington, who is of a robust nature and works well to the mail wagon.

Bro. Hegan, agent Eagle Ford, off ten days on account of illness of his grandmother at Marthaville, La., was relieved by Bro. Calvin, of second, and he by Bro. Hartsell, from "WX" Denison (Katy).

Arlington third on bid.

Mr. Harris, during the misunderstanding on the C. B., was asked to vacate at Pittsburg, and came to the T. & P. (his first love), and assigned Gladewater. He has now resigned and returned to Pittsburg, where he has been reinstated.

Bro. Sellers, at Lodi, was off fifteen days on account of sickness, relieved by Bro. Barbier.

Bro. Diehl, at Kildare, called to court, was relieved by Bro. Barbier, who later relieved Mr. Smith at Arlington. Bro. Hollinsworth, third Arlington, has gone with the Cotton Belt at Ft. Worth, relieved by Mr. Lawry, a new man.

Bro. Huffmaster's wife, seriously ill, was taken to the Baptist sanitarium at Dallas for an operation, which we hope will be successful. Bro. Huffmaster accompanied his wife, relieved by Bro. R. V. Peterson.

Be sure to give the local chairman notice of all changes. It is important that he knows about them. CERT. 373.

Transcontinental Division—

I notice with pleasure that the April TELEGRAPHER had write-ups from all the divisions on the T. & P., and I hope the boys will keep the good work going and have it that way every month. It only takes a few minutes to send in your notes to the correspondent, and neither he nor your local chairman can keep up with everything, so whenever you know of a change or news item, drop me a line, so we can have an interesting write-up every month.

Be prompt in paying your dues and assessments; don't put your notice aside to be paid later, but pay it just as soon as you are notified, so Bro. Hambright will know just how you stand. We want to get every man on the line to join, and I hope every member will work on his neighbor non until he secures his membership. Some of them are good men, but are laboring under false ideas as to the company's attitude, which we must take pains to correct.

In the May TELEGRAPHER I asked every man bidding on a job to send me a copy of his bid. It is necessary for me to have this information, in case a man should be assigned to a position that he is not entitled to according to the seniority list. Of course, his capacity must be considered ahead of seniority. Please don't forget to send me a copy of your bid.

A non was assigned to Denison agency. Bro. W. O. Robertson is cashier there.

Honey Grove second is on bulletin.

Bro. R. L. Brown, agent Ector, visiting at Avery and Clarksville, was relieved by Bro. B. W. Wilson, who also relieved Bro. L. R. Anderson, first Bells, several days, and later relieved Bro. J. E. Denton, agent Dodds, when called to Rexton on account of his mother's death. We extend Bro. Denton our heartfelt sympathy.

Bro. F. A. Wemple, first Bonham, is on the sick list.

Grain will soon begin to move. Boys, let's see if we can not save the company some money by examining every car carefully and seeing that it is in good shape before loading it, and if we should happen to find a leak or two in a car of bulk grain, let's get our hatchets and nails and put the car in good condition. When we can save the company any money or keep down claims and anything that will increase our worth to them, let's be right there with the goods, and, next to this in importance, let's always be in a good humor and treat the patrons of the company right and always have a pleasant word and smile for them, and they will think more of us and our company, and it will be a pleasure to them to do business with us.

P. O. RUTHVEN, Local Chairman.

New Orleans Division—

We can have a good write-up every month if you brothers will send me the changes and other items. I have received notes from only two brothers since I was appointed correspondent, and these were Bro. W. H. Robinson, agent Glynn, and Bro. H. R. Montecino, cashier Harvey. Bro. Robinson's notes were received too late to be in the April issue. Thanks to these brothers.

Vacheries was bid in by Bro. J. P. Burton, from Batchelor, relieved by Bro. E. P. Lacour, from Shaw, which is now up for bids. Bro. L. J. Bourdier, agent Belle Alliance, off several days attending court at Canton, Miss., was relieved by Bro. Thiac. Bro. Bourdier seems to enjoy these "side" trips.

The *T. & P. Monthly Magazine* for May, 1914, publishes the following: "The old expression, 'Good things come in small packages,' is especially exemplified by the position of Napoleonville and its agent, W. B. Harp. An immigration movement, close attention to business and great interest in his probable standing forced Mr. Harp to the top." His picture shows very prominently what type of a hustler Bro. Harp is, and we feel very proud to have such an enthusiastic worker enlisted with us. We hope he will continue in his good work and that his example will be followed by many of the other brothers who have the same opportunities.

Don't forget to send your news items to Bro. R. E. Cecil, agent Burton, on or before the 20th of the month for the next issue of the journal. Don't forget that "Every little bit added to what you got makes just a little bit more," and that is just what we want.

Div. Cor.

Joint Track Division—

The Joint Track motto is: "100 per cent solid;" "No card, no favors." We all know that can't be beat.

Brothers, please send me all the news available not later than the 20th.

Get after the few nons on this division. We have only three left, and one of them promised; also the new men, and line them up.

Bro. H. R. Hambright, off for thirty days on account of sickness, was relieved by Bro. C. W. Davidson bumped at Roanoke.

Ft. Worth second must be threshed out as there seems to be some mistake as to the understanding of the contract.

I am taking up with our secretary and treasurer the matter of having a meeting and will announce the exact date and place soon as decided upon.

Brothers, we must discourage working with the student at "NY" Ft. Worth, and all of us try to get "K's" application.

Business is picking up, and a few new jobs may soon open up.

The cartoon in the April journal is a good one. The old opposition boat has become so badly weather-beaten that she will not be able to withstand many more storms.

Let our watchword be: "Efficient service," and give the old T. & P. the very best we possibly can, then when we ask for further concessions we will have no trouble in getting them.

Your correspondent has just moved, my address is now 301 South Broadway.

We hope the Ft. Worth Telegrapher's Club may have great success. A better man than Bro. Malone for secretary could not have been selected and we should do everything in our power to help make it a success. Our meeting can be called at Ft. Worth in conjunction with the club meetings, and have brothers attend from all the roads running into Ft. Worth.

I am trying to have Bro. Hambright find a solution for our overtime troubles. Hereafter mail him a duplicate copy of your overtime, also your bid on each bulletined job, then we can keep it straight.

"No card, no favors" for No. 88; 100 per cent solid. CERT. 501.

Rio Grande Division—

After a ten-inch rain all over West Texas we are feeling fine, being assured of a big cotton year.

Telegrapher Jones bid in Strawn days; relieved on third Merkel by Extra Marshall, pending bids.

Some of the agents who were not relieved of switch lights until several months after the schedule was effective failed to get pay for handling them. This should be taken up.

Bro. Leach, second Merkel, was off several days owing to his little girl being sick, whom we are glad to note is much better.

J. E. McMurray, agent Aledo, is not yet a member, but has promised to join. Bro. Carl Lasater out of service on account of reduction and Aledo is now a two-man station.

Bro. J. A. Stover appointed agent Benbrook, vice A. S. Oneal gone to the "Katy" as train auditor.

Bro. Littlefield, third Cisco, off several days, relieved by Bro. Tarrant, of Putnam.

G. E. Day is reported sick at Oran, Texas, where he is visiting relatives.

Bro. Glass, second Abilene, off a few days, was relieved by G. A. Collins, of Clyde.

Many thanks to Bro. Collins, of Aledo, for items furnished; come again. CERT. 89.

Illinois Central R. R., Div. No. 93.

Illinois Division, Chicago District—

Twenty members were present at our meeting in Kankakee on May 15th, and a most interesting session in ritualistic form was held. The feature of the evening was the initiation of Bros. Meeks and Wilkes, who conducted themselves in a very commendable manner, and are entitled to a hearty welcome as members of our Order.

Bro. Morrison, our worthy local chairman, has been doing some very effective work rounding up the new men as well as a number of our old standpat nons. Besides five or six applications received, he reports several promises for the near future. This helps materially towards the consummation of our ambition to make the Illinois Division 100 per cent solid, and with the energetic co-operation of each member there is no doubt of it being accomplished.

Bro. R. L. Madix, of Otto, seriously injured in the cyclone April 24th, was taken to Mercy Hospital, Chicago, to receive special treatment for his broken and dislocated shoulder. We are glad to learn that he is improving rapidly, and that no permanent injuries will result from his accident.

Bro. G. D. Cox, Roberts nights, has returned from his annual vacation, relieved by T. M. Lovan, who later relieved Bro. McNabney, nights Gibson, fifteen days.

Bro. Balfe, Gilman, relieved thirty days by F. W. Dugan, Jr.

Bro. Billingsby bid in third Effingham, relieved on third Monee on bid by Mr. Behrenas, who has promised to come in this month. B. E. P.

Illinois Division, Champaign District—

W. L. Rainey relieving at Galton for fifteen days.

Bro. A. O. Kepner, of Kinnmundy, who relieved Bro. O. E. Connors, Arcola tower, on account of sickness in his family, later assigned Kinnmundy station nights, and Bro. O. D. Keen assigned Laclede agency.

A new train order office, called "Paradise," has been opened about a mile south of Mattoon, with Bro. J. B. Foster, in charge, whom we understand is hired by the J. D. Lynch Co.

Understand the night clerk at Tuscola has changed his title to "H. H. W.'s emergency operator." Brothers, turn all the dope you hear on this over to the local chairman and let's try and have it stopped. C. E. M.

Springfield Division—

Bro. G. E. Houseman is on three months' vacation.

Bro. T. B. Walker, agent Patoka, was off few days on account of sickness, relieved by Bro. E. H. Bonney.

Bro. R. O. Griffin, agent Vera, off few days attending court in the interest of the company, at Shelbyville, relieved by Bro. Bonney.

Eating and boarding places at Walker are very scarce. Be sure and take plenty of sardines and crackers with you if assigned there.

Bro. M. Tobin, laying off some time on account of poor health, has given up "Z" Springfield nights, and bid in third Mt. Pulaski tower. Bro. J. L. Moore, agent Spaulding, bidding in the vacancy at "Z," relieved by Bro. Espenschied, from Litchfield, who is "skeery" of the hold-up men. Bro. O. L. Martin went to Litchfield pending bulletin.

Bro. Harry Meadows, agent Divernon, relieved some time by Bro. Beach, has returned with a bride. Congratulations.

Mr. Messinger, ex-agent Mt. Pulaski, is in Texas, on his way to fight the Mexicans. We hope he makes a better soldier than he did an Order man. C. W. DONALDSON, Div. Cor.

Indiana Division—

Mr. Stucker, second Palestine, off thirty days account ill-health, relieved by Bro. Miller.

Mr. Bloye, of Pekin, resumed duty after being off three months, Moore going to Bloomfield agency pending bulletin.

Bro. Wernsing, of Allenville, was relieved two weeks by Bro. Knight.

Bro. Hocking, of Hidalgo, was off several days, during May.

Bro. Burr has resumed at Bone Gap after two months' illness.

Bro. McNeff, of the "Big Four," has accepted position in the I. C. local freight office at Peoria.

Bro. Quinn, Mattoon, was off two days during May attending a funeral at Chicago.

Bro. Hall has been assigned to Bloomfield, vice Clements; Bro. Moore, extra, filling the vacancy temporarily.

Bro. McGinnis, Poseyville, was off for thirty days.

Quite a large number of agents attended the agent's meeting at Newton, May 17th.

Div. Cor.

CARD OF THANKS.

Iowa Division—

NEW HARTFORD, IOWA, May 15, 1914.

I wish to thank the members of Division No. 93, located on the Iowa Division of the Illinois Central R. R., through THE TELEGRAPHER, for the many kind words of sympathy and the lovely floral pillow presented by them at the death of my beloved wife on May 9, 1914.

R. G. REISINGER, Cert. 2869.

St. Louis District—

Sand Ridge agency closed. Second and third Christopher cut off. Bro. W. L. Virgin, relieved on second East St. Louis a few days, and Bro. Grissom, after relieving Bro. Settleimar, agent DeSoto, while attending court in Chicago, and Bro. Elmore, ticket agent Marion, attending court in Murphysboro, relieved by Bro. R. Humes, night ticket agent Carbondale, while taking the civil-service examination at Cairo, and later displaced Bro. Reynolds at North yards.

Bro. Murdock bid in the new job at Ware, and Bro. Paul Copeland bid in third Belleville. Other vacancies assigned on bulletin were: South Jct. second, C. W. Smith; North Jct. first, O. Strand; second, L. F. Pearson; third, C. A. Wright; Illinois Jct. second, E. R. Sanders; Pinckneyville second (60 days), G. R. Wallace.

Boys, please keep me posted as to changes not later than the 20th of each month. Div. Cor.

Louisiana Division—

Owing to the division correspondent being off the division and very little news to report, our write-up for last month was omitted.

The strawberry season is about over, much to the regret of Bros. Rehhorst, Smith, Allen and Seab. Extra operators were put on at Ponchatoula and Independence to handle the business.

The vegetable season has superseded the strawberries, and the agents north of McComb are now getting theirs, especially at Hazlehurst and Crystal Springs; solid trains moving out of these two points.

A day operator has been put on at Hazlehurst for sixty days, bid in by Bro. J. G. Phipps. "Jim" says "FI" is a nice place to spend one's honeymoon; the bride says "ditto."

Recent assignments: Bros. T. C. Bowes to fourth at Jackson, Miss.; A. K. Ellzey, nights Tangipahoa, La.; Guy Weathersby, fourth McComb, Miss.; O. M. Barbee, second Kenner Jct., La.; Grover C. Gwin, days Magnolia, Miss.

Several of the boys are taking their vacations, and as the hot weather will soon be in full blast, many others will get the vacation fever. Bro. Floyd Williams, agent Gullet, has returned, after spending several weeks with relatives in St. Louis, relieved by Bro. Ellzey, clerk from Tickfaw.

Bro. J. F. Caldwell, late of the S. P., is helping to do the extra work. "CQ" put 'em over like a heavyweight.

Following new members since our last report, which shows that individual effort gets results. Samuel Hosea, Albany, La.; H. L. Whitworth, McComb, Miss.; H. E. Holliday, Jackson, Miss., and John Weeks and G. W. Smith, towermen Brookhaven, Miss.

Stewart Gant, of Canton, and Grandma Poley, of Nogan, continue the old hard-luck story. The latest is: "My mother-in-law has been sick for a long time." It would be more truthful to say: "Dollars for Ky. Taylor, but nothing for the O. R. T."

Leslie Chambers is anxious for the O. R. T. committee to make a killing. He says "HO"

needs some more money badly. Less is one of those hard-luck kids, too; always behind the O. R. T.

Our general committee is still on the job in Chicago, and prospects look good for a settlement. Probably before this is read the good news will have been received and everybody pleased except a few soreheads and one or two nons.

Div. Cor.

Mississippi Division—

We have not had a write-up from this division in two or three months on account of sickness in family of our correspondent, but as conditions are very much improved, will try to give you a few items this month.

Bro. Edwards, relief agent, is kept on the move with transfers, sickness and vacations, having relieved Bro. Eberling, at Courtland; Bro. McNeil, at Vaughan; Bro. Kelly, at Hernando, and Bro. Weir, at Weir, lately.

Bro. Rehberg, Pickens, was relieved several nights by Mr. Holt, a new man; Bro. Buford, agent Sallis, by Bro. Coleman; Bro. W. S. Caldwell, Vaiden, by Bro. Steele; Bro. Winn, agent Horn Lake, by Bro. Griffin; Bro. Drown, agent Enid, by Mr. Robertson; Bro. Holley, third Coffeeville, by Bro. Hodges, from Division 62, and Bro. Jones, at Tillatoba, by Mr. Young, for vacations.

Bro. Prigmore, with the company since May, 1906, has resigned Pope agency, Bro. Rhew, from Coldwater, bidding it in, relieved by Bro. Kelly on bid, and he by Bro. McNeil at agency Hernando, Mr. Ennis bidding in agency Vaughan.

Bro. Gore assigned to agency Nesbit, relieved by Bro. Williams on first "CF," but, on account of abolishing "NE" at Water Valley, Bro. Huff "rolled" him back on second again, bumping Bro. Seadman, who had bid it in.

Mr. Arnett, after asking for fifteen days' vacation, resigned, and O. W. Goyer bid in third Sardis.

Bro. Steele assigned to second Ackerman, and Bro. C. Y. Goolsby, second West Point permanently, and Bro. Gulo, first "CF" (ninety days), while Bro. Huff is visiting relatives in Kentucky and taking a trip to California and other points; Bro. Hodges going to Durant third.

Bro. L. D. Goolsby, on account of the illness of Bro. Knight, bid in Abbeville agency for three months. Bro. Bryant, third Grenada, visited the Bluff City recently.

Bro. Bull, our local chairman, was over the division recently, lining up the boys, and found it about 95 per cent "for."

Bro. Weir is nicely fixed up and very proud of his new depot at Weir.

Bro. Faucett, our efficient agent at Toone, is getting pretty tired of "camp" life, and will be very glad when the company erects him a depot. The old one was destroyed by fire several months ago, and he has a nice cool box-car to do business in this summer.

CERT. 326.

Chicago Great Western R. R., Div. No. 96.

Brothers: Bros. Norris and myself have just covered the system with the exception of the W. M. & P., and as we have only about three nons on that division we did not think it would pay to cover it. We secured a large increase in membership; all the divisions are now in fine shape, and Bro. Norris advises that he is still receiving applications through the mail since our trip over the line. But, brothers, there are still a few nons left. It is our aim, before the committee convenes for a revision of schedule (which will be very soon), to bring up our membership to 99 per cent, and we can reach that point if every member will take a personal interest and try to induce the nons to join and help better our conditions. As your local chairman can not get them all, a friendly line from you might do more good than a dozen letters from him. This is a matter which concerns us all, and it is hoped that you will all take a personal interest and make the C. G. W. a poor place for a non to light; and when your committee asks for a revision, send it in with a good, strong membership back of it. All of you no doubt know the proposition we have been up against in the past, and that is all the more reason why you should all take an active part.

A. L. COLEMAN,
General Chairman.

Northern Division—

The notice of dues for the present term has been mailed to each member, and all are urged to pay up promptly. There is nothing gained in being dilatory. There are cases where sickness might not permit one to remit at once, but keeping up to date in our organization should be considered one of our first obligations, and your obligation should not end in just being up to date. Every member should grab a root and make a diminution of those nons who have done nothing but act pleased over an increase which his neighbor helped get for him.

Bro. Coleman and myself just recently covered the system and we had fine success in increasing our membership. Since the first of the year we have taken in eighty-three new members, which has made the system in better shape than ever before. Now, brothers, it remains for each one of us to keep it so. The organization on the C. G. W. is just what the members make it. When conditions look the darkest, our determination for organization should be the strongest. We do not possess the ideals of unionism if we discard the O. R. T. when we face obstruction and strong opposition. Those are the times when we should remain steadfast, true to a right belief, strive on for a true cause and stand together to protect the advantages we have secured.

The committee believes that we should request a revision of the schedule as soon as business conditions are better, and while we are waiting for the opportune time let no brother relinquish his membership. Since we worked hard to strengthen old No. 96, let us hope that each one will do his part to keep it so.

Bro. Thos. McBride, agent Rich Valley, and Bro. L. G. Meek, agent Taopi, were recently married. We wish the couples happiness.

Bro. Ed Stack, second Hayfield, is now in St. Paul "X" nights. We hope that he can convert Jenny and McAdams. He was relieved at Hayfield by R. G. Debolt, who says he will have a card next month.

Bro. Jarstead, agent Skyburg, took a fishing trip to Randolph, and Bro. Bob Adams, agent Elma, also landed a few at the same place recently.

Bro. Selby has resigned agency Hampton, and he and Mrs. Selby returned to Chicago, relieved by Mr. Reed, who had been relieving Bro. Easton at Spring Valley, later relieved by J. F. Franklin, who was agent at Elkton last spring.

Bro. J. L. Tolstead, agent Stanton, on vacation, relieved by Mr. Collins.

Bro. F. N. Johnson resigned agency Renova; now at Cannon Falls. Bro. H. R. Tolstead took the agency, relieved on second by Mr. Cowles, who will soon be a member.

It is now Bros. Bailey and Noble at New Hampton first and second, and Elma is now a solid office.

Bro. Geo. Latimer, agent Sumner, on vacation, was relieved by Bro. Woods, and he on first by Bro. Littell, relieved on third by a son of Bro. Latimer.

Bro. C. E. Norris, off five weeks organizing was relieved by Bro. F. G. Norris, relieved on second by a Mr. Voss, who went to Dundas.

Again I want to ask you brothers on the branch when you know of a little item for the write-up please jot it down on a post card and mail it to me. This is the only way that I can get the news.

I wish to thank Bros. Meek and Casey for sending in items for the May TELEGRAPHER while I was on the road.

C. E. N.

Southern Division—

Bro. H. H. Hilfinger, from C. R. I. & P. relay Des Moines, is now agent at Dearborn. Harry is a good live wire and we welcome him back to Division 96, of which he was a member for several years.

Bro. Iles is relieving V. H. Dickens, agent Diagonal, who has gone into the auto business, but can not afford a card yet.

W. P. Oxley, second Afton Jct., was mentioned as a brother in last write-up. This is an error as "Bill" dropped out after paying \$3.50 on his application.

The following brothers attended the Southern Division agent's meeting in Des Moines, May 23d: Bros. Raber, Savannah; Jones, Ravenwood; Calkins, Athelstan; Wilson, Maloy; Hartley, Mingo; Stephenson, Marshalltown; Giles, Hudson; Meier, Dewar, and Dukes, Fairbanks. The meeting was attended by eighty-five agents and clerks from various departments, including a number from the Chicago general offices.

Several of the brothers who promised items for the write-up failed to send them. We expect some help from the north end now that they have awakened out of their long sleep. Every

brother send me an item or two, and then we can have a large write-up every month.

Keep after the nons. We are in better shape now than ever before, and let us try to make it a solid division by July 1st.

Remember our motto, "No card, no favors."

L. M. WILSON, Chairman, Maloy, Iowa.

Western Division—

The following new members have been received during the month: W. R. Burnell, Shell Rock; A. L. Kinson, Quinn; J. J. Field, Moorland; W. T. Devine, Clarion; A. C. Mayers, Readlyn; H. A. Connor, Waverly; J. M. Getz, Oran; J. C. Ferris, Dumont; G. A. Egalston, Rinard; W. L. Cole, Lyle; H. A. Welton, Meltonville; E. W. Lynch, Mason City; A. R. Pendarvis, Meservey.

Transferred from other divisions: I. D. Hatton, second Waverly, from 43; D. S. Gosseth, agent Lanesboro, from 71; S. E. Donoho, second Carroll, from 4.

Several more applications will go in shortly.

We are indebted to Bro. Norris, who made a trip over our division recently, for this increase in our membership.

None of the brothers forwarded any items this month, which makes it very difficult to have a write-up. We all feel proud of our division, and I wish everyone would send me a few items each month so I can get them to Bro. Quick before the 28th of the month. Let us all see what we can do next month.

CERT. 146.

Seaboard Air Line Ry., Div. No. 97.

Virginia Division—

A number of telegraph positions have been abolished, but a majority of our card men have been taken care of, and our loss is nothing compared with that of the conductors and trainmen.

On account of unsettled conditions matters (which all members are aware of) have been held up, but the committee has not been idle, and will make a move when best to do so. You remember what was done in 1907, although all odds were against us. This success was due to the loyalty and personal support given by each member of the system, and thorough organization, personal labor and support means success now.

Cultivate the union spirit among ourselves, showing no favors of any description to non-members, but striving to advance our interests collectively.

Bro. Cumming's report ending December 31st, and up to this time, shows the largest membership ever obtained, and one to be proud of. There are still a few "barnacles," however, hanging onto the "hold" and retarding the good old O. R. T. ship, and the membership must get busy and reduce the number to a minimum. Get that non working with you, brother. There is no more reason why he should hold that job than you should board him free at your home. You paid for the increases and betterment of his condition; and he should help maintain it; keep after him until he comes in. If a man would come into your home each day and sit at your table and eat his fill and get up and go

away without a "thank you," how long would you stand for it? Yet you are paying that non's way, working with you, or alongside of you, and never say a word to him about helping pay his own way. It's time to wake up, brother, and tell that non what you think. Do not wait for the other fellow, but go right after the nons, and we will soon be 100 per cent strong. Don't forget yourself, brother. The almighty has no use for a quitter, nor for one with enmity, neither has this old world of ours. The quickest way we can come into our own is for every man to do his or her part. Remember, someone else is doing your share; someone is doing double duty because of your inaction. Be true union men and not merely members. Don't be a delinquent, pay up your dues, and support the committee in its efforts for our betterment. Without a contract we would return to the hard hours we older ones have experienced. Have an up-to-date card at all times. As soon as notice of dues are received remit to Bro. Cumming and to Bro. Quick, and prevent lapse of both, continuing you under the protection of the grand old Order. Our sisters never wait for the receipt of notices of dues, but remit long before the period expires. That is the right spirit, and we men folks should adopt the same rule, which would save the division a number of dollars every year.

Your card expired June 30th. Remit now, that the committee may know you are in the fight to remain, and assist it in whatever steps are necessary. We know that our interests have been carefully looked after heretofore and will be again.

CERT. 20.

North Carolina Division—

Changes have come thick and fast on this division. Three dispatchers—Grubbs, Slattery and Windham—cut off recently, also ten or fifteen operators. We hope business will pick up soon and all the men be back at their old tricks.

Mr. Rowe bid in Mt. Holly agency, vice Bro. Todd, gone into other business. Bro. Olive cut off at Hoffman, but hopes to get Lemon Springs. Bro. Wrenn, also cut off at Hoffman, now working tower. Bro. Rowe, relief agent, now at Bladenboro.

Bro. Rogers and myself had a pleasant visit with Bro. "WF" at Hamlet recently. Mrs. J. E. Mercer, second at tower, visited friends at Peachland a few days.

Bro. Clyde Hamilton bid in first Lumberton, and third Marshville now on bulletin, also agency Baldenboro, Lemon Springs and second Moncure.

Bro. C. C. Lamb, agent Wingate, owing to the sudden death of his father at his home in Charleston, S. C., was relieved by W. M. Fields, whose application is in. Bro. Lamb has our sympathy in his great loss of a loving father.

Bro. C. W. Scales, third "DS," attended the celebration on May 20th at Charlotte. Bros. Weathers and Windham, of Hamlet, were also there helping to emphasize the Mecklenberg declaration, of which all are firm believers about here.

Bro. Causey, first Wadesboro, was a recent Lilesville visitor.

Bro. Free, second Wingate, was off several days sick, relieved by J. D. Diggs.

Men who get a card and when something happens just not to their liking threaten to drop out should remember that while such action hampers our progress a little, the injury they do themselves is far greater than that done the Order. I have no words to waste on a man who has once been a member and for no other reason than that he does not get a raise in salary every time he thinks he should is ready to drop out and become a "kicker." I have much more respect for a man who is "dead set" against the O. R. T. and lets it be known all the time than for one who is half the year up to date and the other half complaining about something, because you can never place that sort of a man. On an average we are all paid about the same, and that old gag, "Financial strain keeps me out," doesn't work with me. If a man wants to be a thing and has love enough for his family and those depending on him for support, to stand for something and let the world know it, he can; otherwise, if he "booms" only when the Order does and shrinks far back and falls out of line because he doesn't get an increase every year, he becomes more of a detriment than a help. What we need more of is men with reason, who will stick all the time though the heavens fall.

It is now time to renew our cards for the last half of this year, and I want a list of all who fail to renew for publication, so everybody can see who is who and why. I will get the list all right; look out for them.

Brothers, send me in all the news you can, so as to make our end of this division interesting.

Best wishes for the success of all the boys.

R. H. CUNNINGHAM, Div. Cor.

Ulster & Delaware R. R., Div. No. 113.

Bro. I. Decker, "WD," relieved a few days by Bro. Close, and he at Oneonta by Bro. Osterhoudt.

Bro. Roosa, off one week, relieved by Bro. T. Ennist. Bro. Lafferty is quite a frequent visitor at Kingston Sunday evenings.

Bro. Gellner has returned from Florida, where he spent the winter, and has resumed his position at Haines Falls. He drove his auto from Kingston to Jacksonville.

Bro. Stevens, relieved by Relief Agent Falk, now in New York on his honeymoon, and Bro. Potter, relieved by Bro. Winchell, spending his honeymoon in traveling about in his auto. Congratulations.

Telegrapher Kingfield, at Haines Falls, will soon be one of us. It is now Bro. Dan Thompson at Hobart.

Second Trick Dispatcher Decker returned from his vacation, and Third Trick Dispatcher Cudney is now on his. Dispatcher Leipold resumed second on his return from Florida, where he worked the past winter.

Agent Spriggs and Telegrapher Gillespie have promised our general chairman they will soon be with us. Brothers, write to them and keep them to their promises. We want desirable men like them.

Bro. Thompson, of Hobart, relieved Bro. Snyder, who attended the circus at Kingston.

Two of our brothers got married last month. Wonder who will be next? I notice our second vice-president has also caught the matrimonial germ.

The meetings at Kingston, Arkville and Oneonta were well attended, and the enthusiasm shown will long be remembered. The new schedule was drawn up and has been presented to the company. We have hopes of securing a nice settlement. The committee is encouraged because everyone will do his part, has confidence in the committee and will support it to the limit. This road is among the roads paying agents and operators the least money, and the parcel post is reducing salaries considerably by cutting down express commissions. Men of our occupation have been underpaid from the beginning, regardless of the faithful work of the class of men we represent. We are all working together and working hard, and in the end we will win. "Ikk."

Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Ry. Div. No. 116.

Bro. Bradley, of Trout Creek, had two weeks baching while his wife visited in the lower part of the State.

Dispatcher M. J. Stitgen, from the Marquette shops, is dispatching trains at Calumet, on the Mineral Range, relieved by Mr. Foster.

Bro. Davidson, Kenton nights, relieved Mr. Crull, the agent there, on vacation.

Bro. Anderson, of Ewen, was off for two weeks, relieved by Mr. Foresman.

Bro. McCarthy, who still carried his card while braking on freight, will take one of the gravel pit jobs.

Continue to remind Mr. Corcoran, third Thomaston, that he needs a card.

Charles Wright, ticket agent Marquette, recently appointed agent McMillan, was taken suddenly while on vacation at Mellen, Wis., and died in Ashland hospital after an operation for peritonitis. He was beloved by all of the brothers who extend their sympathy to the family.

A few brothers from each division should help with this work. Jot down the items as they occur, and send them to the division correspondent not later than the 20th, so we can have a good write-up each month. N.

"Soo Line" Ry., Div. No. 119.

Chicago Division, Northern District—

Through an error our April write-up was placed in the C. M. & St. P. Ry. notes, on page 676.

Several more men have been laid off, and there are about ten or twelve of the younger men off now. Third Cadott was taken off displacing Bro.

Kavanaugh, who took a two weeks' lay off before going back to work again. Both second and third tricks at Auburndale were taken off, displacing Bros. Schubert and Zivney. Bro. Schubert went to third Park Falls, relieving Bro. Carter, who went to second Ironwood. Bro. Zivney went to third Phillips, displacing Bro. Wenzel again laid off account no work.

Bro. F. C. Ludowise, after relieving Mr. Disher at Milladore relieved Bro. Kotas at Westboro, on ninety days' leave to do his spring work on his farm at Auburndale.

Bro. Daggett relieved Mr. Korb, yard office Stevens Point, who relieved Bro. Alvord on first Marshfield; Bro. Daggett was displaced at Colfax by Bro. Anderson, second Chelsea, closed account reduction in force. Bro. St. Amand, third Chelsea, also laid off account no work.

Bro. W. J. Martin, second Park Falls, who was relieved a few days by Extra Forrest, is going to the Great Northern as brakeman. We are sorry to lose him.

Mr. Schannock takes Hoyt station during the ore season.

On bulletin: Ashland ore yards, three tricks; agent Marshfield, and Gloster, non-telegraph station.

Bro. Welsh, at Auburndale, lost his two operators, and his hours are now 7:30 a. m. to 7:30 p. m.

Bro. Buchmiller was relieved a few days recently by Bro. Daggett.

Bro. Lepinski also laid off a few days.

Bro. Owen, second Spencer recently visited Bro. Ludowise, agent Westboro, a few days.

Bro. Temby bid in Eau Claire agency, creating a vacancy at Marshfield agency.

Keep up the good work and show that non next to you no favors until he comes in. He will then see the difference it makes when one carries a card.

We will soon receive our notices for dues for the last half of the year. Be prompt in your payments, boys, and have a new card as soon as they come out. "BUCK."

Chicago Division, First and Second Districts—

Bro. O. E. Loek, second Kelze, on vacation, relieved by R. C. Sutton, who later bid in second Wheeling, was taken sick, and office closed three nights; later opened by G. M. Fisher.

Bro. F. C. Johnson, third Wheeling, visited relatives at Waukesha recently.

Bro. Wm. Jones, agent Area, off a few days on account of sickness, relieved by P. J. Weber.

Bro. Wagner, agent Grays Lake, motored down to Lake Villa recently to see the boys. The Lake Villa Hotel there burned to the ground recently. This will divert considerable of the summer resort business to other parts. Bro. Lund reports the fishing fine there.

We are all very sorry to hear of the resignation of Bro. E. E. Clemons, first Fond du Lac. Bro. Clemons has been local chairman of the Southern District for the past three years, and we regret exceedingly to lose such an efficient and hard

working official. He was relieved by J. J. McDonald. M. R. Miller, third Fond du Lac, has resigned and gone West, relieved by Bro. Pelson, he on second Nelsons by G. M. Fisher, later by Oscar Larson. "13" Larson is "some" artist.

Bro. H. S. Day is back on third Nelsons, relieved on third Burlington by H. S. Shryer on bid.

Bros. Loek, Tyler, Meyer and Day sent in items this month. Let every brother help out with an item or two and we will have a better write-up next time. JACK FAOST, Cor.

Wisconsin Division—

Bro. Haufek, from "Q" Superior, relieved Mr. Holt, first Weyerhauser on six weeks' vacation at his home in Oklahoma.

Bro. Kelly, cashier at Ladysmith, has gone to the M. & St. L. in Iowa, relieved by Stanton, from Eau Claire.

Bro. Fahey has returned to third Brentwood after sixty days' leave of absence from Bulwer Jct.; Vanderhoef goes to first.

Bro. Shigley is back to third Prentice after three months' at Brantwood agency, relieved at Brantwood by Carlson. Damer, Prentice nights, now on the N. P. in Idaho. Bro. Sale, Prentice first, is back from his visit in the southern part of the State.

Warehouseman E. M. Fry bid in Trenary agency.

F. J. Kendretch, for the past ten years at Kennan, is now cashier of the National Bank at Park Falls, relieved by W. Edwards pending bulletin.

Bro. Cram called on the boys along the line a few days ago while on vacation.

Bro. Kircher, third Weyerhauser, is at home in the southern part of the State to celebrate his mother's birthday and attending a family reunion.

Bro. E. M. Hogan has made a lot of improvements to the Soo Line park this spring by setting out some nice plants, and the citizens of Amery are alive to the fact that nice, clean station grounds and a few trees are a good advertisement for a town.

Bro. Edwards, first Barron, who had a piano fall on him and break his leg in several places, is getting along fine, but it will be two months before he will be able to go to work. Bro. F. N. Canfield, ex-dispatcher from Madison, S. D., on the Milwaukee, is relieving him.

I was out of service two months, and will try and send in a few notes each month now if the boys will help me.

I am indebted to Bro. A. M. Sale for the most of these items. Now A. V. S., E. M. H. and E. R. C., see if you can't send me a note or two next month. W. H. B., Cert. 492.

W. & P. Division—

There seems to be a lack of interest on the part of the members on the east side to send in items for our journal. Brothers, all try and send in a few lines to our correspondent each month, not later than the 20th.

Bro. Redlack, agent Gilchrist, Mich., goes to second Soo Line Jct. on account of school.

Bro. Erickson, second Cardigan Jct., tired of boarding with strangers, and has stepped off into matrimony. Congratulations from all the boys.

Bro. Fogarty, agent Marine, drew second Shoreham. Get Mr. Oden to come across with that card.

Bro. Nixon, agent Bulwer Jct., surely is there nowalays when it comes to "hitting the high spots" with that Ford.

Bro. G. Zepp is now cashier at Osceola, vice Bro. Glendenning, who bid in Nye agency.

Local Chairman Cram, who has been on the sick list for the past month, is now able to attend to his station again.

Our committee may meet the officials this month, and there are several nons on the east side who have not yet sent in the price of a card. You brothers nearest to them wake them up.

Don't forget to send our division correspondent at Weyerhauser a few lines for the journal every month.

CERT. 43.

C. R. I. & P. Ry., Div. No. 126.

Colorado Division—

The meeting at Goodland on May 13th was very poorly attended. Bros. Brown and Meador, from Topeka, came out, but the trains are not convenient for the boys to come now, as so many offices have lately been made one-man stations that it is very hard to get away.

Third operator at Calhan pulled off May 17th, Bro. McMillan taking ninety days' leave to work on his property there. Mattison was made a one-man day office, Bro. Taylor working nights, relieving Sister Holtz on Clayton second.

Agencies advertised for bids sixty to ninety days: Almena, Kanorda and Falcon. Regular men assigned elsewhere should not hesitate to bid on these vacancies, if they are looking for advancement in the station service, for, after performing this temporary service, you are returned to your former regular assignment. Almena second and Ruleton third also up for bids on account of thirty and sixty-day vacations. Bros. Girvin and Robb received the temporary assignments at Stuttgart and Prairie View.

Agent D. J. Nichols, at Mattison, off on account of sickness, relieved by Bro. Loyd, from the St. Louis Division.

Bro. Carter, agent Ramah, has returned after a thirty days' enjoyable vacation; finished building his home there.

Bro. Gaunt, third Flagler, recently met with an accident while riding his motorcycle from Flagler to Seibert. He was picked up in an unconscious condition a few feet from where the motorcycle lay, taken back to Flagler, and given medical attention, and is now getting along as nicely as could be expected; Bro. Jones, extra Burlington, relieved him.

Bro. F. V. Dodge, cut off in the recent reduction, is on extra list again, and is now at Almena while Bro. Rabourne is on vacation; Bro. Yocum is working as agent.

Bro. R. C. Logan, recently re-employed, is now on second Stratton during the absence of Bro. Falb.

A new seniority list gotten out to all stations by Chief Dispatcher Inwood, May 15th, shows a few additions.

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Nebraska Division—

Bro. Tucker is back at Fairbury, relieved at Thompson by Bro. Calhamer, later relieved by Monroe, from the C. B. & Q., Bro. Calhamer going to Lincoln, Bro. McMillian laying off.

Bro. Kiethline and Bro. M. Ellis bid in second and third Otego, and second Mahaska bid in by G. V. Brandt.

Pierrard, from Otego, relieved Bro. Ensor, Kensington, several weeks while visiting with the folks down home.

S. Mathis goes to Hallam second, relieved on Courtland second on bid by Pierrard.

Sister D. B. Richardson and Bro. H. M. Edwards, of the Mo. Pac., Lincoln, were married April 22d at Scandia, Kan. On their return from their honeymoon they will make their home at Lincoln, Neb. Sister Dollie worked on this division for the past ten years as agent and operator at South Bend until the fifty-four-hour law went into effect last June, when she took a trick in Fairbury relay, and later at Beatrice and Courtland, where she left the service. She has been a faithful and conscientious worker, and we join in wishing them happiness.

This is the time of year when it is hard to stay indoors and listen to the ticking of the instruments. All nature will call and tug and pull at us, and we will long to get into our old clothes, and with fishing rod and minnow bucket tramp along some stream or lie in the cool shade of some tree, free from the daily grind. But many of us will be deprived of such pleasure, and why? Because we can not afford to lay off and lose the time. And why are such conditions? Because we are not all doing our part, and you nons (who are reading this without right) have not been and are not now doing your part. Now fill out those application papers quick and get that non next to you to fill out his and let us all work together and get a solid line-up and see if we can't get those two weeks' vacation with pay, and enjoy a good fish-fry each year.

Mr. Mathis, from Munden, has been relieving Moore and Galor on third and second Smith Center.

Bro. Ford, agent Bellaire, is on thirty days' vacation, relieved by Bro. Harry Ingram, from second Lebanon.

L. G. Bales is back on this division again after an absence of several months in Kentucky. His wife will probably come out and help him save enough to get a new card. He is now on second Lebanon.

General Secretary and Treasurer Meador was over the line recently lining up the nons and speaking encouraging words to all. Everyone is always glad to see him, also the dispatchers who have been going over the road recently.

Bro. McKinzie, agent Munden, was relieved a few days by W. F. Mathis.

S. Mathis, now relieving Sister "DY," at Courtland, is a new man. Boys, don't forget to remind him to start in right with a card.

Don't allow the promises pending to be forgotten, but keep after eligibles, and remember that a little persuasion now and then may help.

Bro. Tucker, Thompson, had a little misunderstanding with a trunk, and in consequence one foot is marked "handle with care." He has our sympathy.

Bros. I. G. and Lewis Hornbeck, the former our local chairman, on their vacation to Hot Springs, Ark., were relieved at Murdock by Mr. Cole, the minister there, as agent, S. Mathis relieving on second.

Bro. Herb Moore, agent Alvo, is filling the local chairman's seat temporarily. Herb has his bunch at Alvo lined up solid now, with Bro. Cochran on second and Bro. Cash on third.

E. A. McKee, second Havelock, and D. S. Annis, agent Meadow, still continue on the non list.

A change in the office and hours was made at South Bend, the night office was moved from the tower to the depot, and the hours cut from twelve to nine last month and was a pleasant surprise to yours truly.

Brothers, it's now time for spring house-cleaning and you whose wives can spare you, or who haven't any wives, do a little job of house-cleaning on your own hook, and see if you can't get that non next to you.

We are greatly indebted to Sister Sawyer and Bro. and Sister Eaton for this month's write-up. Let the good work continue. "COOKIE."

El Paso Division—

Every man from Herington to Tucumcari should send me notes for our write-up not later than the 20th of each month. Please give me hello anyway. H. R. Crist, agent Tampa, Kan.; P. Alexander, agent Groveland; agent Greensburg, W. L. Woods, agent Weesford, and R. E. Combs, agent Preston, favored me with notes this month. Thanks, come again.

The new steel girders for bridge 167, three miles west of Greensburg, were recently laid, the El Paso and Kansas Division derricks being used for this work.

Prospects for a bumper wheat crop all over Kansas this season has already had a stimulating influence. Greensburg for March increased \$1000 over 1913.

Bro. L. M. McGee, who recently relieved Agent Combs, of Wellsford, is back on third Greensburg.

Bro. W. L. Woods, agent Greensburg, recently made a trip to Missouri on account of a death in his brother's family, relieved by Bro. E. J. McCallam.

Agent Wellsford secured business for our "Golden State Limited," stopping No. 4 for his passengers who would have went via another line. Boys, let's all look out for this kind of business and give good service.

S. L. Breckinridge, agent Langdon, and his son, Bro. J. E., have moved on a ranch in Montana; latter relieved by Bro. W. R. Lauderdale.

We also heard from J. Souer, agent Cullinson, Kan., and J. F. Barter, Texhoma, now a solid office. Let's make them all solid. Keep the good work going.

Work trains between Herington and Liberal are getting our line in good shape.

We recently handled soldier trains en route to Ft. Bliss, Texas.

Ruby D. Garrett, lawyer, Kansas City, Mo., wants operators for the signal corps.

Bro. J. W. Reeves, in Wichita taking the degrees in Masonry, was relieved by Roy Pratz, ticket agent at Hutchinson.

Best wishes to all. Help me next month with the write-up. CERT. 2855.

Des Moines Valley Division—

Only a few more nons left and most of them have promised their applications soon. Watch the new men and find out just how they stand, also notify the local chairman, as it is impossible for him to keep posted on what is going on without some help.

Mr. Humphries on second Pella pending bulletin, vice Mr. Farrell resigned. L. A. Bickford on first, vice C. E. Gearhart resigned.

Helper Virgil Brown appointed agent at Givin, vice Bro. Stanley, agent at Evans, vice Bro. Matusick checked in at Melcher.

Bro. B. B. Brown and J. S. Chessency on ninety days' leave trying farming; Mr. McGuire relieving him with Bro. Bates, from the Missouri, as operator.

Bro. Life assigned agent Leighton, vice J. G. Thorp assigned agent Harvey, vice Bro. Robinson resigned. Bro. E. H. Gordon relieving Bro. Life at Winterset pending bulletin.

Bro. Hunter, agent Winterset, on vacation recently took a trip west, returning via Chicago, relieved by A. R. Rison.

H. K. Hackney, extra Pella, resigned.

The Des Moines O. R. T. Club holds meetings the 15th of each month at the Kirkwood Hotel in Des Moines. All who can, are urged to attend these meetings, as they bring the brother operators and agents together, and there are good, interesting talks that will benefit all who are present.

Bro. Goschke, at Rose Hill, is doing business in two box cars on account of the depot burning down a short time ago, cause of the fire unknown.

It is now Bro. Arnold, at Douds, also Bro. Mock, at Knoxville.

Bro. H. H. Hilfinger, first Evans, has gone to the C. G. W. as agent. We wish him success. Relieved by J. E. Humphreys pending bulletin. M. Barber, second, and Mr. Cox, third, promise to line up in the near future. Agent Brown, at Givin, and Mr. Bickford, at Pella, have promised their applications this month.

N. F. Whiting assigned second Pella, vice J. E. Humphries, at Evans.

Any notes that you have address to Bro. Sweeney, at Oskaloosa, before the 20th, so we can have a write-up in the journal each month. With some of the boys along the short line would send us a few notes, letting us know what is going on and what changes take place. J. E. S.

Iowa Falls Line, Minnesota Division—

In a recent issue of the journal appeared an item about "Mr." Schneider. This was an error in that it is Bro. Schneider, who always has an up-to-date. We beg his pardon for this slip.

Bros. Hession, Barry, Beecher, Merrill, O'Kelly and Luth were present at the club meeting in Cedar Rapids, May 15th.

Bros. Staley of Sherman, Merrill, Pardun, Havirland and Kennedy were the only ones from the Minnesota Division who attended the Iowa Falls meeting Monday evening, May 18th. Brothers, you should get out to these meetings, you will find something of profit to you. From now on you will have either Cedar Rapids or Iowa Falls or both at your convenience, and you should make it a point to attend.

Bro. E. V. Soules is now on second Grundy Center, and "Mr." Reagan on third, Ristow going to Ellendale and Greene.

It is now "Bro." Worley at Shellsburg.

J. S. Kugle, agent Abbott crossing, has a new card in Division 71.

We looked for Reagan and White to possess "up to dates" by this time. Boys, don't put it off any longer. "Do it now." You brothers with the license get after them.

Bro. Merrill was checked out of Cleves, May 27th and into Clarksville the 28th. C. L. Brown, from McCallsburg, relieving at Cleves.

CENT. 642.

Iowa Division—

Bro. Geo. H. Meier, Colfax first, off ninety days, relieved by Bro. D. C. Davis.

L. S. Hardenbrook has returned, after traveling several months in western States, and is on West Liberty third.

Bro. A. D. Martin and wife, of Iowa City, spent a Sunday visiting the Tri-cities recently.

Bro. A. G. Hauge, of Underwood, is now at Metz, Bro. C. M. Peasley bidding in agency Underwood.

Bro. H. A. Whitehead is on Altoona third.

Brothers, don't forget to send F. R. Kuhns, local chairman Iowa City, your news items, so we can have a nice write-up, and let us see if we can not make this division 100 per cent by June 30th.

Remember the motto, "No card, no favors," and make it effective.

DIV. COR.

Oklahoma Division—

Bros. A. W. Seiver and A. N. Wooldridge have resigned. The latter is now with a commercial company at Chickasha.

Bro. Wiggins, of Ninnekah, bid in Hobart.

Bro. Hoover, extra dispatcher at El Reno, on the branch, bumped by Extra Dispatcher Earl Thompson.

Bro. Harry Snodgrass, of the relay office, was recently married.

Some of the boys seem to be having a little "ham factory" of their own, watching the helpers so they don't "bull" things up.

Bro. Johnson, of Kingfisher, is out after a Grand Division prize. Let him know of any nons showing up.

Local Chairman Bro. C. H. Meador, Room 314, New England Building, Topeka, Kan., is in better position now to do us good than ever before. Any misunderstanding, or any information that will be for the good of the division should be mailed to him at once. The few delinquents should remit him their dues at once. Every man should pay up his dues before the sixty-day period after each term ends. It will save hundreds of dollars' worth of time, stationery, postage and work every year to the division and protect your insurance. Handle this just the same as any other matter, and pay up promptly. You can't let your grocery bill run ninety days to six months, and if it was not for the Order you wouldn't be making enough money to pay it.

If a non-member lights at your station, drop a note to Bro. Meador, and also advise him of the certificate and division number of a new man coming to work who belongs to another division, so he can transfer him and make the division just that much stronger.

If you are older than a man assigned to a bulletined position, write and ask your superintendent why. If you know of a vacancy that should be bulletined, drop a note to your chief dispatcher, and if you fail to receive a bulletin promptly, ascertain from him why not furnished, as it might not be mailed you through some error.

The notice of dues for the term ending December 31, 1914, has been mailed out. Pay them promptly and have your card in your pocket before July 1st.

We must take time to drop a line to the new men who are not members, and ask them to take out a card and stay with us. We have increased their positions very nearly \$25.00 each already, and must have their support to do still better.

Watch for the El Reno meetings, and come out and meet Bros. Brown and Meador. We want you with us at these meetings, and have your new card with you. "73."

DIV. COR.

Indian Territory Division—

Boys, why do you not give my correspondence more attention. When I write you for information you let it lay around a week before you answer, if you answer at all. If the company should write you, you would answer by return mail, which is entirely proper. However, you should be willing to answer my letters just as promptly, when I am trying to help you better your conditions.

Answer my correspondence, attend the meetings when I notify you, and help me to make this division solid, and we will soon have the best and strongest Order in the country. You can not expect me to do this work properly when you will not even answer my letters or attend the meetings. Please wake up boys and help me. Get after the nons and let us show that we are alive.

I have made some improvements in the four months that I have been local chairman, and can make many more if you will only do your part.

P. M. PAUL, Local Chairman.

Arkansas Division—

Bro. J. B. Swain, third Booneville, and a young lady there hied to Little Rock, May 19th, secured their marriage license, got married and went back home and surprised all their folks. Bro. G. T. Murray, of Little Rock, was also married recently.

J. W. Mitchell, wire chief "RK," and Bro. Ed Mitchell are back from Roanoke, Va., from the funeral of their father. John is now under the weather, and Bro. Ed has gone West for his health.

Bro. J. A. Eiklebery, after three years as agent at Havana, bid in second Ola and went to Booneville to lay off awhile, but Chief Silaz had to have him work there a few days on second, vice Corbett, who got into argument with the dispatcher and got his time check.

P. W. Clark, at Blue Mountain, is still sitting back drawing the increase and living off what we boys secured for him, but does not see fit to help us out by getting a card. You can tell that station is run by a non from its outside appearances.

Agent Weiss, at Waveland, who has had some pretty hard luck in the past, promises to line up July 1st. Brothers next to him, keep him reminded of his promise on pay day—June 28th.

Bro. Perry, third Havana, is contemplating getting married shortly; presume to the little maiden from Ft. Smith.

Bro. G. D. Lee is now agent at Palestine, relieved by Bro. E. E. Fowler, at Bauxite.

Bro. W. F. McCaithren is at Round Pond agency pending regular appointment of agent there.

Bro. L. R. Kirby, agent Carlisle, bid in Casa.

W. A. Blankenship, third Roland, was in the hospital a week the latter part of April, relieved by Mr. Adair.

Bro. Powell, Belleville, who has instructions from Mr. Copley to rebuild the flower park in front of his depot, says he will make it a thing of beauty and a joy forever.

Two worthy brothers discharged recently on this division for overlapping on the nine-hour law. Look out for this, brothers.

Some of you good brothers west of Little Rock, drop Bro. Minich, of Roland, a few notes each month. It will certainly be appreciated by the writer.

Positions on bulletin: Madison third, Biddle second and third; Round Pond and Carlisle agencies.

Brothers, don't allow yourselves to become delinquent. It is as hard to line up a bunch of nons as it is to secure a schedule from the management. It will soon be time for our committee to meet the management for a revision of the schedule, and one of the main things to be taken up is the United States mail question, as most of us boys are making regular pack horses of ourselves now. This mail business should be handled by the postmaster the country over, as they are paid for handling it. Since the institution of the parcel post *their salaries have* almost been doubled, while our work has been doubled and our express commissions cut in two.

I am now located on the East, where I think a lot of good work can be done securing applications. If the nons don't line up, I will keep after them until they do.

E. Sharpe's application was secured by Bro. Epperson at Forrest City. I hope to see a clause in the next schedule that only a man with an up-to-date card can bid a job in. The card men pay for these concessions and the nons should not be allowed to benefit by them until they help to pay for getting them. GEORGE D. LEE, Cert. 185.

Missouri Division—

Bro. W. Manz, who was in St. Louis recently to witness the laying of the cornerstone of the Masonic Building there, with such impressive ceremonies, was a pleasant caller at O. R. T. headquarters, and made the acquaintance of the brothers who work there. MEMBER Div. 2.

Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Ry., Div. No. 129.

Eastern Division—

Wm. Ball, Girard Jct., on three months' leave, relieved by Bro. G. D. Miller.

Bro. Chadwick, Lake View, visited New York City on business recently.

Bro. A. W. Diefenbach, Westfield, was off sick a few days.

D. A. Pratt, second Dock Jct., fell from his horse and sprained his leg, relieved a few days by T. H. Miles.

Bro. G. N. Gross, P. & E. crossing, taking a month's leave, relieved by Bro. Gifford, and he by H. A. Bonnell.

H. W. Williams is back again, after a two months' leave. We should see that he gets an up-to-date now.

Bro. Hazen, Wesleyville second, visited friends at Springfield recently, relieved by Bro. L. G. Graney, who also relieved Wm. Vrooman, relief agent, while on his honeymoon.

Mr. Bannister, Painesville tower, on a month's leave, relieved by Bro. F. J. Henry.

Bro. Ed Hass, third Amboy, is being relieved by F. J. Zeebe.

Bro. Fred Meehl, Canadaway, was off a few days to "fish."

Bro. J. F. Graney relieved Bro. Lawrence, Emerling, on third Lake View, who goes on extra.

E. H. Girard, in the dispatcher's office, Buffalo, three years, relieved Bro. O. W. Snyder on second Buffalo Creek, who takes the relief position, vice Bro. H. C. Hillgruber.

General Chairman Kipp is back to work, after three months on committee work.

Bro. E. J. Kane, Erie depot third, was off several days visiting his folks at Buffalo.

Bro. Lew Pickard, now on the Northern Pacific, formerly of Division 129, visited old friends on this division during his trip East.

Another increase in wages and working rules, due to the good work of our committee and membership at large. What excuse can the few nons

on this division hatch up now? We want a solid division, and the recent raise will pay dues for five years and then some—a pretty good investment on the money—besides the insurance in the mutual benefit department. If the nons fail to come to time now and get “up to dates,” our motto, “No card, no favors,” should be enforced to the letter.

The boys were all very highly pleased on hearing of the success of our committee at Chicago, which was rather unexpected the way business has been of late, and we extend our general chairman and committee a hearty vote of thanks for the good service they rendered us. CERT. 287.

Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R. R., Div. No. 130.

Chicago Division—

First Robey street tower bid in by Bro. V. L. Depatie, relieved on Kedzie avenue tower first on bid by Bro. Summers, from Robey street.

Second Kedzie avenue tower bid in by H. E. Ensworth.

Second Clyde tower bid in by R. D. Weil, from second Robey street tower. These changes are due to Bro. G. E. Gannon and Bro. Summers, Kedzie avenue, leaving the service. We regret very much to lose these brothers, who have been with us so long. M. P. PETERS.

Beardstown Division—

Bro. Beekman, Litchfield, has returned from a delightful visit to Yellowstone Park.

Bro. Wharton, agent Atwater, bid in Franklin days, a position he held a month ago, when it was abolished.

L. F. Savage, at Walshville agency several weeks, is now relieving the agent at Browning.

Dispatcher Best, Beardstown, was down the line recently, looking over the track and other changes. He is relieving the dispatchers who are taking their vacations.

E. T. Christopher, third Jacksonville, is making some extra money now playing ball, and ought to get a card.

J. H. Agnew, second Jacksonville, is coming in soon.

Bro. Erhman has landed a couple of applications and more have promised.

Work is soon to commence on the bridge across the Ohio River at Metropolis, Ill.

Agent Hale, Waverly, who went West some time ago for his health, has returned.

Night men at Virden and Litchfield have been taken off.

The double track through Jacksonville is just about complete, which gives us double track from Concord to Virden.

We will soon be going up for a revision of our schedule, and we can get a ten-hour day for all agents if they will come in and make a strong line-up.

Remember, “No card, no favors.” CERT. 2212.

Aurora Division—

Bros. E. F. Todd, Sandwich; James Skelly, Bristol, and Fred Cester, Millbrook, Ill., attended the Masonic banquet at Plano, Ill., Friday evening, May 15th.

Bro E. G. Noack, Sandwich, and Bro. G. H. Graves, Mendota, were called to Aurora, Saturday, May 23d. They have been asked to withdraw their bids on first trick West Eola tower in favor of Bro. Chambers. This is asked of them to make room at Montgomery for Tom Bree, the oldest telegrapher on the Aurora Division, one of the “hard-shell” nons. If they do “lay down” in his favor, it will be on account of his advanced age, as he is over seventy.

The new tower at Wataga is now solid O. R. T.—Bros. Watson, first; Hade, second, and Deane, third. Now line up the agent, brothers.

Bristol is again solid, Bro. Dowding receiving his card a short time ago.

Bro. W. Filkins was a Bristol visitor Monday, May 18th. He claims to be looking over some real estate, but some of the brothers are inclined to think he is headed this way by Cupid. Lucky girl. Geo. W. Carley, of Wyand, visited Bristol, Sunday, May 17th.

Bro. Bob Brundage, agent Somonauk, is taking two weeks forced vacation on account of his daughter having smallpox.

Mr. Barger, Fifth avenue Lagrange days, on furlough, J. A. McIntee relieving him.

Bro. Beardsley, third Montgomery, is relieving Bro. People, second wire chief Aurora, relieved by Mr. Flewelling.

Bro. Brown, from Galesburg relay, bid in third “WC” Aurora, making Aurora relay offices almost solid.

Bro. A. M. Smith, second Big Rock, bid in third Sugar Grove, vice Lloyd Jones, now in the painter's trade.

Thos. Bree is relieving Bro. Chambers on first Montgomery, until bulletin closes on West Eola first.

Bro. LaCure, first tower 38, is having his troubles since the company started to fill in the old stone quarry between Aurora and South Aurora with work train, switch engines and ten telephone lines. When the gravel pits open up at Montgomery and Sugar Grove he will be busier than ever.

Bro. R. J. Olson, relief wire chief Aurora relay for two months, is now with the Ford Auto Co., Detroit, Mich.

Bulletin has been withdrawn on West Eola tower second and third. CERT. 14.

Galesburg Division—

Seems as though the warm weather has had a very demoralizing effect on the brothers, as no one has had the ambition to send in any notes.

The last meeting at Rock Island, May 23d, was attended by the few old faithfuls, not as large an attendance as we could wish. However, the O. R. T. is alive up that way.

Look out for Bro. Waddill; he always gets them. No chance to get away from him, and the nons might as well sign up first as last.

Mr. Pierce, who bid in Joslin agency, has canceled, and C. W. Herron, from Fiatt, will be next on list.

Don't forget that your card expired June 30th, and get a new one right away. June 30th we will drop those who are delinquent from December 31st. Brothers, if any are in your offices, talk to them and don't let them drop.

Next meeting will be in Galesburg; notice of date will be sent by card later. Please help us, boys, to have a good write-up of this division.

We understand that Bro. Dollison is improving.

Bro. Clayton, at "YD," was recently referred to in error as "Mr." Bro. Clayton is an old member in good standing.

Pay up is the thing; don't forget it.

Div. Cor.

Brookfield Division

Bro. Gosney, third Shelby, off a few days fishing, was relieved by Mr. Leary. Jake has no use for mosquitoes and frogs since the battle last fall at Ely, so he went before it was time for them to come out.

Bro. G. F. Daume, second Pal. Jct., was off a few days looking for a house.

C. W. Shay is back again at Clarence, after a long vacation in the country.

Boys, send me some news for the write-up each month.

Bro. E. A. R. Teich has been busy lately issuing 3,000-mile coupon tickets at Chillicothe.

Rumley Company's splendid special trains, May 18th and 19th only made a few stops.

CERT. 3044.

Hannibal Division

"The agent leaves every bit of his work for the night men." Investigate the noise and you will find the men making it could not make a daily balance in three weeks.

Bro. and Sister D. T. Gray, second and third Orchard Farm, on a week's vacation the last of May, visited Hannibal, Quincy and St. Louis, relieved by Bro. Gregory and F. E. Neese.

Safety first and all the time. Let us on the Hannibal Division remember this and not give up a sure thing to experiment. We could not improve on our local chairman in a thousand years. Make it a point to keep Bro. Mays on the job.

Bro. M. P. Gough, while relieving Bro. Jarman as agent Machens, was called home to Salem, Iowa, on account of the serious illness of his mother.

Bro. P. A. King, third Machens, has resumed work, after a three weeks' vacation, visiting home folks at Silex, Mo., relieved by Bro. Jarman. Bro. G. E. Beck, second Machens, attended the automobile races at Indianapolis, Ind., the latter part of May.

Bro. Mitts, of South Troy, is relieving Agent Ferree at Clarksville, on his annual vacation.

Bro. O. L. Jarman and wife visited over Sunday with friends and relatives in Ashburn.

Bro. G. L. Hubbard, of Orchard Farm, and Bro. Callie Mays, our genial local chairman, made the boys at Machens a very pleasant call one evening recently.

We saw Bro. Burton Lee on No. 13 a few days ago.

Work on interlocker at Machens is progressing rapidly, and we will soon have an up-to-date plant there. Old Monroe will be the next station in line for repairs in the interlocking line, and Dunsford in the near future.

I think some good brother on the north end would receive a vote of thanks from the members on the South Division if they would mail our local chairman each month, on or before the 20th, all the news they can get hold of. This division would then have a write-up second to none.

Boys, cut out the wisdom tonic, stay awake, do not delay, but assist in getting trains over the road. A black mark an inch in length will grow thirty feet if you ever get in serious trouble. The man with a clear record may make a serious mistake and get due consideration and the benefit of the doubt; with a bad record he will get a time check with the notation "We can't use you."

Bro. W. T. Mitts, of South Troy, while working as relief agent at Clarksville, was relieved by Bro. L. Trihey, and he at Firma days by Bro. J. M. Porter.

Bro. C. E. Smart, of Seeburger, and H. L. Fisher while visiting in St. Louis were relieved by Bro. B. A. Gregory.

W. L. Gilmore taking a five-day vacation, relieved by Bro. C. E. Epperson.

Bro. Roy Cluck, second Ashburn, while attending court at Louisiana was relieved by Bro. Miller, Stout.

Bro. R. A. Aines and Earl Kenning have returned to Hannibal relay, after fifteen days' sight-seeing in Galveston, Tex., and other cities in the Lone Star State.

Div. Cor.

St. Joseph Division

Business is picking up again.

Bro. Cadigan, agent King City, on vacation, relieved by ex-Agent Ledgerwood.

Bro. W. C. Elder, agent Albany, and wife on three weeks' vacation visiting relatives in Seattle, Wash., relieved by P. A. Fewson.

The new passenger train between Albany Jct. and Davis City is doing quite a business and making more work for the boys at Albany.

It is now Bro. C. O. Whalen, Percival nights, making Percival solid.

Bro. Davis, Nodaway, on the sick list a few days, was relieved by Bro. Shandy, from Langdon (closed), who also relieved Bro. Hale, Phelps, on vacation.

Bro. Armstrong, Amazonia, has resigned to go west; position on bulletin.

Chief Dispatcher Brown on vacation, relieved by Night Chief Foy.

North-end Roadmaster Bouhan has changed headquarters from Craig to Council Bluffs.

Steve Cameron, lineman Hamburg, has been transferred to Aurora, Ill., and Ed Davis from lines west stationed at Hamburg.

Bro. F. W. Sprecklemeyer, Payne nights, off recently on account of the death of a brother at Oregon, Mo., was relieved by Bro. Camden, who also relieved Bro. Solleder, East Leavenworth, while attending court, and later relieved Agent Winslow, Northboro, on fifteen days' vacation.

Bro. Owen, at Skidmore, taking vacation, relieved by Bro. Hale, from Phelps.

It is now Bros. Burkhalter and Redding at Harlem tower, also Bro. Whiting at Folsom.

We still have a few delinquents and a few nons, get after them, boys.

C. F. Rummierfield, second Council Bluffs, on vacation, relieved by Bro. P. L. Young.

Thanks to Bro. Arnold, Hamburg, and Bro. Cranor, Albany, for news this month.

L. J. MILLEN, Local Cor.

Ottumwa Division—

Bro. J. B. McKenna was relieved, while taking his wife away for treatment of her throat, by Bro. F. E. Hull.

Bro. J. M. Walden, third Happy Rock, was relieved several days by Bro. L. Palmer, and relieved Bro. H. B. McMillen, agent Maxon, for a short vacation.

Bro. W. A. Stroup, second Block 210, bid in third there, and Bro. C. L. Bradshaw, third Afton, bid in third Mt. Pleasant. Bro. C. H. Swanson, third Batavia, on third Block 210 pending assignment, relieved by Otis Pasnau, a new man.

Bro. C. W. Small, third Monmouth passenger depot, was relieved two weeks by ex-Bro. J. M. Kane.

I am pleased to announce that H. A. Shirer, agent Chariton, is a brother again. He was one of the first five hundred members of the Order in the United States.

Bro. E. S. Morey, agent Frederic, withdrew his bid on Norwalk agency, and later resigned. Bro. E. P. Brown, the next oldest applicant, was assigned Norwalk agency. We wish Bro. Morey success wherever he locates.

Bro. D. Smitherman, third Murray, is spending his vacation at home in St. Louis, relieved by R. S. McKee, a new man, who will be with us pay day.

Bro. A. H. Cannon, agent Melrose, was relieved two weeks by Bro. E. W. Putz, of third Woodburn.

Bro. W. C. Harrell, our old stand-by, is on three months' vacation, relieved at Cainsville by Bro. Bradshaw, Afton third.

We are sorry to learn that Bro. D. L. Gibbs, third Chariton, is compelled to take an extended vacation on account of poor health. We all wish him a quick recovery and return to duty. Extra men of the kind that can fill such a place as Chariton are very scarce.

Extra Heasley is back again, after forty days' tussle with the smallpox in the pest house at Burlington. Mr. Heasley has been with us nearly

a year now, and we hope he will soon be able to get a card.

I did not receive any help from the brothers to speak of this time. About all I have is what I've pried loose myself.

Help me land some of the nons this month. The rates are low enough now to enable all of them to get a card.

T. R. CRANDALL, L. C.

Centerville Division—

Bro. Austin, agent Glenwood Jct., off a few days attending court.

Bro. Sibert, agent Carrollton, has been entertaining a case of mumps, but is now able to resume his duties.

Bro. Smith, agent Gravity, was called to his home at Cantril on account of the death of his grandfather; relieved by Extra Smith.

Nos. 14 and 15, between Osceola and Shenandoah, discontinued—not paying.

The reduction in help has certainly struck the Centerville Division. Helpers have been taken off at most of the heavy stations. Bro. Potter, taken off at "DX," is now third trick dispatcher, Mr. Miller taking his vacation. Second Humeston closed; Bro. Cooley looking for work.

Dispatchers are now handling all messages and trains, which keeps them on the jump.

Bro. Phillips, at Ellston, has been on the sick list.

Bro. Mason on vacation. This is a good time to get leave of absence, as there are plenty of men.

Not a position bulletined this month on this division, all the boys holding tight.

Don't fail to land the non next to you.

Wanted, an assistant on the K. C. Brothers, don't all speak at once.

Mr. Murray, at Mt. Sterling, off a few days, relieved by Mr. Thompson, of Sumner.

Bro. Tuttle, of Milton, is taking an examination for a government position.

Brothers, don't wait before paying your dues until after you have received four or five letters from the secretary that you are delinquent. You all know that this amount is well spent and could not be invested anywhere that the returns are as good. Get your new card early and be up to date.

It will not be long until everyone will have plenty to do; annual reports will soon be due, when we may be able to get some help at stations where it is needed. G. E. SMITH, Cor.

Lincoln Division—

Assignments: W. E. Flickinger, third Milford; Bro. F. M. Beatty, nights Emerald; A. J. Monroe, days Sargent.

Harvard tower, third Utica and agency Palmer on bulletin.

Bro. H. L. Coggins, second Aurora, a recent Lincoln visitor, drew a phonograph, which he traded for a rifle. Wonder what he is going to hunt around Aurora.

Bro. Peachman, "NI" Lincoln, is going with the telegraph gang for a change, Mr. Dennis relieving.

Bro. E. O. Erickson, third "KY" Lincoln, resumed, after the illness of his wife; Bro. D. J. Clark going to Mr. Temple's trick, "NI" Lincoln, while he relieved Dispatcher Martin, on a trip over the line. Bro. D. J. Clark relieved Bro. Erickson.

Bro. H. C. Cook to Emerald pending bulletin.

Bro. Dick Irwin, Hastings ticket office, recently took the first Masonic degree.

Bro. S. A. Mead was off recently on account of the death of his mother-in-law at Stewartville, Mo. We extend him our sympathy.

Bro. A. A. Canfield, agent Inland, was a recent Sunday Lincoln visitor.

Bro. Wm. Martin, first trick dispatcher main line, relieved by Extra Dispatcher Temple, who relieved Night Chief Stewart, relieving Chief Dispatcher L. B. Denton.

Bro. E. E. Holmes was relieved a few days at Friend by Helper Clegg.

Bro. R. B. Sievers, first Sutton, is some farmer and chicken raiser. If he sends out any invitations to Sunday chicken dinners, he should put Bro. P. H. Miller on the list.

It's now Bro. E. P. Flickinger, York tower nights, landed by Bro. C. R. Baker, the busy O. R. T. boy on the High line at York.

C. E. Rogers, agent Berks, resumed, after long vacation. Helper Anderson, his relief, back to Saronville.

On April 2d the house occupied by Bro. Beatty, at Harvard tower nights, was badly wrecked by fire, and he lost all his household goods, being slightly burned while saving his children. Bro. Beatty is in hard circumstances. If you did not contribute on the circulated letter and feel that you can now, it's not too late.

Bro. R. R. Hargitt, first Utica, relieved by Helper Anderson, from Saronville, on account of the death of his mother. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved.

Bro. I. C. York, having lately lost his father, has changed his plans for the future, and is now going on his father's fruit farm in Colorado instead of going North.

Bro. F. D. Chadwick, agent Juniata, was off a couple of weeks visiting in Missouri, relieved by Bro. B. W. Lannon, getting lined up on extra agents' work. Andy Kline relieved Lannon on third Fairmont.

Bro. R. V. Starks, agent Fairmont, has been very ill and wanted to lay off, but could get no relief.

Bro. A. A. Canfield, agent Inland, was a Harvard visitor between trains.

Bro. J. M. Combs, Trumbull, is harvesting a nice bunch of Rhode Island red chicks. Bro. Miller must have an interest in the bunch—watching to get a fry.

Bro. C. H. Pleth, Saronville, was a Hastings visitor, and Bro. W. S. Harris, first Cobb, a Lincoln visitor this month.

Bro. H. L. Cook assigned Harvard tower; Bro. W. F. Nicholas, third Utica, and Bro. G. O. Vant, third Hastings yards.

Second "GS" Hastings now pending bulletin.

Bro. B. J. Hill, third "GS" Hastings, now has a stenographer's position with J. H. Haney & Co. at Hastings. Sorry to lose Bro. Hill and wish him success, relieved by Bro. Brake pending bulletin.

Bro. B. H. Bladerson, second Kenesaw, on vacation, relieved by "ND," from "NI" Lincoln.

Mr. Hershner, second "KY" Lincoln, relieved by C. M. Halstead, of first, several days, and he by Bro. Brake.

Bro. C. M. Halstead, first "KY" Lincoln, off sick, relieved by Temple, from "DS."

Walt Lamb, second dispatcher main line, while going over the road was relieved by Extra Dispatcher Temple.

Bro. W. A. Kunselman, third Utica, is now on the Rock Island.

Bro. B. J. Hill, third Hastings, off a couple of days, relieved by Bro. Brake, a new man.

Bro. G. O. Vant bid in third "GS" Hastings. This will help the attendance at the Hastings State League games, as "VA" is some fan.

Bro. E. E. Holmes, Friend, relieved a few days by helper while with folks at Saronville.

Bro. B. W. Lannon, acting agent Juniata, mortored down to Hastings recently.

Bro. Wade, St. Paul, has promises of R. R. Burne, agent Archer.

F. R. Underwood, agent Norman, has invested in a new car, but hasn't got a card yet.

"WA," Cor.

Omaha Division—

Bro. Gordon back to work, after being sick for some time.

Bro. Howeriter relieved Burkett at Page, who bid in Waterbury.

Bro. Saddler bid in first South Omaha.

Bro. Hess back to O'Neill.

Bro. Downey made a trip to Sioux City recently.

Bro. Holt is going to Illinois with Mrs. Holt to consult a doctor.

Bro. Lacey made a trip to Plainview on a "spit car."

Bro. Lussier has purchased a "Hen'ry," and will raise ducks, geese and chickens.

Bro. Enlow, of Louisville, has resigned.

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Omaha Division, West—

Bro. and Mrs. Holt went to Illinois for a four weeks' stay. On return, Bro. Holt went to Fairmont extra.

Bro. Lyle, of Cedar Creek, off short time, relieved by Jerry Frey.

Bro. Horning, of Havelock, was away a few days, relieved by McKnight, a new man.

Meyers, of Bellevue, off recently on account of sickness in family, relieved by Murphy.

Ward, of Gibson, was off some time on account of the sickness of his wife.

Bro. Fender has erected a ninety-foot aerie at his residence for his wireless outfit. He has one of the best in the State.

Craig at "SY" pending bulletin, vice Satterly.

Bro. Bulter, third "WC," went to Ottumwa.

Bro. Saul is back at "G," third wire chief.

Bro. Enlow resigned agency Louisville and is now farming in Colorado.

Bros. Lacey and Downey called on Bro. Miller at Brunswick.

Bro. Howeriter still at Page, cussing because they won't fix the living rooms.

Bro. Lussier, at Randolph, has purchased a residence and moved out of the depot.

Bro. Coffield, of Orchard, has bought a residence and moved in. (Please note—the boys who buy the property are the ones who carry the card.)

If you want any (chicken) information, call up Bros. Marsh, Lussier or Downey.

The station on the Chalco-Yutan cut off will go under the name of "Allis," in honor of an early-day missionary.

I heard a non say the other day: "I wish they would hurry up and get that new schedule; I need the money." This fellow surely ought to be satisfied with the present salary and conditions from his line of talk when one tries to get him to join.

We note the nons watch the Sunday hours very closely.

I want to thank Bro. Crader for his notes. Come again, "Sylves." Div. Cor., Cert. 1350.

Sheridan Division—

Bro. Songer, who relieved Mr. Cordua, agent Felix, later relieved Mr. Westwood, agent Lodge Grass.

Bro. Young, agent Wyola, is back, after an extended trip East, during which he was operated on at Mayo Bros. hospital, at Rochester, Minn. We are glad he is able to resume work. Sister Young, who took a vacation at the same time, is still visiting with relatives in California.

Bro. Lowe, nights Corinth, resigned and entered the government signal service in the navy. We were all sorry to see Bro. Lowe leave, and wish him success. Bro. McCully, who lost out in the relay service, hid in Corinth nights.

Bro. Thomas, second New Castle, on sixty days' leave, visiting near Salt Lake City, relieved by Bro. Galligher, of Crow agency, and he by Sister Galligher.

Bro. Heywood, who resigned second Clearmont, relieved by Mr. Cook, went to Peru, Neb., and was married. Congratulations.

Mr. Meadows assigned Clearmont second.

Lysite, Arminto and Lucerne opened temporarily to handle the wool business.

Bro. Dilts, who fell before the reduction knife at Sterling relay, was relieved Mr. Connors, Gillette third, on vacation, later relieving at Moorcroft.

Bro. Snow relieved at Toluca several days by Mr. Brown, who also relieved Bro. Ross while relieving Bro. McCarthy, on sick list. Hardin is now solid for the first time, and we hope will remain so.

Operators are very scarce on this division, and it is almost impossible to get relief when wanted.

Bro. Carder will be here about the 20th, and, accompanied by myself, make a trip over entire division. Hope to see all members and get acquainted with them personally; also see that the non-members fill out a set of papers. We want to try to hold a meeting on the division some place most convenient to the members, if it can possibly be arranged.

It is now time for payment of dues for the next period, and hope all will pay promptly. See if you can't get every neighbor to do the same, and save a lot of extra work for our secretary-treasurer. It costs no more at one time than at another.

J. E. WHAM, L. C.

Wymore Division —

The four members who have not paid dues for this term, although requested to do so numerous times by a number of the brothers, should remember that they will soon be on a social level with the nons, whom we can not meet on the same ground of fellowship we do our members. Let's give them to understand, "No card, no favors," and then stick to our slogan.

Mr. Glenn, nights Fortescue, was unable to spare the money to join the Order, but found nothing in the way of taking a thirty days' leave, relieved by Bro. Hargis.

Bro. Allsman is back at Falls City, after a long vacation, relieved by Mr. Van Dusen, and later by Bro. McIntyre, who also relieved Mr. Breece, second there, another non too near the verge of bankruptcy to purchase an up-to-date card, but has no trouble to dig up the "long green" for a vacation.

All the boys on the Wymore Division will be pleased to learn that Conductor Dan O'Shea is back on his run between Lincoln and St. Joseph, after being off since last winter on account of sickness.

W. B. Ockerman, nights Firth, who is always "going to join some day," but who never does on account of "hard times," was recently on vacation, relieved by Mr. Heilman, of the Relay Division.

Bro. Hargis bid in third Nebraska City.

Bro. Ed Cox, agent Bennet, met with a serious and exceedingly painful accident the last of April. He made a trip to the depot after hours to deliver a shipment of freight to a farmer. After they had loaded the box in the buggy, Bro. Cox got in to ride home, and the team shied at an object in the road, overturning the buggy and throwing the occupants out. The box struck Bro. Cox on the ankle, badly crushing it, making it necessary for him to be taken to a hospital at Lincoln for treatment. While he is improving slowly, it now looks as if he would be laid up for two or three months yet; relieved by Bro. McIntyre.

Now, brothers, let us all get busy on the nons, and remember, "No card, no favors."

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McCook Division—

Assignments: Bro. A. Leeds, third Brush; Bro. J. Janison, agent LaFayette.

Bro. Peterson, Riverton; Bro. Salade and Bro. Lance, "MO" relay, were Benkelman visitors recently.

Bro. Byrd, second Yuma, called to Edison recently, on account of sickness of his mother, was relieved by Mr. Dillman, a new man.

Bro. Curran, third Haigler, relieving in McCook recently, relieved by Bro. Vennera.

Bro. Dowlin, a Brush visitor recently, is now on the Sterling Division.

We are sorry to lose our good Bro. Van Camp, of Red Cloud, quitting the railroad business. We wish him success.

Bro. Cole came along with Bro. Westmoreland from Haigler to Benkelman recently to see Bro. Westmoreland finish the A. F. & A. M. goat ride in the Blue Lodge.

Mr. Kutler relieved a few days by Bro. Buck, and he by Mr. Dillman. We are in hopes Bro. Buck can get Kutler and Dillman's applications soon.

Bro. Green, agent Ludell, has been quite sick, relieved by Mr. Jones, who also relieved Bro. Joyce, on vacation.

Mr. Darnell, agent Cowles, off a few days, relieved by Bro. Peterson.

Bro. Mallory, extra, now has his new card.

Bro. Primer relieved Mr. Harding, Long Island, recently.

Bro. L. M. Pexton is extra agent at Franklin.

It is now time for the new cards. Don't forget that it takes my time and lots of postage to write so many letters in regard to delinquents. In the term just closed we have fewer delinquents than at any time since I have been on this division, and I hope we will not have one to drop. If you know a brother in bad health who is back in his dues, let me know, so I can take the matter up with him, and, if necessary, help him.

We hope to soon have a date with the management. We have been put off several times on account of lack of information in regard to the decrease suffered by us in the express proposition. Bro. Carder will probably have this soon, so we can see where we stand.

We have had two good meetings since last report, and the boys missed a good thing that didn't get out. One at McCook was very enthusiastic, with a good attendance, Bros. Carder and Rogers both being present. Bro. Carder lined up the proposed schedule, and told us of the work in regard to the handling of the grievances, and Bro. Rogers gave us one of his good talks under "the good of the Order" that was very instructive and interesting to all. Of course, I had to have my say, which in most cases is not very voluminous, as all I have is usually a report of the work done by me since last meeting for the good of the Order.

The meeting we had at Denver was not so well attended, but was just as full of enthusiasm as the one at McCook, Bro. Carder being with us. The intention was to have a joint meeting with the D. O. R. T. Club, as I had that invitation from Bro. D. O. Shoults, but, from some unknown cause, there was not a member of the club showed

up. While we were very much disappointed, we were paid for the night's loss of sleep to get a few things straightened out that were not understood by some of the boys. One thing was in regard to an operator holding a regular job on the road and working extra in relay office. This is strictly in accordance with the schedule. I think it would work out better for all concerned to let the road man hold his regular road job until the year was up, at which time he would either have a relay job regular or know that it would be extra work only. The present practice is to bulletin a road job and then if the brother is set back he has no regular job to go to, while if it was put off the year, all would know better whether it was a permanent move. The new schedule may cover this differently. I am in hopes some change will be made, as it is very unsatisfactory to a lot of the boys on this division as it has worked out in the past six months.

Remember to pay up promptly helps all.

C. R. HUNT, L. C., Erie, Colo.

Atlantic Coast Line R. R., Div. No. 132.

Columbia District—

Brothers and Friends—I have been appointed local chairman to fill the unexpired term of Bro. Murray, resigned, and I want each member to help me get in the nons on the district. I have written all of them, and received two applications, six others have promised, but some have not replied to my letters. A little personal work on your part would be very beneficial. Get after every non you know of and drop me a note stating his name and address. I expect to see each non on the district personally shortly, and if you members will do the necessary, I can get their application when called upon, personally, if not by letter.

A circular letter from our superintendent in reference to the hours-of-service act, urges that each man be very careful not to violate it. In a case of this nature before the United States court on this district, the company lost after a very hard fight. It seems to be the policy of the Interstate Commerce Commission to enter suits against the persons in charge of train operation now, instead of against the railroad. Therefore be sure you are not violating this act, but work strictly according to our contract.

Hoping that each member on this district will co-operate with me and help me get in the nons, I beg to remain,

Fraternally yours,
C. BOLICK.

Columbia District Notes—

Bro. Chas. Bolick, Florence, has been appointed local chairman by Bro. B. F. Wheeler, to fill out the unexpired term of Bro. F. T. Murray, resigned.

Bro. L. B. Timmons assigned to first Bennettsville, vice Mr. Edwards.

On bulletin: Second Bennettsville, Robbins agency, and second and third at Orangeburg, and Barnwell. New positions at two latter points

created on account of new trains put on between Sumter and Augusta, making a through connection from Wilmington, N. C., to Atlanta, Ga.

Bro. W. H. Hall, relief agent, is at Robbins, S. C., pending assignment, vice W. M. Mobley.

Bro. C. S. Smith, of Holly Hill, bid in Harleyville, S. C., opened as day agent-telegraph office, relieved by Bro. H. W. Pearce, from Ferguson, S. C., agency; Bro. W. S. Clark, extra relief agent, bidding in the latter.

Figuring on banquet at Florence sometime next month. Each member will receive particulars later. Hope to have a big crowd. Members from Fayetteville, Wilmington and Charleston Districts cordially invited to be present.

Bro. G. A. McKinney, Sumter, S. C., has been appointed assistant local chairman, and Bro. S. A. Dantzer, agent Orangeburg, will look out for the south end of the M. & A. We are expecting great things now that we are lining up in a business-like manner.

Bro. O. L. Johnson, Jr., Florence, has been appointed correspondent for this district. If you have any news send it to him by the 20th.

Help to get in the nons and make our district solid. Some of them have been written to by the local chairman a number of times, who have not replied to his letters. Get them to fill out the applications sent them and send them in with the proper amount enclosed. It will cost more later on. Also help get in the few delinquents on the district. It is much better to remit dues at the proper time than to put it off and be in a position if you get in trouble that your case can not be investigated.

Notify the local chairman or correspondent of all the new men coming to our district and when you get off advise who is relieving you, in order that we may get all happenings on this district. We need the hearty co-operation of all the men on the district to run it in a business-like manner, have a write-up each month and keep the men interested in what is going on. Help our new local chairman to have a solid and up to date district.

Bro. Joudon, second "FR" Columbia, was off a few days recently on account of his mother's illness, whom we are glad to know is much improved.

DIST. COR.

Richmond District—

Boys, we only have eight hours to work. Let's give the very best service we can. Our dispatchers are considerate in all cases. Let's show by our work that men with up-to-date cards are better than nons.

Chester third closed while Bro. Krause was on the sick list, owing to the scarcity of telegraphers.

Bro. Meade, third Jarratt pending bulletin, off several days sick, relieved by Extra Luther.

Bro. Worsham has resumed duty at Carson, after being sick with typhoid fever for two months in the A. C. L. hospital at South Rocky Mount.

Bro. Paul Graves, third "CY" tower, off a few days, was relieved by Extra Clarke.

Bro. Roach, second Weldon yard, off a few days sick, relieved by Extra Payne.

Bro. Lowery, second Shops, called home to Farmville, Va., on account of sickness, relieved by Extra Payne.

It is Bro. Turk, second 41 Mile Post, now.

Bro. Garriss, third Pleasant Hill, relieved a few days by Mr. Clarke, from the Great Northern.

Bro. Lucas, first Shops, while taking the government examination in Richmond, was relieved by C. W. Orange, who went to "CY" tower second.

The Norfolk District has a good write-up every month, and we are coming to the front, too. Come on, Fayetteville and Wilmington Districts; keep the ball rolling.

Superintendent Phenneger was on a fishing trip to Weldon recently.

Bro. Roebuck, third Stony Creek, off a few days sick with chills and fever. Office closed on account of scarcity of men.

Bro. Pollard, Washington street, Petersburg, nights, off sick a few days, was relieved by Bro. Sanford, relief agent, Bro. Krause relieving him on first there, vice Bro. Hopkins, on his bridal tour, and third Chester closed again owing to scarcity of men.

Bro. Dickens, third Dunlop, several days sick, and Bros. Gregg and Kidrell doubled.

Bro. Miles on first Stony Creek pending bulletin, relieved by Extra Luther on first 41 Mile Post. Tinker Crowder, second Stony Creek, relieved a few days by Extra Clarke, who later relieved Bro. Swingle, first South Emporia, while on the sick list.

Bro. Grigg, third Enfield, while on the sick list was relieved by C. W. Orange, who later relieved Bro. Hines, second Halifax.

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to Bro. Hopkins in the death of his brother, which occurred at Danville, Va.

Third Trick Dispatcher Coleman relieved ten days by Bro. Scott, first "K," and he by Bro. Lacus, first Shops.

Boys, remember, that the company pays you to operate the telephone in your office.

MACK, Cert. 1067.

Norfolk District—

Bro. Bland was relieved ten days by Extra Hall; Bro. Hedgepeth while off sick relieved by Bro. Mathews, and Bro. Edmondson, attending court at Winton, by Bro. Harper, of Bethel.

Bro. Brown has been promised another clerk at Ayden. Bro. Parker with the general committee at Jacksonville, Fla., relieved by Acting Relief Agent Lafrage.

Bro. Savage visiting relatives at Oak City.

Bro. Brown, of Scotland Neck, attended the North Carolina Democratic convention at Raleigh.

Bro. Ellen attending court, relieved by Bro. Mathews. Bros. Powell, Solomon and Parker are now in the new passenger station recently built at Suffolk.

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Waycross District—

Members Waycross District: As a personal favor to me, make every effort to send in your dues to Bro. Williams promptly on July pay day.

and greatly help me and Bro. Williams, besides saving a large amount of postage for the division. The less money we spend, the more we have to secure new schedules. If you will all remit promptly, it will give me more time to line up the nons and properly handle grievances.

Since July, 1913, there have been no less than fifty-five separate grievances handled from this district alone, with seventy-five or eighty jobs vacated and bulletined, and numerous other things of a general nature. My office files are open to the inspection of any up-to-date brother on this district, and I hope you will all co-operate with me in getting it up to date. If you do nothing more than send in your dues on July pay day, it will be greatly appreciated.

When a man comes to your station, find out if he carries a card; if so, get his certificate and division number. If he is a non, ask him to join, and keep asking him until he does; also write me a note or call me on the wire and tell me his name and initials, whether a non or member, so I can put him on my list and get after him also. Work with me and the nons will soon disappear.

Remember, "No card, no favors," and live up to it hard. Show the nons that they are in a separate class—on the outside looking in.

If you see something going on that you think is a violation of the contract, write me about it, so that it can be remedied.

When you get through with your TELEGRAPHER, send it to some non, and mark certain parts of it so that he may be enlightened.

Now, brothers, please remember to send in your dues right away. Let's get solid and stay that way.
A. L. PIXLEY, L. C.

Waycross District Notes—

Recent additions: Bro. E. Jackson, Fairfax, Ga., and Bro. C. W. Hughes, Hardaway.

Bro. J. H. Morgan assigned agent-operator Haylow.

Bro. B. V. Hay, third Sylvester, has resigned and we lose a good member; relieved by C. E. Putnam pending bulletin.

It is now Bros. W. W. Braddock, Quitman; R. D. Reid, Homerville; W. C. Anderson, Atkinson; D. B. McQuaig, Valdosta; and P. D. Cox and A. H. Strickland, High Springs. Only two delinquents on the district.

R. A. Beard, agent-operator Hardaway pending bulletin, and J. C. Shirley on second Boston, both ex-members. Both advise they will join soon. Help line them up. Expect it will soon be Bro. A. L. Hughes, tax receiver.

Bro. G. H. Baggett, of Hildreth, is visiting relatives in Alabama.

Bro. L. J. Murray, of Fairfax, is out of service pending investigation of some slight trouble with our "old friend," the Western Union.

Bro. Pixley, on a trip over the district just prior to his trip to Jacksonville on business of the Order, secured six applications and dues from five delinquents. His success was made possible by the united work of Assistant Chairmen Moore,

Sasser and Hughes, and Bros. Braswell and Crittenden. If all the brothers would work like these did, we would be solid in thirty days and stay that way.
F. A. CRITTENDEN, Cor.

Charleston District—

This is to inform the brothers and nons of the Charleston District that I have been assigned to the duties of division correspondent. It is with considerable reluctance that I undertake the duty, on account of the out-of-the-way place at which I am located, and I hope that all will see that the success of the undertaking is going to depend very largely on the notes I receive from those who are in better position to observe the changes that happen.

You will note that I extend the invitation to nons as well as members. I think where the nons contribute to the write-ups they will be more interested in the contents of the journal, thereby getting side lights on the work of the membership and what the members rightly expect of them, and it is very probable that once they view the case in the right light that Bro. Bolick will be worked overtime mailing application blanks.

The Isle de Palms has been put in excellent shape for the summer, and it is expected that the attendance will exceed all past seasons. Charleston also seems to be growing in favor with the tourists.

We expect our committee will be able to land a nice new contract, with "car fare" attached, but there is work for all hands. Don't allow a string of nons to impede our progress when, with a little work, we can turn what is now a liability into an asset; so get after the nons, and also show the officials that the letters "O. R. T." not only stand for our Order, but that they also stand for the "Only Reliable Telegraphers."

From present indications, wedding bells will soon chime for Bro. Woods. He just can't stay away from Savannah.

"Ye scribe" attended quite a swell wedding recently. The ceremony was performed at St. Stephens, the party returning to the City by the Sea on No. 53, where a reception was held.

Most of the boomers are "hitting it" back for the white way and other northern points now, and I don't think the performance of some of them has made them any too strong with our chief.

We are glad to welcome to the ranks Bro. J. E. Hutto, of "IIN" office, who was one time local chairman of Charleston Division of old 59.

Pon Pon bid in by J. R. Reynolds. Look after him.

Ridgeland second and third opened temporarily, A. H. Ingram and Bro. O. F. Klintworth assigned. Bro. Klintworth will secure Mr. Ingram's papers.

Bos. Gregg and McCrae assigned Effingham second and third.

W. W. Holiday, Kingtree, is now a brother.

W. H. Wyse presumably will forward his papers as soon as the "ghost walks."

Bro. W. F. Stanley was recently called to Savannah on account of death in his family. We all feel the deepest sympathy for the brother and the family.

Bro. D. J. Kirtton, third Lake City, off sick, relieved by P. H. Chester. We hope for his speedy recovery.

Bro. Bolick was the only one to respond to my call for notes, for which I thank him.

L. A. GARDNER, Div. Cor.

Montgomery District—

I have just made a trip and seen every non on this entire district, although that was not my mission. You brothers in offices with the nons, also those who have them for neighbors, should go after them and earn one of the prizes—the year is not half gone and you can secure a prize that you would always be proud of, besides having the honor of securing the application of a non that even I and possibly others have failed on.

The watermelon movement is now on, and there will be lots of extra trains run to handle the business. We should all give good service now and leave no room for complaint.

Bro. H. W. Lawson returned to Cairo agency after being off near five months' sick, and we are all glad to see him back to work. He was relieved by Relief Agent Bro. J. C. Thames.

Bro. W. F. Thames, Climax, was relieved on a fishing trip by A. E. Mathis, who also relieved Bro. L. P. Bailey several weeks at Pickard.

Bro. R. L. Williams, third Cairo, was off a few days, relieved by Bro. G. L. Cherry, who also relieved Bro. G. W. Smith, Ansley, for two weeks' vacation, and Bro. W. M. Johnson, at Sprague, several days.

Bro. S. M. Adams, Waterford, was relieved a few days by Mr. Dupree.

Bro. E. R. Lewis is in Dothan dispatcher's office while the dispatchers are taking their annual vacations.

CERT. 293.

Savannah District—

The boys were pleased to receive the letter of commendation from the officials for their part in the successful handling of the heaviest passenger traffic on record on this district brought about through the holding of the Confederate reunion in Jacksonville, May 6th, 7th and 8th. It is estimated that there were 192,000 passengers handled through the union station during the three days, not including the eight thousand handled by the steamship companies. A number of the boys accepted the opportunity of viewing the big city and crowds. Bros. Smith, Folkson and Myrick, of Callahan, took a trolley ride, and didn't get lost either.

The writer has just learned of the death of Bro. Calhoun's father and brother which occurred within a week's time, and in behalf of the membership of this division we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved ones.

Bro. Davis Jesup says he can not see where it would pay him to attend the Waycross banquet,

as he is not well and has been reducing his diet of late.

As soon as it was learned that Dispatcher Clark had prepared a speech to be delivered (in person) at the banquet, the C. D. was almost swamped with requests for relief to attend.

There remains on the district just a few who are not members; names furnished upon application to the local chairman. Let us see if we can not separate them from the "Moocher's" club.

Bro. A. R. Jones, extra, after working at Moncrief and Newyard Jax, is now at Burroughs. Bro. Web Dyal accepted second, and Bro. W. C. Sessoms first Central Jct.

Agency Offerman, first Offerman, and second and third Southover yard, on bulletin. Bro. Ford is at Offerman.

Bro. L. Ellis, formerly of Division 97, has been assigned first Burroughs.

Bros. Mullinax and Herrin in Waycross hospital account malaria. Trust they will soon be up and around.

Bro. Stauter spent several days visiting the "old homestead," relieved by Bro. Jones.

Bro. Barefoot, extra dispatcher, is visiting relatives in Florida.

We were pleased to learn that the officials have been extended an invitation to our banquet, and trust that they will avail themselves of the opportunity. It was desired that our worthy president be with us on this occasion, but understand it will be impossible for him to attend, which we regret exceedingly.

Let's hit the ball and get them all

By showing the non the way,

And our conditions then will change,

As will the rate of pay.

TIM O'SHEA.

Lakeland District—

Brothers, send in your dues to Bro. Williams, it is only \$5.50—about one month's increase you received when our committee went up last time.

It's now Bro. R. P. Linnon, agent Morriston, and Bro. J. W. Corbitt, second Croom. Bro. W. F. McLeandon, former agent Morriston, now agent at Croom, relieve D. D. McCall, resigned.

Bro. W. D. Harnage bid in first, and Bro. J. M. Widemer second Dunnellon. A. J. Barnwell bid in first "CD" Lakeland, made vacant by Bro. G. I. Bailey, Jr., being set up to third trick dispatcher. Mr. Barnwell was relieved on second "CD" by Bro. G. P. Webb, an old-timer there, who has been off about eight months resting his arm up. We are glad to see him back and trust he will land something good.

Bro. O. O. Roberts furloughed at Istachatta, relieved by J. O. Myers. Bro. J. E. Long, off ten days, relieved by A. H. Russell, from W. U. third Croom. Bro. D. D. Roberts, second High Springs, off on account of the serious illness of his wife, relieved by Sister Johnson, from Division 126. Bro. J. W. Dickson, from the Second Division, has accepted the relief agent's position.

Brothers, if you know of a non don't let him rest until he comes in.

Div. Coa.

Gainesville District—

I am somewhat off of the main line, and do not know much that is going on in the way of changes. No one ever sends me any news from the Florida Southern or the J. & S. W., and I have had my hands full the past winter, keeping my office work up. Now that the rush is over I want to have a write-up of this district every month, and wish all the brothers would send me any news they can. I will call on Bro. F. L. Wise to get all the news he can from the J. & S. W., and mail to me, and Bro. J. M. Blow on the south end to do likewise.

Boys, pay your dues promptly and keep in good standing, and get right after the nons.

H. F. Guy has been sent to Clearwater temporarily.

Mr. McGuffy, from Ocala, is relieving Mr. Jones at Tarpon Springs while off getting married.

Mr. Raymond has saved up enough O. R. T. money at St. Petersburg to take a vacation, relieved by Bro. Hobdy.

Bro. C. P. Moore is still on the sick list.

M. H. MARTIN, Local Chairman.

"Big Four" Ry., Div. No. 3.*Cincinnati & Sandusky Division—*

It is certainly encouraging to see the new members coming in; keep after them, brothers, and we will soon be solid. Don't get discouraged and drop out. The unfair treatment some are getting should awaken them to the fact that organization is the only thing.

Bros. C. A. Stewart, J. Weber and F. B. Raff were appointed as assistants for Bro. L. W. Shearing, local chairman.

At the last meeting held in Springfield it was decided to create a flower fund by assessing the brothers of this division ten cents a month. The brothers not able to attend the meetings send the assessment with some brother attending or remit it to Bro. H. C. Schoep, Osborn, Ohio, and it will be properly accounted for.

Sandusky branch can hang out the solid O. R. T. sign. What's the matter with the brothers on the Cincinnati Division? Can't you land them? Double up on them if necessary. "No card, no favors."

Bro. E. Gallagher, first Dayton yard, off ten days, relieved by Mr. Pugh.

Bro. Vail, night clerk Middletown depot, spent a few days in Cleveland.

Bro. Harp, second London, has finally been transferred to second Fifth avenue.

Bro. Oliver Grutch, former agent at Monroe, dismissed some two months ago, has secured another chance.

H. Stabler, first M. C. Jct., off a few days, relieved by Mr. Yazell.

Bro. R. Howser, second Wells, off a few days to get a good start on the garden, relieved by Mr. Bumgardner.

Bro. Kenney, first Sand Cut, contemplates going into the cigar business with his brother.

Bro. Perry, second Draw Bridge, spent a few days in Cincinnati, relieved by P. J. Shields.

Bro. Colway, off a few days, relieved by C. Stabler, who later went to third Springfield yards, vice Bro. Armstrong appointed assistant night yardmaster. Third at "GM" on bulletin.

Mr. Rankin, third Miamisburg, reports for second at Lilly Chapel, relieved by Operator Cavanaugh pending bulletin.

Bro. Emmers, first Kinsley, is off a few days, Mr. Shaw relieving.

Brothers, they are after the sleepers, and on the strength of the new schedule you ought to be up and doing all the time, and deliver the goods.

Mr. Ciecel, second M. & N. Jct., was off a few days, Mr. Yazell relieving him.

Bert Demery, M. & C. Jct., suffered a stroke of paralysis.

Bro. Clark, first Middletown yard, taking few days' vacation, relieved by Bro. C. O. Delp.

Gallager, bumped from "AB," bumped into Dayton yard third; E. W. Himberg to second, vice Pat Shields resigned.

Two offices have been put on at Springfield while paving street and laying new rails westward, track being used single Laury to Fountain avenue.

Bro. E. Lee taking a short vacation, relieved by Mr. Offembacher.

Shale and Par closed; Bro. Glass, first Shale, to first West Carrollton; Mr. Petty to third Miamisburg pending bulletin; Mr. Holtzman, second Shale, is going in the grocery business. Mr. Hadley, third Shale, to second West Sharon on bid; Mr. Huff, first Par, to third M. & C. Jct.; Bro. C. O. Delp to third Middletown yard, and Bro. O. Keys to third Carlisle Jct.; Bro. Diehl to Springfield yard extra.

Bro. Vorheese, second Par, spent a few days at home in Indiana, then bumped third Myers. Bro. Slane, third, off petting a few boils, went to second East Sharon.

Bro. Shearing, the new local chairman, is finding plenty to do; let us do all we can to encourage him in his arduous and exacting duties.

Mr. F. W. Griffin, night chief, is on days while J. E. Devore is taking a short vacation, and Mr. Mulquin is acting as night chief, along with his duty as third trick dispatcher.

N. W. Slycer, ticket agent at Bellefontaine for over thirty years, passed away Thursday, May 7th, of pneumonia, leaving a wife and two sons.

R. A. Haley, chief dispatcher Sandusky Division, while taking vacation, was relieved by Night Chief F. W. Griffin. Geo. Whitlock, second trick dispatcher Sandusky Division, off two weeks recuperating from a severe cold, relieved by Extra Dispatcher D. A. Fawcett.

Sister Roll, of Belle Center, while attending Shrine at Carey, was relieved by her father, Mr. Roll.

Bro. Hendricks, first Urbana, bid in West Liberty agency, vice Bro. A. F. Sidesinger, resigned, leaving first Urbana open.

Third Belle Center closed; Bro. Jenkins bumped Bro. McDonald, second at Brooks, who took third and Bro. Long taking third Laury avenue.

Bro. Watkins, second Huntsville, off a few days, relieved by Mr. Yeazell.

Bro. Dewitt bid in second at Carey, relieving Bro. Battin resigned.

Bro. Callahan, first Kenton, while attending the funeral of his uncle, was relieved by Mr. Coats, who also relieved Bro. Andridsh, first Grants, off a few days on account of sickness.

W. H. A., Cert. 1619.

Cleveland Division—

Bro. H. Clutter, third St. James, relieved a few days by Bro. Griefenstine, who also relieved McKinley at Vernon a few days.

Bro. W. O. Tripplet, second Huff, relieved by Extra Long.

Bro. Dick, bumped from second Leonardsburg by Bro. Rollins, bumped Bro. Alexander on third, who went to third Cardington.

Bro. I. S. Tripplet, second Hiles, relieved by Extra Chabra.

Bro. Pete Moyer, second Boyd, bumped by Bro. H. C. Ashwell, leverman there, until force reduced, relieved by Bro. Wm. Holcomb, second Grafton, now game warden in that part of the country. Bro. Clyde Henry, first Vernon, attending court, relieved by C. E. Kilgore.

Local chairman while on committee work was relieved by H. A. Gallagher, third Cardington.

Bro. C. H. McCaffery, leverman Huff, relieved by Bro. Griefenstine a few days.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Bro. John Bazzle in the death of his sister, Mrs. Edwin Lamb. She leaves a host of relatives and friends to mourn her loss. E. F. Reiter, first Harper, relieved by Extra Predmore, Bro. Bazzle by Extra Burke, while attending the funeral.

The meeting at Cleveland this month was well attended. The next one will be held at Galion about the middle of June, and should be a "hummer," as the brothers are waking up to the fact that the Big Four is right there with the rest of them when it comes to working conditions and pay. I want to see every member who can possibly get away come to this meeting, as there will be some things brought before the brothers which needs your attention.

The nons are fast disappearing on this division. Every member do his best now until we get them all.

CERT. 1123.

Chicago Division, West End—

Bro. Broshears is the only one who sent anything in this month, and to him I am duly thankful.

Agent LeRoy Thomas has his application in, and Jacobs, at Earl Park, who has been quitting for the last ten years, is still talking of going into other business.

Boys, attend the Hoosier O. R. T. Club meetings, at Indianapolis. These meetings will do you good. They are held at Hotel Meridian, on the fourth Thursday each month.

Bro. Lowe bid in Earl Park, vice Mr. Tipton. LaRue got "FA." Mr. Martin, of Clarks Knob, got third "KT," and Bro. Browning "W."

Bro. Wert has departed for the wilds of Atkinson.

W. J. Fitzgerald, chief operator "AB," died at his home in Indianapolis on May 4th. The boys donated \$12.00, with which Bro. McMahon purchased a large wreath of flowers for the funeral.

Bro. Broderick was relieved two days by Sweeney.

Get after the nons, and let's make this division 100 per cent strong.

BARNY, Cert. 1520.

CARD OF THANKS.

To Operators Chicago Division, West End:

Words can not express my thanks for those beautiful flowers, knowing that he loved them best. They were symbols of love and affection in the darkest hour of my sorrow.

Very respectfully,

MRS. J. W. FITZGERALD.

Maine Central R. R., Div. No. 140.

Mountain District—

Bro. Crepeau, of Jefferson Jct., landed Whitefield, and Bro. Vigeant, second Beecher Falls, has bid in Jefferson Jct. agency.

Bro. R. L. Farady, from the Eastern Division, now working spare on this division, is on Beecher Falls second.

Bro. Stevens, first Beecher Falls, is on vacation, relieved by Clerk Spencer, who will soon be one of us.

No notes received from either Portland or the Eastern Division for this month. If you want to see your division represented, get your notes in promptly.

W. S. McGEACH, System Cor.

Ft. Worth & Denver City R. R., Div. No. 145.

On account of high water and the losing of fifty bents of the bridge over the Canadian River, our through trains were detoured via Dalhart and Tucumcari, over the Rock Island, for six days, the dispatchers at Trinidad handling our trains as far south as Canadian River. All detoured trains carried double crews to facilitate getting over the long runs.

Business is picking up on all districts on account of stock movement, and abundant rains, and prospects are favorable for a good fall movement.

Bro. E. R. Tatum, first Clarendon, has returned from a trip South to Texas points.

Bro. O. E. Phelps, first "X" Childress, has been elected chairman of the Third and Fourth Districts, vice G. H. Wheeler, resigned to go with the First State Bank at Channing. Bro. Phelps needs no introduction to the boys on the line, as he has served this company many years, and will treat the boys right.

Bro. J. M. Erwin, second Clarendon, expects to harvest a big crop of cantaloupes this season, and any brother wanting from one to five carloads of this luscious vegetable should place his order early.

Bro. Sides, third Channing, is like a chip in mid-ocean, being the only brother left at that point. What's the matter with those "past" brothers up there?

Bro. H. L. O'Bryant, is now on second Chilli-cothe, and says it's a fine place.

Bro. Dave Kersey, second Amarillo, is a very busy man looking after the stock trains and keeping crews lined up.

Bro. Henderson, assistant trainmaster and agent Texline, deserves much credit for the manner in which he handled trains and the re-building of the line from Texline to Dalhart during the recent washouts, being up night and day until it was open again.

Bro. Huffmaster, Carey, reports hail falling in that section recently as large as ostrich eggs.

Jargo Harrison, night yardmaster Childress, wearied of bachelor's life and was recently married. All extend congratulations.

Paul Jamison, formerly manager "DW" Fort Worth, died at his home in that city, May 5th. "JX" is well remembered by all the old-timers on the road for his clear-cut Morse, emanating from a never-faltering arm. His death is deeply regretted by all who knew him.

Bro. E. M. Gilley, manager "DW" Fort Worth, will soon leave on a tour embracing South Africa and other foreign countries. Before crossing the water he will visit his old home in Minnesota and also take in the great "white way" of Gotham. He expects to be gone several months. All join in wishing him a bon voyage and hope he will bring back some rare specimens of the jungles.

During the six days the Canadian River bridge was out at Tascosa the officials made temporary headquarters there, and a third man was put on, Bro. Sansing doing the stunt.

During the stock rush of the past two weeks we failed to see the smiling countenance of Dispatcher Clark and his motorcycle, and the little ones can now cross the streets in perfect safety.

Red Cross car, in charge of Dr. Lipscomb, remained in Childress five days last week, giving demonstration meetings to all employees, and a large crowd attended daily.

Vice-Dispatcher Joe Huggins, in the coal and feed trade in Childress, is doing a "land office" business. Joe says they could not drag him back to the key with "Death's Valley" 20-mule team.

Dispatcher Clugh made a flying trip to Dallas recently on business, and, notwithstanding the extreme warm weather, he returned empty handed, leaving the "cold ones" from whence he came.

Bro. P. D. Everett, second Tascosa, was promoted to Goodlett agency.

Bro. Robinson, first "FR" Ft. Worth, relieved Operator Goldsmith a few days in the general office, and showed his colors well.

Bro. Gilley, "DW" Ft. Worth, received much praise for the way he handled the "high-water news," and, while his services were very efficient, the boys in "X" Childress, who did most of the relaying and did not have time to brush a fly off their noses until relieved, didn't even get a pleasant

look. "Some funny things happen in this big world."

Bro. J. C. Yancey, from the T. & B. V., is on second Quanah.

Bro. H. G. Hughes, from the D. & R. G., assigned on Second Division.

Our hustling Secretary-Treasurer Weaver attended the O. R. T. Club meeting in Ft. Worth.

Bro. B. B. Abington is again at "CD" Childress as cashier, and Bro. Campbell, who relieved him, is back at the key at "CD."

Col. Abernathy, manager W. U. at Childress, made a flying trip to Dallas recently. The Colonel is there with the goods; can't be beat.

Harry Mathway, night yard clerk Childress, will soon leave on a trip to south Texas points to visit relatives.

Bro. W. L. Durrett is on first "WF;" Mr. Novey, from the Santa Fe, on second, and Mr. Wilson on third. Bro. Dickerson relieved a few days in "WV" dispatcher's office.

While in Ft. Worth I had the pleasure of meeting Bro. A. Y. Garner, of the H. & T. C., now dispatching for the E. P. S. W. at Santa Rosa, N. M.

Edwin Guinn, Quanah freight house, in St. Joseph's hospital, Ft. Worth, is rapidly recovering from an operation for appendicitis.

Dispatcher Clugh was on a business trip to Dallas recently.

Dispatcher Brock, of the Santa Fe at Raton, N. M., was a recent welcome visitor.

Bro. Tatum, Clarendon, relieved while attending court by Bro. Sansing.

Bro. Johnston, of "CD" Childress, relieved Mr. McDowell, "X" Childress, a few days recently.

J. K. Taylor relieved Jargo Harrison, night yardmaster, on his honeymoon. CERT. 4.

Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic R. R., Div. No. 148.

Birmingham Division—

Second Elyton was bid in by Mr. Call from Bessemer; first Elyton now pending bid.

Bro. Awbrey has decided to stay at Cragford, putting Roanoke second on bid again. Chelsea agency is also on bid.

Bro. Williams has returned from a visit to his father, who was injured a few weeks ago.

Bro. Painter, second Bellwood yards, is in Manchester message office while Bro. Rock is relieving the dispatchers, going over the road to see what kind of hills the hogheads and cons have to get over.

Brothers, it is time to renew your cards. Don't forget it, but get that up to date as soon as the time comes around, and also remember that your dues will be two dollars more this term than it was last year. Get after those nons next to you and don't give them any rest until you get their applications. Let's all pull together and try and make our division solid. CERT. 960.

Delaware & Hudson R. R., Div. No. 151.*Pennsylvania Division—*

We have promises from every non on the division to join, and they have all been supplied with blanks. Keep after the three or four left outside of the extra men, who will come in as soon as they work long enough to spare the money. Any of you boys who work next to a non tell him no more excuses will be tolerated; if he don't want to join we want to know it and then we will know just how to use him. They are all getting anywhere from \$20 to \$30 a month more than if the O. R. T. was not on this road, also protection, and that is worth the price of their jobs. An up-to-date card shows anyone who questions you that you have a right to protection.

According to our last schedule a local chairman can do nothing for a man without a card if he is unjustly discharged. Read the rules over carefully and you can see very quickly why a man should belong with us. We hope we may never be called on to use the rights this schedule gives us, but we may be called on to assert them at any time.

Div. Con.

Virginian Ry., Div. No. 154.

Our present and first schedule has been in effect a little more than one year, and we should congratulate our committee on the increased salary and better working conditions now existing which are as good as the first agreement of any other road. A few minor changes probably will be added or amended in the new schedule which will be made as soon as our committee can get before the management. At present Mr. Berlingett is ill and three other committees are ahead of ours. Previous to this our committee has had sufficient grounds for not going before the management. Let the brothers not worry about our committee, as they have the facts in the case from those who know. They will be prepared to secure good results at the proper time.

Bro. Wooten, First and Second Divisions, has resigned as local chairman, and Bro. C. W. Compber, second Roanoke, elected to the vacant chair, and we feel that the lot fell to the right party, and knowing him for a number of years know that he will do his whole duty, and having the fellowship of Bro. Hix, general chairman; Bro. Davis, local chairman of Third and Fourth Divisions, and Bro. Goodwin, secretary and treasurer, there is no fear but what both the men and the company will be treated on an even basis, as the organization is not a compact to protect employes in the wrong.

Brothers, we must not impose on our local chairmen, with supposed grievances, as we must remember that they have their duties to perform toward their employer as well as ourselves. If we unwittingly violate the rules our committee will no doubt intercede for us in a proper manner, but not as a grievance.

Bro. Daniels, agent at Tams, W. Va., was called away for several days on account of his wife's brother being killed in the mine explosion

at Eccles, W. Va., on April 28th. Bro. Daniels and wife have our deepest sympathy.

Bro. Belcher, Taft third, bid in second at Clarks Gap.

Bro. H. H. Williams bid in first at Pax. We are glad to welcome Bro. Williams into our midst and glad to know that his health has greatly improved. Bro. G. W. Stevens, first Pax, resigned to accept an agency with the T. & O. C. We regret very much to lose Bro. Stevens; he has been one of the faithfuls for many years, and we wish him success.

Bro. Gross, agent Mullens, has returned from his fifteen days' vacation and moved into his newly purchased home there. We hope he will help to keep the boys lined up at that place, with the assistance of Bro. West.

Bro. C. H. Bowling, off for some time with a severe attack of pneumonia, we are glad to learn is now improving rapidly.

Bro. Hanson, agent Eccles, on fifteen days' vacation, was relieved by Relief Agent Wilcoxon. During the great mine disaster there the Western Union sent three men from Charleston. Among those called by the Virginian were: Bros. J. W. Wood; H. L. Booker, second Clarks Gap; C. L. Farmer, third Pax; Third Trick Dispatcher Miller; Mr. Southerland, agent; Yardmaster Page, Mr. Collinsworth, and Mr. Oliver, first and second chief staff men from Elmore, including the regular operators, Bros. C. E. Gross and G. L. Shinn.

We are glad to welcome Bros. J. W. Wood and D. C. Crizer, first Pemberton, in the Order. Keep the local chairman informed of men without up-to-dates. We want to secure all nons who come within our reach, and make this road 100 per cent strong. Please help the other members by doing your mite.

J. E. Oliver, Elmore, on fifteen days' vacation, relieved by Sister Mrs. C. W. Riddick.

Bro. A. J. Vaughan is now on second Mullens, and Bro. Robinson bid in third there.

Bro. Long, first at Taft, off fifteen days visiting home folks, relieved by Bro. Howerton.

The new station at Merrimac has been completed. We hope Agent Campbell will now get an up-to-date.

Bro. B. D. Carper, agent Pemberton, will soon be in the new station there. The C. & O. loss was much gain to the Virginian in securing Bro. Carper. Bro. Strong, agent Woodbay, is still holding his own. We hope the C. & O. can continue to furnish us such good and energetic men as Carper and Strong.

We are glad that Bro. Gravely's health has so improved that he is able to take his assignment at agency Kegley.

Bro. C. W. Riddick, agent and first Slab Fork, was off a few days attending court at Beckley. W. Va. Sister Miss Sarah Riddick, second Slab Fork, has gone back to Georgia to visit the old homestead, relieved by Mr. Bailey, of Clarks Gap, who will soon possess an up-to-date. Brothers, don't forget him.

Bro. J. W. Wood is on an extended visit to his home in Virginia.

Our old friend Jimmie Good, at Princeton, has retired from the reporter's staff and is now running trains. Bro. G. L. Shinn, at Eccles, is still on the reporter's staff. The best way to keep up interest on the division is for all the members to send in the news items they hear of, as it is impossible to get it all without your assistance. Let us see if we can not make this the banner division.

CERT. 126.

Chicago, Indiana & Southern R. R., Div. No. 159.

Danville Division—

The long-looked for ball was given at Schneider, May 29th and all the brothers who could tango, bunny-hug, hesitate, etc., were there. Even the music was strained by O. R. T. members.

Agent C. T. Allison, off two days, relieved by Bro. O. L. Born, who also relieved Bro. J. P. Allison, agent Campbell, a few days account sickness.

Three tricks at Tab closed April 16th; Bro. Born to extra board, and Mr. Jackson relieving on third Sloan. Campbell three tricks closed; Bro. C. R. Handley to Sloan third, Bro. Humphry to Morocco tower second.

Bros. Johnson and Gott are branching out in the piano business. Good luck to the boys.

Bro. F. G. Handley, agent Stewart, is being relieved by Bro. C. R. Handley on account of spraining his shoulder on May 13th.

We are indebted to Bro. Will Jacobs, at Sloan, for these items. Boys, please drop me a line or two, and we can have a good write-up each month.

Bro. Albert, off few days, to assist on the new schedule, was relieved by Bro. Johnson.

Bros. Blaney and Cunningham were recent Chicago visitors.

Second Trick Dispatcher Dockery is working a trick on the belt, relieved by Extra Dispatcher Connors.

Bro. John Jacobs, agent Handy, visited home folks at Hedrick recently.

Bro. Humphry, second Morocco tower, is visiting his parents in North Carolina.

Bro. Tom Gott is working levers at Stewart nights while Bro. Wyatt is on a vacation.

Bro. Lewis, agent Conrad, while attending the funeral of his sister, was relieved by Bro. Cunningham.

Agent Williamson, at Free, sports a new Ford auto, and we wonder how he can afford it as he could not see his way clear for an up-to-date.

L. E. SMITH, Div. Cor.

Kankakee Division—

Bro. J. J. DeArmond bid in McNabb agency, relieved by Bro. Davis, from the C. & E. I.

Bro. Barnes, Olivers, off a few days recently on committee work and rounding up the nons.

Bro. Smith has engaged in the hotel business at Schneider; brothers, give him a call. Boomers not allowed.

Several block jobs will be opened shortly on this division.

One dispatcher has been taken off at "KKK;" Mr. Dooley now on extra. Mr. Wright has his hands full; now help him all you can, boys.

Our committee has been successful in securing a new schedule, and no one was slighted. Considering financial affairs, as they now stand, we did fine. All honor to General Chairman A. J. Shimanek, one of the best there is. Keep him busy, boys.

A rousing good time was had at the meeting at Schneider, May 14th. It is too bad you east end boys did not turn out. The company was good enough to run a train so you could get home. If we don't turn out better to these meetings they will say no when we ask them again.

Several good talks made by the brothers, also a good explanation of the new schedule by Bros. "Shim." and Alberts. Bro. Barnes is to be the next speaker of the house.

Officers were elected for future meetings and everything is to be carried on in first-class shape. After everybody had smoked all the union-made cigars in town we all repaired to Bro. Smith's "face foundry." Nuff sed. Officers represented: South Bend, North Judson, Schneider, Illinois, Momence, Streator, North Hayden, Enos, Kentland, Sheff, Handy, Tab, Sloan and Campbell.

There are two nons on this division between South Bend and Kankakee who took the raise but have not joined yet. J. E. H., Div. Cor.

O. W. R. & N. R. R., Div. No. 161.

Second Division—

Bro. A. E. Lessing has returned from Texas, Mr. Sheldon to Durkee to relieve Bro. S. P. King, who relieved Mr. Woods, on the sick list several days. Later Bro. King relieved Mr. Houser at Pleasant Valley. He and Mrs. Houser are on a thirty-day leave, the latter being relieved by Miss Ruth Hart.

Bro. Lessing was relieved by Bro. Dolan to take examination, and the latter then relieved Bro. Stearns at Pendleton while on a trip to Portland. Bro. Dolan is now relieving Mr. O'Neal at Huntington, who is taking lessons at LaGrande on train dispatching.

Mr. Connelly, of LaGrande, is relieving the genial T. A. M. dispatcher on the west end.

Our genial general chairman, J. H. Young, has returned from a pleasant visit in Texas to home folks, and is now installed as postmaster at Hermiston. We are sorry to lose him from our ranks, but rejoice with him on his good fortune and wish him success in his new venture. He is a man of sterling qualities and ability far above the average, and one of the kind who will not turn back when they meet apparently insurmountable obstacles. Hermiston agency is on bulletin since Bro. Young took the postoffice there.

Mr. Nolton, agent Union Jct., was off for ten days, being called to Stanfield to the funeral of Mrs. Nolton's sister. We extend our sympathy to the family in their bereavement.

O. K. Mudge is at Haines pending bulletin, vice Bro. Wilson.

Bro. Pidcock, of Meacham, who was off several days, relieved by Miss Ruth Hart, can now be called "papa." Congratulations.

Miss Simpkins is at Duncan.

Superintendent Bollons and Maintainer Woods went over the division recently on a gasoline speeder.

The boys along the line are not sending us the items, which is just a little neglectful, for there have been many changes, and someone at each station should take the time to drop us a line on them. Just because we have a schedule you must not lose your interest. We will want a better one some day. Get after the few nons along the line and help us get them into the fold. Unless you do your duty to yourself, it is impossible to do your duty to your employer, and you are certainly not doing your duty to yourself unless you help to get in the non-members. There is no reason for anyone staying out of the Order now for lack of funds, because they have already received a \$5.00 increase for five months, and none of them hesitate to take that extra five, either, but they are not entitled to it unless they help those who were responsible for their getting it. Were it not for our Order we would all be working for sixty-five per. Now get busy.

J. V. MITCHELL.

N. C. & St. L. Ry.

Chattanooga Division—

It is very encouraging to see so many with an "up to date." We are doing good work, boys. Keep busy on that non next to you; let him have no peace until he comes into the ranks.

Some of the men have been trading positions. This does injustice to others. It must be adjusted.

M. M. Howe is on extra list again, with headquarters at Stevenson, Ala.

Telegrapher Richards, of Wartrace, is contemplating a trip West. Extra Wiggs is relieving the regular men on this end of the line.

E. V. Clouse has accepted Glenn Cliff agency. Agency and first trick Hooker, Ga., have been combined. J. E. Strawn is agent-operator; no change in salary.

J. B. Hale bid in third at Drawbridge.

R. S. Thaxton is relieving F. Loft on first at "NY" tower, Cravens, Tenn.

C. F. Bates, helper Tullahoma, is on vacation.

Jeff Miller has returned to first Cowan. He was relieved by Extra McNabb, of Wartrace.

The boys at Bass, Ala., frequently make a catch of a nice string of trout.

Wm. Huddleston has accepted the agency at Stevenson.

Boys, in handling trains during heavy passenger travel, remember "safety first."

Get your items to me promptly by the 20th: Keep your good work going on. See what has been accomplished in such a short time.

I recently made a trip over the other divisions. We must hustle or they will get ahead of us, especially on W. & A. Make every effort to be present at the meetings.

Div. Cor.

The Fort Club.

About sixty-five members were present at a meeting of the telegraphers representing the lines entering Ft. Worth at the Metropolitan Hotel in that city on the night of April 23d, when the groundwork for forming an O. R. T. club was laid. Bro. Bean, an attorney, formerly with the H. & T. C., was elected president, and Bro. Terhune, of the Rock Island, first vice-president. A vice-president was also elected from the M. K. & T., Ft. W. & D. C., Frisco, H. & T. C., S. P., and T. & P. Meetings are to be held every month.

The purpose of the club is to get as many brothers, with their families, together as possible, socially, and the discussion of matters of interest to telegraphers. We believe this club will be of untold interest to the members on all lines entering Ft. Worth. We all regretted that General Chairman Mentzer was unable to attend the meeting, while we know his thoughts were with us.

This was the second of a series of joint meetings held at the Metropolitan Hotel in Ft. Worth, and, while not so largely attended as the one at Houston on the 5th, it was not lacking in enthusiasm. After the club had been formed the hours were spent in listening to remarks and speeches from the different members present, which were both interesting and beneficial.

Among those present were: Bros. W. T. Brown, general chairman Rock Island, Topeka, Kan.; G. H. Beck, general chairman M. K. & T., St. Charles, Mo.; John E. Cowgill, general chairman Sou. Pac.; C. E. Weaver, general secretary-treasurer F. W. & D. C., Quanah, Tex.; A. E. Laisure, local chairman Sou. Pac., Ennis, Tex.; Chas. C. Webner, local chairman I. & G. N., Mart, Tex.; W. H. Malone, T. & P., Fort Worth; J. H. Kelley, I. & G. N., Everman; Sam S. Beane, Division 53, an attorney of Ft. Worth, and his law partner, Bro. Harry C. Gerlach, of the carmen's union, and many others.

Another meeting of the club was held at the Metropolitan, Ft. Worth, Sunday evening, May 17th. All O. R. T. members having been cordially invited to attend made it a very interesting affair.

Club Cor.

CORT Club.

No write-up in the April issue, as the correspondent was on vacation.

The April meeting was well attended, and we are glad to note that the brothers seem to be taking more interest of late. Interesting and instructive talks, made by Konenkamp, Newman, Brown, Soyster, Derrickson, Jones and Boyington. We were all glad to meet Sister Soyster at this meeting, and trust she may find it convenient to be with us often in the future.

The May meeting was another of the "bumper" type. Talks were made by Newman, Jones, Smart, Boyington, Rose, Carter and Sharer. Sister Veasley was a welcome visitor at this meeting. Bro. D. C. Smart was elected delegate to represent the telegraphers at the Person Defense League, also delegate to the Penny Phone League.

Bro. G. Dal Jones recently received a pleasant call from our worthy president, Bro. Perham.

Bro. D. C. Smart, off two weeks visiting relatives and friends in Peoria, South Pekin and Greenview, Ill.

Bro. O. Hart, on ten days' vacation, is improving on his chicken farm near Wheaton, Ill.

Understand CORT Club members were very much in evidence at the recent civil service examination for inspectors of hours of service.

Bro. J. D. Wills, C. & N. W. general office, is enjoying a two weeks' vacation in the country.

Bro. and Mrs. P. E. Gray recently spent a few days with Mrs. Gray's mother in LaPorte, Ind.

Bro. G. A. Flynn has resigned in the C. & N. W. general office and is now sight-seeing in Minneapolis and Omaha. Bro. Lyle Alverson, C. & N. W., has also resigned, having recently passed the civil service examination and been appointed operator in the State Department, at Washington, D. C. Al has our best wishes for success.

Bro. B. E. Quinn, C. B. & Q. general office, is now in the dispatcher's office of the I. C., at Mattoon, Ill.

Bro. Coburn, C. & N. W., Harvard, Ill., recently paid the C. & N. W. general office brothers a very pleasant call.

Bro. C. L. Craig has been elected a delegate to the C. T. U. A. convention, held in Buffalo during May.

We are all pleased to have Bro. Schultz, of Division 17, with us at our last meeting, now with the C. & N. W. in Minnesota.

Bro. Harry Sharer who has been laid up for ten days with acute bronchitis, we are glad to report has returned to work.

Bro. and Mrs. W. J. Early are visiting relatives in Mattison, Ill.

Bro. F. O'Leaf, of the Grand Division, is now with the C. & N. W., in the general office, Chicago.

Bro. F. F. Breining attended an O. R. T. meeting at DeKalb, Ill., on May 23d.

Let us spend a little of our spare time, brothers, assisting Bro. Boyington in organizing the levermen of the Terminal District, C. & N. W.

Bro. Bartling has returned from Omaha to do relief work during vacations in the C. B. & Q. general office.

Bro. Shaw, C. B. & Q., St. Joseph, Mo., spent a day in Chicago recently. Bro. Shaw holds a patent right on a sending machine, and is endeavoring to have the embargo lifted on same.

Bro. Harry Fellows, formerly of the Frisco general office, Springfield, Mo., is now in the C. & N. W. general office, Chicago.

Bro. Howard, C. B. & Q. relay, en route from Sheridan, Wyo., to LaCrosse, Wis., recently made

C. B. & Q. and C. & N. W. brothers a pleasant call while in Chicago.

Bro. Nelson, C. B. & Q., recently made a flying trip to Niagara Falls.

Bro. Manthy, C. B. & Q., is now enjoying his annual vacation, relieved by Sister Grabow.

Keep after the nons in the various general offices, brothers, and make things so interesting for them on our side of the fence that they will gladly come over. Also keep after all members and induce them to attend the CORT Club meetings the first Saturday night of each month, 912 Masonic Temple.

CLUB COR.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, has deemed best to call to her heavenly home, the beloved daughter of Bro. and Mrs. W. J. Early; and

WHEREAS, We bow in humble submission to Him that doeth all things well; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of Chicago O. R. T., Division 91, and the members of the CORT Club, extend to Bro. and Mrs. Early our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved brother, a copy spread upon the minutes of Division 91, and CORT Club, and a copy sent to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

G. DAL JONES,
F. J. CORCORAN,
D. C. SMART,
Committee.

O. R. T. Club.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The mystic touch of death has stilled into eternal silence the lips of our beloved brother, Louis G. Ging; and

WHEREAS, We realize that in the untimely demise of Bro. Ging we have been deprived of the support of a true and loyal brother; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of Omaha Railroad Telegraphers' Club, extend to the relatives and friends our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in this hour of sadness and sorrow; and be it further

Resolved, That this memorial be spread upon the minutes of the club, a copy transmitted to the bereaved family of our late brother and one to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

M. H. MEEKER,
J. J. HARTY,
J. G. LAWLER,
Committee.



Mutual Benefit Department

Assessment No. 134 is due July 1, 1914.
Time for payment expires August 31, 1914.

AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENTS.

On \$ 300 00 (Series A)	\$2 40 per year.
On 500 00 (Series B)	3 60 per year.
On 1,000 00 (Series C)	7 20 per year.

BENEFITS PAID DURING MAY, 1914.

CLAIM No.	NAME.	CAUSE.	Div.	CERT. No.	SERIES.	AMT.
1538.	H. M. Stevens.	Paresis.	17.	20354.	C.	\$1,000 00
1579.	Ernest W. Robinson.	Tubercular Laryngitis.	Grand	7958.	C.	1,000 00
1594.	Geo. A. White.	Bronchitis.	35.	26527.	A.	300 00
1597.	Walter J. Schroeder.	Pulmonary Tuberculosis.	119.	27808.	B.	500 00
1598.	R. E. Schultz.	Septicæmia.	23.	5651.	B.	500 00
1599.	John A. M. Gravel.	Debility and Laryngitis.	7.	35932.	C.	1,000 00
1600.	Fred W. West.	Acute Hepatitis and Colitis.	7.	24604.	C.	1,000 00
1601.	Chas. Allen Wheelbarger.	Pulmonary Tuberculosis.	49.	25132.	B.	500 00
1605.	Eugene B. Glenn.	Rupture of Blood Vessel in Brain.	14.	34524.	C.	1,000 00
1607.	Dan'l M. Sharpnack.	Pneumonia.	33.	16685.	A.	300 00
1608.	H. A. Chadwick.	Articular Rheumatism.	93.	9057.	C.	1,000 00
1609.	H. W. Bell.	Intestinal Obstruction.	94.	13466.	B.	500 00
1610.	Albert T. Hoff.	Gliosarcoma of Brain.	93.	9119.	C.	1,000 00
1612.	James L. Crawley.	Bright's Disease.	17.	26394.	B.	500 00
1615.	A. W. MaGaw.	Fracture of Skull (Struck by Auto).	8.	19320.	C.	1,000 00
1616.	Wm. F. Glaspy.	Pneumonia.	55.	18112.	A.	300 00
1619.	Rosaire Courchesna.	Consumption of Lungs.	7.	5348.	C.	1,000 00
1620.	Wm. Henry Tyhurst.	Valvular Insufficiency.	33.	31480.	A.	300 00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—MORTUARY FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Received on Assessment to April 30, 1914.	\$1,421,084 16
Received on Assessment Account May, 1914.	1,806 04
	<u>\$1,422,890 20</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Death Claims paid to April 30, 1914.	\$ 978,581 47
Death Claims paid in May.	12,700 00
Assessments Refunded, account rejected applications.	1,847 14
Assessments Transferred to Dues.	269 68
Cash on hand to credit Mortuary Fund, May 31, 1914.	429,491 91
	<u>\$1,422,890 20</u>

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Division Directory

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No. 1—Division covers the Grand Trunk and Grand Trunk Pacific Rys. Meets subject to call of Chairman. L. M. Eddy, Gen'l Chairman Grand Trunk Ry., Marcellus, Mich.; R. L. Harrop, Gen'l Chairman Grand Trunk Pacific Ry., care of G. T. P. Ry., Battleford, Sask.; D. L. Shaw, Gen'l S. & T., 427 William st., London, Ont.

No. 2, ST. LOUIS, MO.—Meets 1st and 3d Monday of each month at 8 p. m., Small Hall, south side, 3d floor, Masonic Temple (Odeon Bldg.), Grand and Finney aves., St. Louis, Mo.; L. W. Quick, Chief Telegrapher, 7th floor, Star Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.; R. J. McElhinney, S. & T., 4110a Arsenal st., St. Louis, Mo.

No. 3—Division covers C. C. C. & St. L. Railway System. Edw. Whalen, Gen'l Chairman, 1601 Third ave., Terre Haute, Ind.; Geo. Lavengood, G. S. & T., 109 E. Jackson st., Alexandria, Ind. System meetings held at Spencer Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind., subject to call of the Gen'l Chairman. Cleveland Division meets 2d Wednesday of each month at 1501 Columbus road, Cleveland, Ohio; Hugh T. Sloan, Galion, Ohio, Local Chairman. Cincinnati-Sandusky Division meets 31 Tuesday each month in Johnson Bldg., Springfield, Ohio; L. F. Armstrong, 116 N. Greenmount ave., Local Chairman. St. Louis Division, Edw. Whalen, Local Chairman. Cairo Division, B. T. McConchie, Marshall, Ill.,

Local Chairman. Cairo Division and St. Louis Division hold joint meetings 1st Wednesday night of each month in Knights of Pythias Hall, Paris, Ill. Indianapolis Division meets 3d Monday of each month in Room 11, 2d floor, Anthony Bldg., Muncie, Ind.; E. P. Jenkins, 1603 East Jackson st., Muncie, Ind., Local Chairman. Chicago Division meets subject to call of Local Chairman, A. J. Hornung, Greensburg, Ind. Michigan Division meets subject to call of Local Chairman, Geo. Lavengood, Alexandria, Ind. P. & E. Division meets subject to call of Local Chairman, I. E. Schlosser, Waynetown, Ind.

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- No. 18—Division covers the New York, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad System. Meetings 1st District at Conneaut, in G. A. R. Hall, Main st., cor. of Washington st., every third Monday of each month. Meeting 2d and 3d Districts at Bellevue, Ohio, in B. of L. E. Hall, every 3d Friday of each month. Meeting 4th District in I. O. O. F. Hall, State st., Hammond, Ind., every second Saturday of each month. F. F. Cowley, Gen'l Chairman, 519 W. Lincoln st., Findlay, Ohio; C. O. Crisenberry, Gen'l S. & T., Knox, Ind.
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- No. 21—Division covers the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. E. F. Stenger, Gen'l Chairman, R. F. D. No. 3, Miamisburg, Ohio; Harry F. Fritsch, Gen'l S. & T., Station A, Cincinnati, Ohio.
- No. 22—Covers Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway System. Geo. H. Beck, Gen'l Chairman, 710 Adams st., St. Charles, Mo.; M. M. Moseley, Gen'l S. & T., 526 S. 5th st., Waco, Tex.
- No. 23—Division covers the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry., Rochelle & Southern Ry., Idaho & Western Ry., Tacoma-Eastern R. R., and Bellingham & Northern Ry. District meetings held subject to call of the Local Chairman. G. E. Soyster, Gen'l Chairman, 403 Drexel Bank Bldg., Chicago, Ill.; C. H. Burnworth, Ass't Gen'l Chairman Puget Sound Lines, Ingomar, Mont.; Ed. R. Derrickson, Gen'l S. & T., 403 Drexel Bank Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
- No. 25—Division covers the International & Great Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. T. C. Berry, Gen'l Chairman, Encinal, Tex.; R. B. Adams, Gen'l S. & T., Oakwood, Tex.; D. D. Hungate, Local Chairman Gulf Division, Jewett, Tex.; J. J. Burns, Assistant Local Chairman and Division Correspondent, Box 482, Rockdale, Tex. Chas. C. Webner, Local Chairman Ft. Worth Division, Mart, Tex.
- No. 26, NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.—Meets 2d Wednesday of each month at 8 p. m., Grand Union Hotel, New York City. H. S. Baker, Chief Telegrapher, 88a Second Place, Brooklyn, N. Y., A. R. Linn, S. & T., 116 Willett st., Jamaica, N. Y.
- No. 27—Division covers the St. Louis, Vandalia & Terre Haute Railroad System. Meets on the 15th of each month in the Mayor's office at Green Castle, Ind. E. E. Pierron, Gen'l Chairman, Pierron, Ill.; C. R. Shortridge, Gen'l S. & T., Coatesville, Ind.
- No. 29, NEW HAVEN, CONN.—Meets 1st Friday of each month at 8 p. m. and 3d Tuesday of each month at 10 a. m., in Red Men's Hall, 48 Church st., cor. Crown, New Haven, Conn. L. H. Dowd, Chief Tel., 57 Ludlow st., Waterbury, Conn. G. F. McCormack, S. & T., 95 Main st., West Haven, Conn.
- No. 31—Division covers the Missouri Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. C. E. Maxwell, Gen'l Chairman, Room 401, Star Building, St. Louis, Mo.; N. S. Morgan, Chairman Relay Offices, 418 Geyer ave., Kirkwood, Mo.; W. L. Wilmarth, Member General Committee M. P. Ry., Holden, Mo.; J. E. Lewis, Member General Committee, Tallulah, La.; H. J. Mohler, Gen'l S. & T., Room 401, Star Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.
- No. 32—Division covers the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the Chairman. C. G. Kelso, Gen'l Chairman, Box 87, Springfield, Mo.; M. T. Fullington, Gen'l S. & T., Box 87, Springfield, Mo.
- No. 33—Division covers the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the Chairman. C. B. Pierce, Gen'l Chairman, 2021 Longwood st. (Walbrook), Baltimore, Md.; C. B. Rawlins, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, R. F. D. No. 1, Moore's Hill, Ind.; W. Edgar Frasher, Gen'l S. & T., 814 W. 9th st., Wilmington, Del. Philadelphia Division—Meets in Red Men's Hall, 17th and Union sts., near B. & O. depot, Wilmington, Del., third Saturday evenings in January, March, May, July, September and November at 8 p. m.; meetings in February, April, June, August, October and December, subject to call of Local Chairman. F. F. Sullivan, Local Chairman, Van Bibber, Md. Western District of the Baltimore Division—Meets subject to call of Local Chairman. W. Q. Stouffer, Local Chairman, Point of Rocks, Md. Eastern District of the Baltimore Division—Meets subject to call of Local Chairman. D. J. McGrath, Local Chairman, 2811 Frisby st., Baltimore, Md. "GO" General Office, Baltimore. Meets subject to call of the Local Chairman. D. F. Headley, Acting Local Chairman, 1927 W. Lexington st., Baltimore, Md. Pittsburg Division, Pike River and P. & W. Districts—Meets 4th Thursday night of each month at 8 p. m. and 10 a. m., 4th Thursday in June, etc., 1914,

- at 417 Wood st., third floor, Pittsburg, Pa.; J. Yeager, Jr., Local Chairman Eastern District, Pittsburg Division, 810 Bay Ridge ave., Brookline, Pittsburg, Pa.; E. J. Olwell, Local Chairman Western District of the Pittsburg Division, 120 Charles st., Knoxville, Mt. Oliver Station, Pittsburg, Pa. Cleveland Division—G. H. McCoy, Local Chairman, 1716 Wooster st., Massillon, Ohio. Chicago Division—Meets 3d Wednesday night of each month in Red Men's Hall, Defiance, Ohio. T. J. Eiler, Local Chairman Eastern District; G. H. Harer, Local Chairman Western District, Milford, Ind. Newark Division, including all its subdivisions and branches, will hereafter meet in Newark on the third Monday of each month. Meetings will be held alternately in the afternoon and evening, beginning with an evening meeting in December. J. P. Welsh, Local Chairman Eastern District of the Newark Division, R. F. D. No. 3, Box 17, Barnesville, Ohio. J. F. Iden, Local Chairman of the Western District of the Newark Division, 541 Maple ave., Newark, Ohio. New Castle Division meets last Saturday evening in each month in Central Labor Hall, 3d floor, Walsh Building, South Main st., Akron, Ohio. J. R. Ault, Local Chairman, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.
- No. 34—Division covers the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railway System. Meets subject to the call of Chairman. J. V. Phillips, Gen'l Chairman, Wellington, Ill.; S. M. Rittenhouse, Gen'l S. & T., Sidel, Ill.
- No. 35, PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month in Swart's Lodge, Odd Fellows' Hall, 96 Westminster st., Providence, R. I. J. D. Vanderbeck, Chief Tel., 284 Montgomery ave., Providence, R. I.; W. J. Smith, S. & T., West Kingston, R. I.
- No. 36—Division covers the Pennsylvania Lines west of Pittsburg. Meets subject to call of the Chairman. L. W. Quick, Acting Gen'l S. & T., Star Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.
- No. 37, NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y.—Meets 2d Friday evening each month, 8 o'clock, Lambden Bldg., 252 Main st., New Rochelle, N. Y. Theodore A. Reif, Chief Tel., 9 Abendroth place, Port Chester, N. Y.; B. E. S. Seaman, S. & T., 1210 Evergreen ave., New York, N. Y.; T. O. Tiger, Local Chairman, 907 Main st., Stamford, Conn.
- No. 38, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.—Meets 3d Saturday each month, 7:30 p. m., in Harmony Hall, Myrick Bldg., Worthington st., Springfield, Mass. Frank P. Sargent, Chief Tel., 24 Colton st., Merrick, Mass.; M. J. Walsh, S. & T., 19 Chapin st., Merrick, Mass.
- No. 39—Division covers the Pere Marquette Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. Chicago-Muskegon Division meets subject to call of Local Chairman. H. W. Smith, Local Chairman, Benton Harbor, Mich.; W. A. Knister, Gen'l Chairman, Coatsworth, Ont.; W. R. Adair, Gen'l S. & T., 372 Goodwin ave., Detroit, Mich.
- No. 40—Division covers the Chesapeake & Ohio and Chesapeake & Ohio Indiana Lines. L. E. Hicks, Gen'l Chairman, Craigsville, Va.; J. W. Kiser, Gen'l S. & T., Guyandotte, W. Va.; W. L. Scott, Chairman Piedmont and Peninsula Districts, R. D. 7, South Richmond, Va.; W. A. Carr, Chairman Rivanna District, Shores, Va.; H. S. Shuey, Chairman Mountain District, Craigsville, Va.; R. L. Fletcher, Chairman James River District, Eagle Rock, Va.; J. J. Holt, Chairman Allegheny and Greenbrier Districts, Covington, Va.; J. E. Wheatley, Chairman New River District, Prince, W. Va.; J. W. Kiser, Chairman Huntington Division, Guyandotte, W. Va.; H. O. Irwin, Chairman Lexington and Big Sandy Districts, 416 E. Carter ave., Ashland, Ky.; G. F. Willis, Chairman Cincinnati District, Greenup, Ky.; E. W. Johnson, Chairman Chesapeake & Ohio of Indiana, Converse, Ind. Regular meetings are held at Richmond, Va., in Fraternity Hall, 215 W. Broad st., on the 4th Thursday night of each month, at Clifton Forge, Va., in I. O. O. F. Hall, on the 4th Saturday night. At Hinton, W. Va., in the Big Four Bldg., on the 3d Thursday night and at Ashland, Ky., in Loider Hall on the 3d Monday night of each month.
- No. 41, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets 2d Saturday night of each month, Engineers' Hall, 164 Canal st., Boston, Mass. T. J. Fogarty, Chief Tel., 71 Clarendon ave., West Somerville, Mass.; F. C. McGrath, S. & T., 614 Main st., Wunchester, Mass.
- No. 42—Division covers the Erie Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. Joint meetings of the Meadville and Mahoning Divisions will be held at Warren, Ohio, corner Park ave. and Market st., every 3d Saturday of each month. New York Division, Branches and Side Lines—Regular meeting 3d Monday of each month, 8:30 p. m., Union Hall, Grave and 4th sts., Jersey City, N. J. W. H. Husted, Gen'l Chairman, Richwood, Ohio; C. L. Bridge, Gen'l S. & T., Deposit, N. Y.
- No. 43—Division covers Canadian Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. Frank Muncey, Gen'l Chairman, Beaudette, Minn.; A. Chard, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, Fort Saskatchewan, Alta.; G. H. Palmer, Gen'l S. & T., Dauphin, Man.
- No. 44, NEW YORK, N. Y.—Meets 2d Saturday each month at 8 p. m., in Fraternity Hall, 2224 Harriman ave., Jamaica, N. Y. A. D. Light, Chief Tel., Woodside, N. Y.; A. A. Leonard, Gen'l Chairman, 71 Puntine st., Jamaica, N. Y.; E. H. Decker, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, 122 Weldon st., Brooklyn, N. Y.; L. Meringer, S. & T., 13 Cooper st., Brooklyn, N. Y.; L. Meringer, Chairman Towermen, 13 Cooper st., Brooklyn, N. Y.; A. Filby, Chairman Agents, 1055 East 34th st., Brooklyn, N. Y.; W. S. Leahy, Chairman Telegraphers, 4 Randall ave., Corona, N. Y.

No. 45, WOODSVILLE, N. H.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., K. of P. Hall, Woodsville, N. H. Geo. A. Hamilton, Chief Tel., Wells River, Vt.; Geo. A. Wheeler, S. & T., Wells River, Vt.

No. 46—Division covers the Central of Georgia Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. C. H. Livsey, Gen'l Chairman, East Point, Ga.; O. S. Travis, Gen'l S. & T., 490 Lee st., Route 127, Atlanta, Ga. System meetings held at O. R. T. Hall, Macon, Ga., subject to call of Gen'l Chairman. Macon Division—Meets with Dixie Club, Federation Hall, Atlanta, Ga., every second Saturday night. O. S. Travis, Local Chairman, 490 Lee st., Route 127, Atlanta, Ga. Savannah Division meets at Macon, Ga., subject to call of Local Chairman. D. M. Rogers, Local Chairman, Register, Ga. Chattanooga Division meets at Lafayette, Ga., every second Sunday; Local Chairman, O. W. Bledsoe, Lafayette, Ga. Southwestern Division meets subject to call of Local Chairman. J. H. Randall, Jr., Box 25, Smithville, Ga. Columbus Division meets at Opelika, Ala., subject to call of Local Chairman. M. J. Newberry, Hollins, Ala.; F. S. Baskerville, Local Chairman Macon Terminals, Macon, Ga.

No. 47, CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.—Meets 3d Thursday of each month at 8 p. m. at B. I. S. Hall, Charlottetown, P. E. I. J. A. Kelly, Chief Tel., Charlottetown, P. E. I.; J. E. R. McEwen, S. & T., Charlottetown, P. E. I.

No. 48—Division covers the Detroit, Toledo & Ironton and Ann Arbor Railways. Meets subject to call of Chairman. G. H. Simmermon, Gen'l Chairman, Flat Rock, Mich.; J. S. Kneisley, Gen'l S. & T., Quincy, Ohio.

No. 49—Division covers the Denver & Rio Grande Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. H. J. Fulton, Gen'l Chairman, 112 E. 11th st., Leadville, Colo.; F. W. Moore, Local Chairman First Division, Room 6, Union Depot, Pueblo, Colo.; H. J. Fulton, Local Chairman Second Division, 112 E. 11th st., Leadville, Colo.; J. A. Ray, Local Chairman Third Division, Hotchkiss, Colo.; M. D. Wright, Local Chairman Fourth Division, La Veta Pass, Colo.; W. E. Hopkins, Local Chairman Utah Lines, 421 First ave., East Waterloo, Salt Lake City, Utah; A. E. Roberts, Gen'l S. & T., Texas Creek, Colo.

No. 51—Division covers Bessemer & Lake Erie Railway System. Meets the fourth Thursday of each month in Eagle's Hall, Greenville, Pa. F. N. Williams, Gen'l Chairman, Oakmont, Pa.; W. B. Risley, Gen'l S. & T., 96 Marshall st., Conneaut, Ohio.

No. 52, PITTSBURG, PA.—Meets 2d and 4th Saturday evening of each month at 7:45 p. m., 417 Wood st., 3d floor, Pittsburg, Pa. E. E. Shafer, Chief Tel., 9 Gaskell st., Pittsburg, Pa. R. W. Dees, S. & T., Box 484, Wampum, Pa.

No. 53—Division covers Southern Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to call of the Chairman. John E. Cowgill, Gen'l Chairman, Room 601, Argonaut Hotel, San Francisco, Cal.; D. C. Wells, Asst Gen'l Chairman, 2500 Marengo st., New Orleans, La.; D. W. Koppikus, Gen'l S. & T., Oakville, Cal.

No. 54—Division covers the Northern Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. Sam Johnson, Gen'l Chairman, North Branch, Minn.; F. M. Haines, Local Chairman, Montana Division, Logan, Mont.; I. N. Holmes, Gen'l S. & T., 1009 E. 3d st., Olympia, Wash.

No. 55—Division covers the Wheeling & Lake Erie and Wabash, Pittsburg Terminal and West Side Belt Railways. Meets third Saturday evening of each month at Harmon, Ohio; J. O. Peoples, Gen'l Chairman, Bolivar, Ohio; C. S. Baltzer, Gen'l S. & T., P. O. Box 246, Navarre, Ohio; B. E. Miller, Local Chairman, W. & L. E. Telegraph Office, Navarre, Ohio; H. K. Bell, Local Chairman, Bolivar, Ohio; W. A. Albaugh, Local Chairman W. P. Ry. & W. S. B. R. R., Mingo Junction, Ohio.

No. 56—Division covers Georgia Southern & Florida Railway System. J. M. Wooten, Gen'l Chairman, Unadilla, Ga.; F. H. Cason, Gen'l S. & T., Lake City, Fla.

No. 59—Division covers the Southern, Northern Alabama and Virginia & Southwestern Railroads. Meets subject to call of Chairman. H. G. Alexander, Gen'l Chairman, 122 Tate st., Greensboro, N. C.; J. W. Burgess, G. S. & T., 223 Ninth st., S. W., Charlottesville, Va. Local Chairmen: J. W. Burgess, Washington Division, Charlottesville, Va.; R. W. Duncan, Danville Division, Pelham, N. C.; meets J. O. U. A. M. Hall, Greensboro, N. C., 4th Saturday night; S. A. Davis, Richmond Division, South Boston, Va.; W. N. Thornton, Norfolk Division, Courtland, Va.; W. R. Little, Asheville Division, Barber, N. C.; W. E. Jones, Winston-Salem Division, Cooleemee, N. C.; R. B. Gibson, Murphy Division, Murphy, N. C.; W. H. Holmes, Charlotte Division (North), Lowell, N. C.; O. R. Doyle, Charlotte Division (South), Calhoun, S. C.; M. D. Denny, Acting Local Chairman Columbia Division, Lexington, S. C.; J. W. Sheely, Acting Local Chairman Spartanburg Division, Hodges, S. C. Columbia and Spartanburg Divisions meet first Sunday each month at 1632 Main st., Columbia, S. C. E. E. Cauthen, Charleston Division, Summerville, S. C.; H. L. Allen, Atlanta Division, Route No. 3, Atlanta, Ga.; J. C. Brown, Columbus Division, Yatesville, Ga.; R. A. Kipp, Northern Alabama Railway and Birmingham Division, 2500 31st st., Birmingham, Ala.; T. W. Cox, Mobile Division, Marvel, Ala.; R. F. Atchley, Memphis Division, Barton, Ala.; W. H. Cord, Knoxville Division, Charleston, Tenn.; meets third Saturday night, 8 p. m., K. P. Hall, Knoxville, Tenn.; C. B. Gray, Coster Division, 211 Walnut st., Knoxville, Tenn.; meets with Knox-

- ville Division; C. F. Smith, Virginia & Southwestern Ry., Mendota, Va.; C. L. Watson, Louisville Division, Veechdale, Ky.; L. E. Crandall, St. Louis Division, Chrisney, Ind.
- No. 60, WASHINGTON, D. C.—Meets first Wednesday of each month at 8 p. m., in Building Trades Hall, 610 G st., N. W., Washington, D. C. E. E. Bailey, Chief Tel., Rockville, Md.; W. J. Southworth, Sec'y-Treas., 1118 F st., N. E., Washington, D. C.
- No. 61, CAMPBELLTON, N. B.—Meets 4th Tuesday evening each month in Engineers' Hall, Campbellton, N. B. A. Rauthier, Chief Tel., Assametquaghan, P. Q.; G. F. Ward, S. & T., Chatham, N. B.
- No. 62—Division covers the Queen & Crescent Route (North). S. H. McCartt, Gen'l Chairman, Lancing, Tenn.; J. W. Anderson, Gen'l S. & T., Oakdale, Tenn.; E. H. Boutwell, Local Chairman Cincinnati Division, Walton, Ky. J. W. Anderson, Local Chairman Chattanooga Division, Oakdale, Tenn.; J. J. Carter, Local Chairman A. G. S. Division, York, Ala. Meetings subject to call of Chairman.
- No. 63—MONCTON, N. B.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month, alternating at Moncton, N. B., St. John's, N. B., and Sussex, N. B. R. M. Gross, Chief Tel., Petitcodiac, N. B.; R. M. Scribner, S. & T., Shediac Road, N. B.
- No. 64, LEVIS, QUE.—Meets 3d Tuesday of each month. Place of each following meeting to be chosen by a majority vote of members present at each regular meeting. A. Dion, Chief Tel., 17 d'Yourville st., Quebec, Que.; Wm. Parsons, S. & T., St. Germain, Grantham, Que.
- No. 65, ROCHESTER, N. Y.—Meets at 7:30 p. m., 2d Saturday each month in G. A. R. Hall, Rochester, N. H. H. A. Beacham, Chief Tel., Union, N. H.; C. P. Lord, S. & T., 7 Lincoln st., Summerworth, N. H.
- No. 66, TRURO, N. S.—Meets 3d Wednesday each month, McKay's Hall (B. R. T. room), Inglis st., Truro, N. S. G. L. Roulston, Chief Tel., Westchester Station, N. S. J. E. McDonald, S. & T., Belmont, N. S.
- No. 69—Division covers the Queen & Crescent Route (South). Meets subject to call of Chairman. M. V. Hickman, Gen'l Chairman, Heidelberg, Miss.; E. M. Bilbo, Gen'l S. & T., Q. & C. Yard Office, Meridian, Miss.; P. W. Burdeaux, Local Chairman V. S. & P. R. R., Monroe, La.; H. O. Peavey, Local Chairman A. & V. Ry., Meehan, Miss.; E. M. Bilbo, Local Chairman N. O. & N. E. R. R., Meridian, Miss.
- No. 70—Division covers Great Northern Railway System.
- No. 71—Division covers the Minneapolis & St. Louis Ry. A. L. Gardner, Gen'l Chairman, Abbott, Iowa; J. C. Sandmier, Gen'l S. & T., Waukee, Iowa.
- No. 76—Division covers the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. Jas. Troy, Gen'l Chairman, Jewell, Iowa; Ira R. Kempkes, Gen'l S. & T., Nevada, Iowa.
- No. 77, DENVER, COLO.—Meets 1st Monday evening in each month at Markham Hotel, Denver, Colo.; F. Epplesheimer, Chief Tel., 2341 King st., Denver, Colo.; C. L. Cheney, S. & T., 935 Seventeenth st., Denver, Colo.
- No. 80—Division covers the N. O. M. & C. Ry. System. C. H. Thompson, Gen'l Chairman, Leaf, Miss.; H. C. Hughes, Acting G. S. & T., Mahned, Miss.
- No. 81—Division covers the Colorado Midland Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. A. C. Ellis, Gen'l Chairman, 209½ E. 7th st., Leadville, Colo.; E. S. Lamborn, Acting Gen'l S. & T., New Castle, Colo.
- No. 82—Division covers Western Maryland Ry. System. Meets subject to call of Gen'l Chairman and Local Chairman. R. E. Smith, Gen'l Chairman, Smithsburg, Md.; E. C. Kohlbaugh, Gen'l S. & T., 24 Eichelberger st., Hanover, Pa. Local Chairmen Maryland Division: C. E. Stouffer, Edgemont, Md., First District, including Middle Division and Fifth and Sixth Districts of Eastern Division; R. E. Smith, Smithsburg, Md., Second District, covering territory on Eastern Division from Security east to Hillen Station; E. C. Kohlbaugh, Hanover, Pa., Third District, covering territory from Fairfield, Pa., to Hampstead, Md., and the Fourth District, inclusive. West Virginia Division: C. G. Blair, Ohioople, Pa., Eastern District, covering territory from Connellsville, Pa., to W. Va., C. Junction and the G. C. & C. Ry.; N. T. Downs, Mill Creek, W. Va., Western District, covering territory east of W. Va., C. Junction to and including Durbin, W. Va.
- No. 83—Division covers the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the Chairman. C. S. Newcomb, Gen'l Chairman, Stockholm, Me.; J. L. Robbins, Gen'l S. & T., Grindstone, Me.
- No. 88—Division covers the Texas & Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to call of the Chairman. W. K. Gremillion, Gen'l Chairman, Donaldsonville, La.; B. T. Hambright, Gen'l S. & T., Roanoke, Tex.
- No. 89, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets 1st Saturday each month at 8 p. m., in Harmony Hall, also 3d Saturday each month at 10 a. m. (daylight meeting), in Harmony Hall, 694 Washington st., Boston, Mass. J. E. Kerns, Chief Tel., No. 2 Josephine ave., Medford, Mass.; J. H. McDermott, S. & T., 46 Crocker st., Mansfield, Mass.
- No. 91, CHICAGO, ILL.—Meets first Saturday of each month at 8:15 p. m., in Hall 912, Masonic Temple, cor. Randolph and State sts., Chicago, Ill. G. Dal Jones, Chief Tel., 2530 North Kedzie blvd., Chicago, Ill.; W. E. Carter, S. & T., 5443 Broadway, Chicago, Ill.

- No. 92—Division covers the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railway System. Meets subject to the call of Chairman. F. L. McGraw, Gen'l Chairman, Backus, McKean Co., Pa.; J. T. Simmons, Gen'l S. & T., 901 W. Long ave., Du Bois, Pa.
- No. 93—Division covers the Illinois Central Railroad and the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley Railroad. Meets subject to call of Chairman. C. A. Mulhall, Gen'l Chairman, Clarkson, Ky.; G. E. Chance, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, Mounds, Ill.; R. R. Green, Gen'l Chairman Y. & M. V. Lines, Doddsville, Miss.; R. L. Shannon, Gen'l S. & T., Anna, Ill.
- No. 94, MERIDIAN, MISS.—Meets 2d Saturday night of each month in Pythian Hall at Artesia, Miss.; W. W. Wilkins, Chief Tel., Brooksville, Miss.; C. E. Hendley, S. & T., Artesia, Miss.
- No. 95, PORTLAND, ME.—Meets 3d Thursday of each month at 546½ Congress st., Portland, Me. C. E. Adams, Chief Tel., Springvale, Me.; F. S. Twombly, S. & T., Buxton, Me.
- No. 96—Division covers Chicago Great Western Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. A. L. Coleman, 402 Troup ave., Kansas City, Kan., Gen'l Chairman; C. E. Norris, Gen'l S. & T., Inver Grove, Minn.
- No. 97—Division covers the Seaboard Air Line Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. D. May, Gen'l Chairman, Carlton, Ga.; F. O. Cumming, Gen'l S. & T., 15 Dinwiddie st., Portsmouth, Va.; J. T. Benna, Local Chairman Virginia Division, Thelma, N. C.; E. H. Moore, Local Chairman North Carolina Division, Marshville, N. C.; Frank Taylor, Local Chairman Georgia Division, Lawrenceville, Ga.; W. L. Tidwell, Local Chairman Alabama Division, Helena, Ga.; J. L. Vining, Local Chairman South Carolina Division, Maccleenny, Fla.; F. W. Brown, Local Chairman Florida Division, Cedar Keys, Fla.
- No. 99, COBALT, ONT.—Covers Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Ry. Meets at Englehart, 2d Sunday in May, July, September, November and January, or on call of Gen'l Chairman. F. J. Murray, Chief Tel., Englehart, Ont.; J. B. Flagler, Gen'l Chairman, Englehart, Ont.; M. R. Doherty, S. & T., Uno Park, Ont.
- No. 102, PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Meeting place subject to notice from Secretary and Treasurer. W. H. Keiser, S. & T., Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.
- No. 103, STELLARTON, N. S.—A. L. Trites, Chief Tel., Westville, N. S.; J. R. Ross, S. & T., Box 187, Stellarton, N. S.
- No. 104, AYER, MASS.—Meets 3d Sunday of each month at 9:30 a. m., in Room 5, Oxford House, Clinton, Mass. C. A. Wheeler, Chief Tel., Berlin, Mass.; James P. Rutledge, S. & T., Box 174, Clinton, Mass.
- No. 105, CONCORD, N. H.—Meets third Saturday each month at 7:30 p. m., in Concord Hall, Concord, N. H. F. A. Martin, Chief Tel., So. Danbury, N. H.; H. M. Clay, S. & T., Gerrish, N. H.
- No. 106, HAGERSTOWN, MD.—Meets 3d Thursday of each month at 8 p. m., 8 Court Place, Hagerstown, Md. John H. Goshorn, Chief Tel., Greencastle, Pa.; J. K. Snyder, S. & T., Box 46, Hagerstown, Md.
- No. 108, ADDISON, N. Y.—Meets 2d Monday each month at 8 p. m., Edgcomb Hotel, Galetton, Pa. E. C. Cole, Chief Tel., Cowanesque, Pa.; C. E. Belcher, S. & T., Osceola, Pa.
- No. 111—Division covers San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. W. D. McGee, Gen'l S. & T., 320 Concord st., Los Angeles, Cal.
- No. 113—Division covers the Ulster & Delaware System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. M. L. Klein, Gen'l Chairman, 74 Abeel st., Kingston, N. Y. H. J. Halstead, Gen'l S. & T., Oneonta, N. Y. R. H. Henson, Local Chairman S. C. & K. Branch, Phoenicia, N. Y.; C. W. Pough, Local Chairman Main Line, 81 Hone st., Kingston, N. Y.
- No. 114, ANNAPOLIS ROYAL, N. S.—H. A. Jacques, Chief Tel., Middletown, N. S.; Stanley Tavener, S. & T., Tupperville, Anna Co., N. S.
- No. 115, QUEBEC, QUE.—Meets 1st Monday of each month in I. O. O. F. Hall, Ste. Anne de Beaupre, Que. J. J. White, Chief Tel., No. 4 St. Angele st., Quebec, Que.; J. E. Potvin, S. & T., Cote de Peres, Beaupre, Que., Can.
- No. 116—Division covers the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Railway System. Meets 2d Sunday of February, April, June, August, October and December, in places designated by Gen'l Chairman. P. M. Stillman, Gen'l Chairman, Seney, Mich.; C. W. Danielson, Gen'l S. & T., Chassell, Mich.
- No. 117, SHAMOKIN, PA.—Meets at Milton, Pa., in S. of V. Hall, 4th Saturday of following months at 7:15 p. m.: January, February, April, May, July, August, October and November, and at Catawissa, Pa., in S. of V. Hall, 4th Saturday of the following months at 7:30 p. m.: March, June, September and December. H. M. Michael, S. & T., Quakake, Pa.
- No. 118—Division covers Toledo & Ohio Central, Kanawha & Michigan, Hocking Valley and Zanesville & Western Railway System. A. P. Hines, Gen'l Chairman, Burr Oak, Ohio; R. M. Henderson, Gen'l S. & T., 839 South st., Toledo, Ohio.
- No. 119—Division covers the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Railway System. G. W. Lewis, Gen'l Chairman, 2921 Chicago ave., Minneapolis, Minn.; F. C. Paine, Gen'l S. & T., Erskine, Minn.

- No. 120—Division covers Lake Erie & Western Railway System. C. I. Turner, Gen'l Chairman, Ambia, Ind.; M. A. Steckel, Gen'l S. & T., Atlanta, Ind.
- No. 124—Division covers Lehigh Valley Ry. System. L. W. Quick, Acting Gen'l S. & T., 711 Star Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.
- No. 125—Division covers Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Railway System. Meets at 8 p. m., the 2d Friday of each month, at Fredericksburg. E. A. Foster, Gen'l Chairman, Potomac, Va.; J. C. Farmer, Gen'l S. & T., Fredericksburg, Va.
- No. 126—Division covers Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway System. W. T. Brown, Gen'l Chairman, Room 314, New England Building, Topeka, Kan.; C. H. Meador, Gen'l S. & T., Room 314, New England Building, Topeka, Kan.
- No. 127—VIRGINIA, MINN.—W. W. Woodward, Chief Tel., Hibbing, Minn.; C. J. Keenan, S. & T., Kelsey, Minn.
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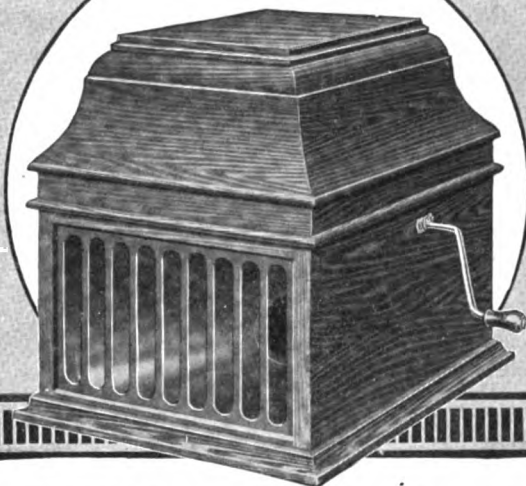
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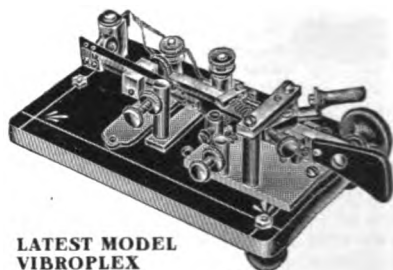
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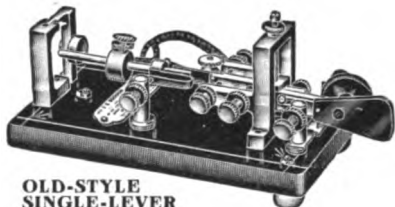


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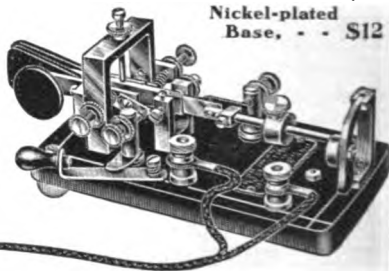
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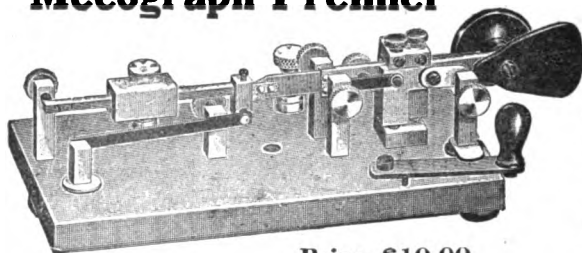
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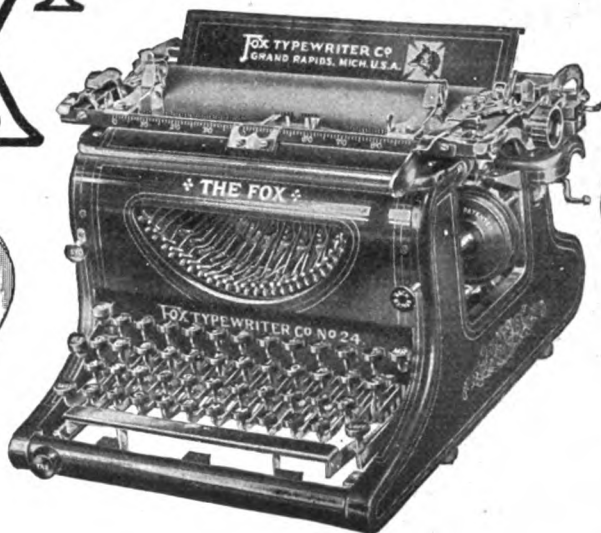
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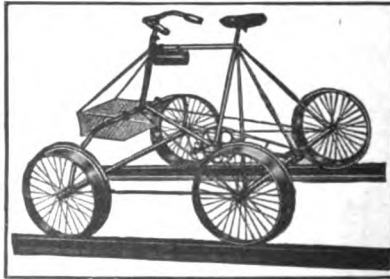
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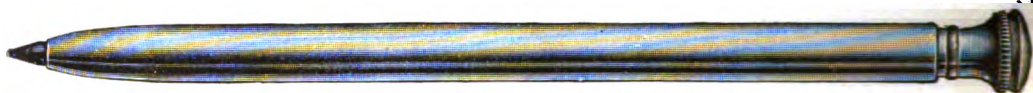
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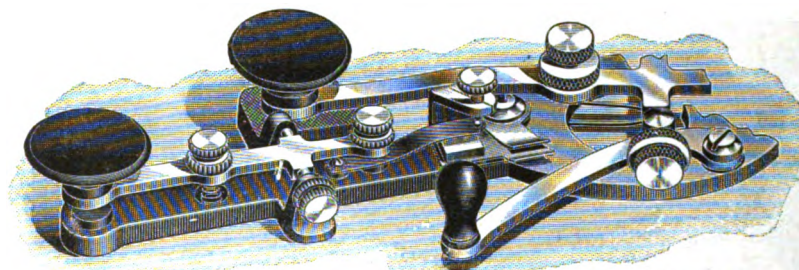


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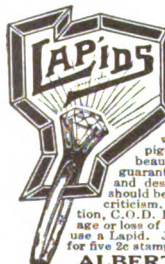
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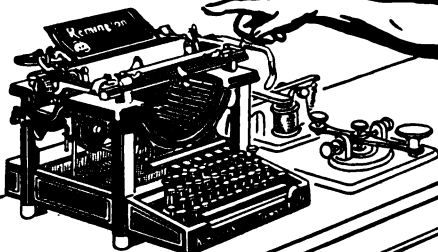
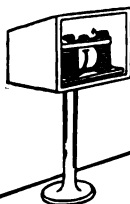
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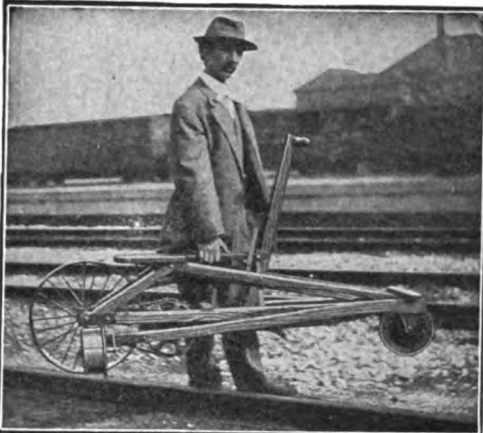
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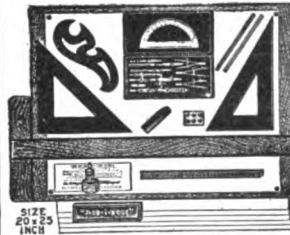
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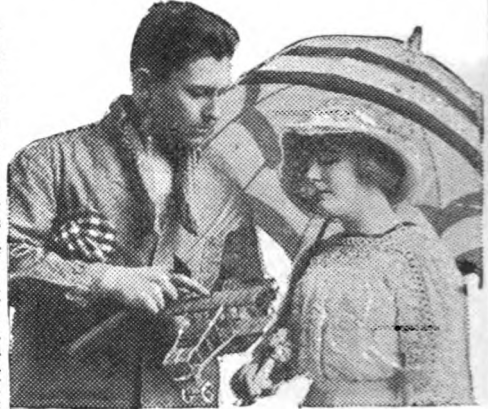
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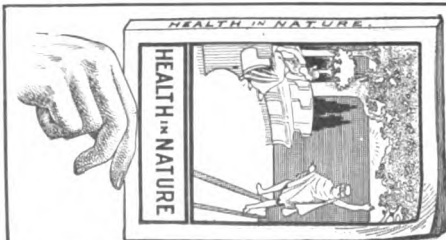
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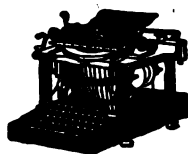
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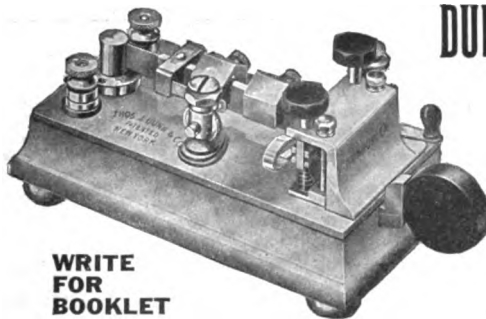
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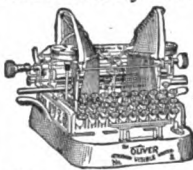
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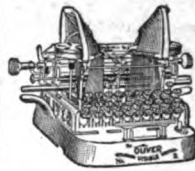
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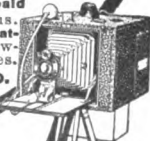


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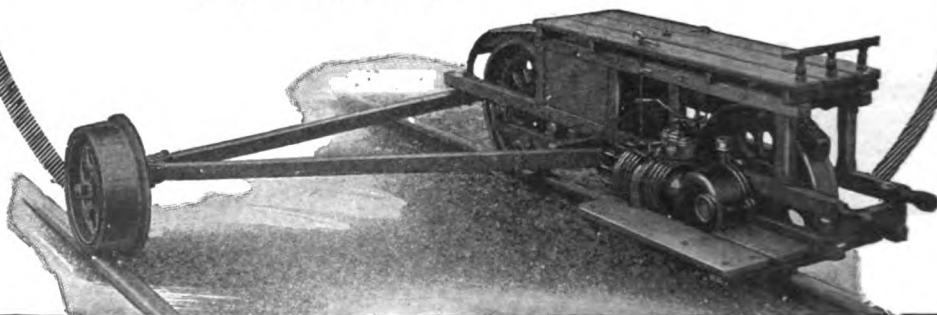
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